

UCLA's Dave Laut Gets Off the Throws of a Lifetime

NCAA Champion Puts Shot 66-5½ and Shows a Big Improvement in the Discus; Bruins and USC Win Easily

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BERKELEY—UCLA's Dave Laut only dabbles in the discus. The shotput is the NCAA champion's specialty.

But Laut was impressive in both events Saturday at Edwards Stadium, where UCLA defeated California, 86-68, and USC routed Stanford, 105-43, in a double dual Pacific 10 track meet.

Laut had a lifetime best of 66-5½ in the shotput and hurled the discus 174-6—14 feet farther than his previous best. His shot series was a consistent 65-4¼, 65-6, 63-9½, 66-5½, 64-0½ and foul.

"I honestly believe I can go to 70 feet this year," the 6-4, 260-pound Bruin said.

If so, he'd be in world class company. Udo Beyer of East Germany is the pending world recordholder at 72-8.

Laut seems to get better each week in the shotput and he is getting competition from his own teammate, Marcus Gordien, who became eligible last week.

Gordien, son of former world discus record-holder Fortune Gordien, had a lifetime best of 63-6¾ in the shotput.

He won his specialty, the discus, with a throw of 187-10.

"Marcus has really been pushing me in the shot," Laut said. "And he's worked so hard in the shot that he has been a little tight in the discus. But he'll cut loose soon."

"I've been doing more weight than technique work in the shot but that will change as the season progresses. As for my discus throw today, I was really surprised. I only threw the discus once last week in practice. But it was such a nice day and I felt good."

It was, indeed, a perfect afternoon for track and field—clear skies, 70-degree temperature and a mild breeze.

This meet, attended by 8,000, was supposed to serve as a comparison between UCLA and USC prior to their showdown April 28 at Drake Stadium.

But neither team, with a few exceptions, performed to its capabilities. Some of the highlights:

—USC's Ilpo Paananen got off a lifetime best throw of 240-0 in the javelin and is now favored over UCLA's strong corps of throwers.

—Trojan Jerry Mulligan won the pole vault at 17-0—his best effort of the year—and could score in that event against UCLA, which has three top vaulters.

—UCLA's Greg Foster said his legs felt tight but he still looked fluid in winning the 110-meter high hurdles in an eased-up 13.62. He didn't compete in the sprint relay, 100 or 200.

—USC's Billy Mullins, one NCAA 400-meter champion, was slowing up at the fin-

ish while winning the quarter-mile in a creditable 46.48.

Now for the lowlights:

—A six-man field was reduced to three in the USC-Stanford 100 meters when the Cardinals' Gordon Banks and the Trojans' Kevin Williams and James Stanford, were disqualified for false starts in that order. USC's Colin Bradford, a quarter-miler, won and teammate Arto Bryggare, a hurdler, was runnerup. But Bryggare didn't get second because he was nonscoring competitor.

—Joe Parker, UCLA's freshman quarter-miler, pulled up lame at the 200 mark of the 400 and USC freshman hurdler Phil Johnson took a bad spill at the second barrier in the 110-meter race. UCLA's quarter-mile contingent has already been weakened by the loss of Donn Thompson, who has a pulled hamstring muscle.

—Add false starts: USC tailback Charles White in the 400.

Jim Bush, the UCLA coach, was displeased, saying, "As a whole, I thought our team looked lousy. Oregon will probably beat us by 20 points next week. I think they're the best dual team in the country."

Track Notes

USC won its 22nd straight dual meet over a four-year period. The Trojans will compete in the San Jose Relays Saturday . . . Laut could cut into some expected USC points in the discus if he matches his 174-6 throw April 28 . . . USC's Milan Stewart continues to improve in the 400 intermediate hurdles, a pivotal event in the Trojan-Bruin dual meet. He won in 52.65 . . . UCLA's Russell Higgins was third in 52.96 and Eric McNeal ran only 54.10 in the 400 IH against Cal . . . The Bears' Mike White, only a freshman, was an impressive winner in the 800 with a time of 1:49 flat—best in the Pac-10 this year . . . USC's Steve Montgomery had a season's best throw of 179-6 in the discus.

