USC, UCLA Track Teams Win in Stanford Rain

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STANFORD—The only athletes that didn't mind the

weather Saturday afternoon were the steeplechasers.
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Otherwise, conditions were hardly ideal for the double dual track and field meets between USC and California and between UCLA and Stanford at Stanford Stadium.

A constant drizzle pelted the competitors throughout the day, puddles of water formed on the all-weather track and, of course, performances weren't up to par because of the elements.

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teanmate Gordon Banks were disqualified for false starts.
So, Millard Hampton led a Bruin sweep in the 100 and, when the Cardinals' Tom Shellworth was disqualified for running out of his lane in the 400 intermediate hurdles,

Stanford's advantage was gone.

"The disqualifications were legitimate," said Stanford coach Payton Jordan. "But I've never had three athletes disqualified in one season—let alone one meet. I'm sure the better team won, but I think Lofton would have won the

100 and Shellworth the intermediate hurdles."

UCLA coach Jim Bush agreed that Stanford had momentum going until the false starts.

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Although most marks were only so-so, USC's Billy Mullins and Lofton were impressive. Mullins, the strong, fluid
sophomore, won by five meters in the 100 and tied the stadium record of 10 As econds, set by Charlie Tidwell of Kansas and Ray Norton of the Santa Clara Youth Village in

1960.

After his disappointment in the 100, Lofton came back to beat Hampton in the 200. He won in 21.1 and was easing up at the finish. Then, Lofton capped the dreary day by run-

ning a winning 45.8 anchor leg in the mile relay.
Only about 500 die-hards were present in 86,000-seat
Stanford Stadium. So why was the meet held at all?

"I talked with the other coaches early in the day and they wanted to compete," Jordan said. "We couldn't postpone the meet until next Saturday because California has a meet with Fresno State. And, we couldn't hold it over until tomorrow because there's no assurance it wouldn't rain then."

Bush and USC coach Vern Wolfe both said that the Olympics, the NCAA and Pacific 8 meets are run even in bad weather and the athletes should get used to such things.

Said Bush: "That's what all-weather tracks are for."
Said Wolfe: "I'd rather be sitting home in front of a
warm fire but I think this sort of meet makes your kids
mentally tougher."

No attempt was made to keep an unofficial dual meet score between USC and UCLA, who meet April 29 at Drake Stadium. This wasn't the type of meet for comparisons.

Things didn't go well for the Bruins at the outset.

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Hampton and Donn Inompson missed connections on a baton pass in the sprint relay and UCLA was disqualified. Dropped passes have jinxed the Bruins for years. Then, Greg Foster, UCLA's world class hurdler, slipped coming out of the blocks in the 110-meter race, was jostled off stride by a Stanford hurdler and dropped out before the

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After Foster's mishap, UCLA quarter-miler Larry Gold-

ston pulled up in his specialty because of a leg cramp.

But the Bruins managed to weather adversity.

Track Notes

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skipped the mile relay, so UCLA, Cal and Stanford made it a triangular race.

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