

200 Was Close; Meet Wasn't

UCLA Makes It All Look Easy Against USC, 93½-60½

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The USC-UCLA dual track and field meet Saturday at Drake Stadium was barely under way—when it was over.

At approximately 2:30 p.m. the Bruins had placed first and second in the long jump and pole vault—events in which Trojans were predicted winners on some dope sheets, including that of UCLA coach Jim Bush.

And when USC's Henry Perez was disqualified in the 3,000-meter steeplechase after finishing second, the Trojans were faltering and the Bruins were surging.

UCLA didn't let up and went on to win, 93½-60½, in a meet that figured to be very close, a five-point spread at the most.

The meet, attended by 13,249 fans, was distinguished by an outstanding double by USC sophomore James Sanford, who won the 100 meters in 10.12—best time in the world this year—and then came back later to

barely edge UCLA's Greg Foster in a photo-finish 200.

Sanford had a lifetime best time of 20.19 and Foster was clocked in a school record 20.20. One needed a magnifying glass to separate the two in the photo.

The USC-UCLA dual is a meet in which emotion and momentum are often the keys and the Bruins had both going for them on a mild afternoon as they snapped the Trojans' 22-meet unbeaten streak.

USC hadn't lost a dual meet since 1975—to UCLA, of course.

"I'm so doggone proud of my kids," Bush exulted. "Only my close friends know how much this meet meant to me (UCLA had lost two previous meet this season). I had doped the meet 78-76 in favor of UCLA. But I had given us four points each in the long jump and pole vault and we got eight in both events."

Dokie Williams and Chip Benson went 1-2 for UCLA in the long jump as USC's Ken Hays finished third.

Then, in the pole vault, the Bruins' three-against-one psychological factor had some effect. UCLA's Charlie Brown and Anthony Curran cleared 17-0 for first and second while USC's Jerry Mulligan wound up third ahead of the Bruins' Jon Warner. Mulligan had the best seasonal mark—17-4¾—going into the meet and had vaulted 17 feet or higher the past three weeks but had to settle for 16-6 Saturday.

Perez was disqualified in the second running event for cutting in front of UCLA's Paul French midway through the waterless steeplechase. A broken water line prevented the water jump from being filled, so the runners didn't get their feet wet. No one complained.

The Trojans were staggering when Perez's three second-place points were taken away from him—a decision hotly disputed by USC assistant coach Ken Matsuda—and, by 3 p.m., their chances of winning were practi-

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cally nil.

That's when USC's Kevin Williams was disqualified in the 100 for a false start. This was expected to be a pivotal race but, as it turned out, it wasn't.

The USC disqualifications didn't affect the outcome but they probably had some psychological effect—a lift for the Bruins, a downer for the Trojans.

"We just didn't compete today—all down the line," USC coach Vern Wolfe said. "As for Perez's disqualification, I didn't see it. Neither did the meet referee. Some people said it was a proper decision; others didn't. As for Kevin, I think he would have been right there at the finish."

Williams would have been required to equal his lifetime best time of 10.27 even to get *third* in the short sprint.

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Sanford, who has run the 100 only once previously this season, took charge at about the 50-meter mark to win. UCLA's Eric Brown set a school record of 10.20 while finishing second and Foster had a personal best of 10.28 for third. Other highlights:

—USC's David Omwansa had a fatiguing triple. He won the 1,500 (3:50.4) and the 800 (1:47.9) and then, thinking that USC still had a chance to win the meet, entered the 5,000—the next to last event. The Kenyan finished a surprising second.

"I didn't know he (Omwansa) was even in the race until it started," Wolfe said.

Bush, whose views on foreign athletes competing for American universities are well known, needled the Trojans about Omwansa's age.

"A couple of years ago Omwansa's age was listed at 28 or 29," Bush said, smiling. "Now I read in a paper that he's only 27. As he gets younger, he runs faster. Omwansa is the same age as my assistant coach (Jim Kiefer) and that's 32."

