

Edwards, Foster Fit To Be Tied in Mt. SAC 200

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When Clancy Edwards lowers the boom coming off the turn in the 200 meters, the opposition usually self-destructs.

Edwards, the former USC NCAA-AAU sprint champion was ranked No. 1 in the world in the 200 last year. It's his race.

But Edwards was fit to be tied Saturday at the 20th annual Mt. San Antonio Relays, where UCLA's Greg Foster leaned at the last moment at the tape to get a dead heat with Clancy in 20.33—second best time in the world for 1979.

It was originally announced that Edwards was the winner, but UCLA coach Jim Bush appealed the decision, saying that his runner got a tie, at least.

In the Accutrack photo of the finish, Edwards' body shielded Foster, so officials were unable to tell where the latter's torso was at the tape. The photo was taken from only one side of the track—Edwards' side.

Because there weren't cameras on both sides of the track and Foster was right there with Edwards (some thought the Bruin won), the officials, including meet referee Mort Tenner, agreed there was a reasonable doubt as to the winner. A dead heat seemed the fairest decision.

Foster and Edwards were both double winners. The Bruin won his specialty, the 110-meter high hurdles, in 13.43. And his double in the hurdles and 200 was the fastest of all time.

Edwards had a 1979 world-best time of 10.15 in winning the 100 meters. He got off to his usual wobbly start, but caught Houston McTear at 60 meters and was pulling away from him at 80. McTear finished third behind Olympian Dwayne Evans.

Other 1979 world-best marks recorded on a warm, hazy day:

—Edwin Moses, the world record holder in the 400 intermediate hurdles (47.45), ran 48.50 in his outdoor

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debut. Only three other hurdlers besides Moses have ever run faster.

—Debbie LaPlante, a student at San Diego State, set an American record of 13.10 in winning the women's 100-meter hurdles.

—Steve Lacy, the former Wisconsin runner, won the 1,500 in 3:41.2 and Francie Larrieu took the women's metric mile in 4:09.2.

Milan Tiff's 56-1 $\frac{3}{4}$ leap in the triple jump would have been a world's best if it hadn't been wind-aided.

The 200-meter race was the highlight of the day. The stocky Edwards came off the turn with about a yard lead and began accelerating down the stretch. But Foster and Evans stayed right behind him and then Foster closed on Edwards—which isn't often done.

Foster was taking off his shoes when it was announced that Edwards had won. "I thought it was a tie," said the muscular Bruin and, as it turned out, it was.

"I usually run a faster turn," Foster said, "but my feet were sore. I knew he (Edwards) was ahead and I just tried to stay with him. I was just glad to be there with him at the end."

Foster said that Mt. SAC's new urethane running surface was bouncy and he came up too fast on the hurdles, causing him to hit five of them.

Moses easily won the 400 IH—as he usually does—in his first competition in eight months. He hit the eighth hurdle but his time was still commendable.

Because Moses so dominates his event, he doesn't like to run every week because he can't get himself "up" to run virtually by himself.

"I'd like to run a series of 47-second races (only one other runner, Uganda's John Akii Bua has ever broken 48 seconds) this year," said the 1976 Olympic champion, "and then run under 47 at the 1980 Moscow Olympics."

For those looking ahead to the USC-UCLA dual meet Saturday at Westwood, the Trojans are coming on in some key events.

Pole vaulter Jerry Mulligan Saturday had a lifetime best vault of 17-5 and long jumper Ken Hays, who has recovered from knee surgery, soared 24-9 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Mac Wilkins, the 1976 Olympic discus champion, has been experimenting with a new form. He's not perfected it yet and threw only 200 feet Saturday, his 1979 debut. Norway's Knut Hjeltnes won the event at 213-0.

