

# Foster Dashes Off a Double Win

## Takes 200 as Well as 110 Hurdles to Pace UCLA Track Victory

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UCLA's Greg Foster and Maryland's Renaldo Nehemiah are recognized as the best high hurdlers in the world. Now, the strong Bruin athlete is becoming proficient at the 200-meter dash, which is improving his hurdling.

Foster ran what is probably the best all-time double in these events Saturday afternoon at Drake Stadium where he won the 110-meter hurdles in 13.39 and the 200 in 20.55 during a double-dual track meet involving UCLA and Stanford and USC and California.

"I can see him running the high hurdles in 13 seconds (the world record is 13.21 by Alejandro Casanas of Cuba) and he doesn't have to change a thing," said Stanford coach Payton Jordan. "He is one of the most powerful hurdlers I've ever seen and the 200 is helping him. He is running faster and looser."

Foster's achievement was the feature of a double dual that followed form, as expected. UCLA routed Stanford, 103-51, and USC defeated Cal, 89-65.

The powerfully built Foster (6-3, 188) agreed with Jordan, saying, "By running the 200, it makes the hurdles seem shorter and I'm stronger at the end of a race."

He also said that if he continues to lower his time in the 200, he'll consider running both races in the NCAA and AAU meets and possibly in the 1980 Olympics in Moscow.

Foster's 13.39 hurdle time was the best in the world this year and, like the 200, he won virtually without competition.

"When I don't have much competition, I concentrate more on the hurdles," said the junior. "Sometimes, in competitive race, I'll turn my head and that's why I've hit hurdles in the past."

Foster was fluid and strong in both races, with the clock his only real competition.

It was a rewarding day for Foster on a clear, warm afternoon for track and field, but a frustrating one for two renowned football players—Stanford's Darrin Nelson and USC's Charles White.

Nelson, a halfback, twisted his left knee on the takeoff board of the long jump and landed at an awkward angle. He had already won the event with a wind-aided leap of 25-4 $\frac{1}{4}$ , his best of the year.

"I think it is just a hyper-extension—an injury he got in the Bluebonnet Bowl game the past season," Jordan said. "But we won't be sure until he is examined when we get home."

White's injury was less severe. The All-American tailback, who has been running the quarter-mile for the Trojans, said he felt a cramp in his leg while warming up before the meet.

When USC football coach John Robinson is apprised of this, he'll probably order his durable tailback to quit track. Too dangerous a sport.

Because the double dual was one sided, UCLA and USC track buffs contented themselves by comparing times and marks of Bruin and Trojan athletes leading to their showdown April 28.

UCLA, which hasn't beaten USC since 1975, "won" the comparison meet, 86-67. This wasn't a truly accurate gauge, however, because some competitors were inactive

with minor injuries and others were in events other than their specialties.

For example:

USC triple-long jumper Ken Hays, a transfer from Pasadena CC, hasn't competed yet while recuperating from knee surgery; Foster didn't run the 100 meters and he's UCLA's school record holder in the sprint; USC's Billy Mullins, the NCAA 400-meter titlist, didn't run the quarter-mile; the Trojans didn't have any entries in the 5,000, and the Bruins' Tom Jadwin (javelin), Charley Brown (pole vault) and Vicken Simonian (5,000) didn't compete because of nagging injuries.

"We'll do better on the 28th and I'm sure the Trojans will too," said UCLA coach Jim Bush.

### Track Notes

Like Foster, USC's James Sanford was a double winner, taking the 400 in 46.39 and the 200 in 20.74. UCLA's Marcus Gordien, who became eligible for the spring quarter, made an impressive debut.

He was second in the shot put behind teammate Dave Laut with a lifetime best of 62-7 and won the discus at 185-10. Laut, the NCAA champion, had a fine, winning throw of 65-0 . . . USC's David Omwansa, who apparently finished second behind Cal's Andy Clifford in the 1,500, was disqualified for cutting off Clifford on the last turn . . . USC's 400-meter relay team composed of Kevin Williams, Mike Simmons, Sanford and Mullins recorded a fast time of 39.20 . . . Other noteworthy performances: USC's Ilpo Paananen in the javelin (236-3) and UCLA's Anthony Curran in the pole vault (17-3) . . . The 86-67 "comparison" score was one point shy of 154 points (dual meet total) because UCLA and USC had only one entrant each in the steeplechase . . . Foster said he was surprised by his high hurdles time because he was so relaxed . . . Cal's Mike White was an impressive performer. He outkicked Omwansa to win the 800 in 1:50.8 and almost caught USC's Colin Bradford on the anchor leg of the mile relay. White ran a 47.4 leg.

## USC (89) vs. California (65)

100 METERS—1. Mullins (USC), 10.31 (meet record, old mark, 10.38, Joel Andrews, USC, 1977); 2. Simmons (USC), 10.32; 3. Williams (USC), 10.45.

200—1. Sanford (USC), 20.74; 2. Simmons (USC), 20.94; 3. Rochal (C), 21.25.

400—1. Sanford (USC), 46.39 (meet record, old mark, 47.3, Rod Connors, USC, 1976); 2. Bradford (USC), 46.8 (hand timed); 3. Bethany (USC), 46.9.

800—1. White (C), 1:50.6; 2. Omwansa (USC), 1:50.8; 3. Walters (USC), 1:53.2.

1,500—1. Clifford (C), 3:52.1; 2. O'Reilly (C), 3:58.4; 3. Brady (C), 4:09.2; Omwansa (USC) disqualified.

5,000—1. Blume (C), 14:27.2; 2. Elidff (C), 14:28.9; 3. Brady (C), 15:56.2.

3,000 STEEPLECHASE—1. Blume (C), 8:56.6 (meet record, old mark, 8:58.9, Damon Wood, C, 1977); 2. Wood (C), 9:44.5; 3. Perez (USC), 9:52.9.

110HH—1. Stewart (USC), 13.87; 2. Bryggare (USC), 13.93; 3. Johnson (USC), 14.00.

400IH—1. Pratt (C), 50.95; 2. Guss (C), 51.78; 3. Grimes (C), 52.37.

400 RELAY—1. USC (Williams, Simmons, Sanford, Mullins), 39.20 (meet record, old mark, 39.5, USC, 1968, and 1971); 2. California, 40.76.

MILE RELAY—1. USC (Mullins, 47.2; Walters, 48.8; Bethany, 47.5; Bradford, 49.0), 3:12.5; 2. California, 3:12.8.

SHOTPUT—1. McKenzie (USC), 57-11½; 2. Porath (C), 57-4; 3. Kurrasch (USC), 55-3.

JAVELIN—1. Paananen (USC), 236-3; 2. Funderburk (USC), 202-8; 3. Pande (C), 187-8.

HIGH JUMP—1. Walker (USC), 6-10; 2. Imperial (C), 6-6; 3. Asami (USC), 6-4.

LONG JUMP—1. Marlow (C), 24-3¼w (7.40 m.p.h.); 2. Steen (C), 23-4w (7.13 m.p.h.); 3. Asami (USC), 22-11w (6.98 m.p.h.).

DISCUS—1. Montgomery (USC), 173-4; 2. Kurrasch (USC), 172-0; 3. McKenzie (USC), 162-1.

POLE VAULT—1. Mulligan (USC), 16-6; 2. Steen (C), 15-0; 3. Suey (USC), 14-6.

TRIPLE JUMP—1. Marlow (C), 53-3¼; 2. Jackson (USC), 50-10¾w (8.4 m.p.h.); 3. Dobbins (C), 47-11¼.