—UCLA's Benson and Dwayne Joseph helped wrap up the meet with their 1-2 finish in the triple jump. Joseph won the high jump earlier at 7-0.

It was a gratifying victory for Bush in more ways than one. He reversed a trend in which USC had won the last three meets and went one up, 8-7, on his longtime rival, Wolfe.

"I don't think we'll do much in the Pac-10 meet (May 19-20) but we'll be a factor in the NCAA meet (May 31-June 2)," Bush said.

"The Trojans will be back," Wolfe said. "It just wasn't our day."

100—1. Sanford (USC), 10.12 (meet record, old mark, 10.18, Edwards, USC, 1977 and 1978; wind .2 m.p.s. aiding); 2. Brown (UCLA), 10.20; 3. Foster (UCLA), 10.28.

200—1. Sanford (USC), 20.19 (wind .7 m.p.s. aiding); 2. Foster (UCLA), 20.20; 3. tie between Brown (UCLA) and Bradford (USC), 20.80.

400—1. Mullins (USC), 46.54; 2. Bradford (USC), 46.72; 3. Bethany (USC), 46.82.

800—1. Omwansa (USC), 1:47.9; 2. Walters (USC), 1:48.8; 3. Brown (UCLA), 1:52.4.

1,500—1. Omwansa (USC), 3:50.4; 2. Russell (UCLA), 3:52.0; 3. Lawrence (UCLA), 3:53.3.

5,000—1. Simonian (UCLA), 14:29.6 (meet record, old mark, 14:37.7, Williams, UCLA, 1979); 2. Omwansa (USC), 14:42.8; 3. Best (UCLA), 14:43.4.

110H—1. Foster (UCLA), 13.61 (meet record, old mark, 13.69, M. Johnson, USC, 1977); 2. Stewart (USC), 13.85; 3. Bryggare (USC), 13.95.

400H—1. McNeal (UCLA), 50.97; 2. Higgins (UCLA), 51.62; 3. Stewart (USC), 52.72.

3,000 STEEPLECHASE (no water jump)—1. Watkin (UCLA), 8:49.1; 2. Gonzales (UCLA), 9:36.3; 3. French (UCLA), 9:56.2.

400 RELAY—1. USC (K. Williams, Bradford, J. Sanford, Mullins), 38.91; 2. UCLA, 39.38.

MILE RELAY—1. UCLA (D. Brown, 50.3; McNeal, 48.4; Parker, 47.9; McGlothlin, 48.1), 3:14.7; 2. USC, 3:19.9.

HIGH JUMP—1. Joseph (UCLA), 7-0; 2. Smith (USC), 7-0; 3. Leach (UCLA), 6-8.

POLE VAULT—1. Brown (UCLA), 17-0; 2. Curran (UCLA), 17-0; 3. Mulligan (USC), 16-6.

LONG JUMP—1. D. Williams (UCLA), 24-3 $\frac{3}{4}$; 2. Benson (UCLA), 24-3 $\frac{1}{4}$ w; 3. Hays (USC), 23-10. Williams placed ahead of Benson on basis of best second jump, 24-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 23-9.

TRIPLE JUMP—1. Benson (UCLA), 52-5 $\frac{1}{4}$; 2. Joseph (UCLA), 51-9 $\frac{3}{4}$ w; 3. Hays (USC), 50-11 $\frac{1}{4}$ w.

SHOTPUT—1. Lauf (UCLA), 64-8 $\frac{3}{4}$ (meet record, old mark, 63-8, Long, USC, 1961); 2. Gordien (UCLA), 62-9; 3. McKenzie (USC), 57-4.

DISCUS—1. Gordien (UCLA), 183-8; 2. Montgomery (USC), 180-0; 3. Lauf (UCLA), 173-6.

JAVELIN—1. Paananen (USC), 225-10; 2. Carli (UCLA), 222-6; 3. DeMill (UCLA), 220-4.

Final score—UCLA 93 $\frac{1}{2}$, USC 60 $\frac{1}{2}$.