USC (185) vs. Stanford (43)

100 METERS—1. Bradford (USC), 10.69; 2. Margerum (S), 11.10; no third.
200—1. Sanford (USC), 20.94; 2. Simmons (USC), 21.54; 3. Bradford (USC), 21.56.
400—1. Mullins (USC), 46.48; 2. Bethany (USC), 47.91; 3. Simmons (USC), 47.92.
800—1. Ormwane (USC), 1:50.2; 2. Walters (USC), 1:50.6; 3. Lobninger (S), 1:51.9.
1,500—1. Schaefer (S), 3:48.2; 2. Kissin (S), 3:49.3; 3. Walters (USC), 3:57.9.
3,000—1. Gall (S), 14:27.8; 2. Berry (S), 14:30.4; 3. Corey (SD), 15:11.4.
5,000 STEEPLECHASE—1. Haldeman (S), 9:05.6; 2. Ceims (S), 9:22.8; no third.
110Meters—1. Stewart (USC), 13.91; 2. Bryggare (USC), 14.05; 3. Margerum (S), 14.79.
400M—1. Stewart (USC), 52.65; 2. Campbell (USC), 53.14; 3. Shumway (S), 53.17.
400 RELAY—1. USC (Williams, Simmons, Bradford, Mullins), 4:25.9; only entrant.
1,600 RELAY—1. USC (Mullins 49.1; Campbell 50.8; Bradford 48.0; Simmons 49.0), 3:16.2; 2. Stanford, 3:20.8.
SHOTPUT—1. Kurrach (USC), 56-9½; 2. McKente (USC), 55-9½; 3. Montgomery (USC), 53-5¼.
JAVELIN—1. Paananen (USC), 240-0; 2. Bruner (S), 211-9; 3. Funderburk (USC), 199-0.
LONG JUMP—1. Asami (USC), 22-7; 2. Jackson (USC), 22-5¼; 3. Earle (USC), 20-9¼.
TRIPLE JUMP—1. Jackson (USC), 48-11¼; 2. Bullwink (S), 46-6¼; 3. Roester (S), 44-4¼.
DISCUS—1. Montgomery (USC), 179-6; 2. Kurrach (USC), 175-11; 3. Buss (S), 168-6.
POLE VAULT—1. Mulligan (USC), 17-0; only entrant.

HIGH JUMP—1. Walker (USC), 4-8; 2. He between Walker (S) and Doyle (S), 4-6.

UCLA (82) vs. California (82)

100 METERS—1. E. Brown (UCLA), 10.34; 2. Williams (Brown), 10.58; 3. Martin (C), 10.61.
200—1. E. Brown (UCLA), 21.51; 2. Martin (C), 21.90; 3. H. Smith (C), 22.11.
400—1. McGlothlin (UCLA), 47.35; 2. H. Smith (C), 48.45; 3. Pifer (UCLA), no time.
800—1. White (C), 1:49.5; 2. Clifford (C), 1:50.2; 3. Theriot (UCLA), 1:51.1.
1,500—1. Clifford (C), 3:50.5; 2. Bluff (C), 3:51.4; 3. O'Reilly (C), 3:51.8.
3,000—1. Bluma (C), 14:33.2; 2. Simonson (UCLA), 14:31.8; 3. Bluff (C), 14:44.8.
5,000 STEEPLECHASE—1. Blume (C), 9:06.4; 2. Gonzalez (UCLA), 9:10.3; 3. French (UCLA), 9:16.4.
110Meters—1. Foster (UCLA), 13.88; 2. Cowling (C), 14.29; 3. R. Smith (C), 14.30.
400M—1. R. Smith (C), 51.34; 2. Guss (C), 51.36; 3. Higgins (UCLA), 52.94.
400 RELAY—1. UCLA (Williams, McGlothlin, Weaver, E. Brown), 4:25.9; 2. California, 4:30.8.
1,600 RELAY—1. California (Guss 48.6; E. Smith 48.8; Cowling 48.6; White 48.1), 2:14.4; 2. UCLA (D. Brown 50.3; Theriot 50.4; E. Brown 48.8; Higgins 49.1), 3:12.1.
HIGH JUMP—1. Joseph (UCLA), 4-10; 2. He between Imperial (C) and Isaac (UCLA), 4-6.
SHOTPUT—1. Laut (UCLA), 66-5½ (meet record, old mark, 63-¾); 2. Steve Marston (UCLA), 59.1; 3. Gordien (UCLA), 63-10¼; 3. Parker (C), 53-5½.
JAVELIN—1. Carrin (UCLA), 199-0; 2. DeHain (UCLA), 190-4; 3. D'Angelo (UCLA), 180-8.
LONG JUMP—1. Williams (UCLA), 24-10; 2. Marlow (C), 23-10¼; 3. Benson (UCLA), 23-7.
POLE VAULT—1. C. Brown (UCLA), 16-0; 2. Curran (UCLA), 16-6; 3. Warner (UCLA), 16-4.
DISCUS—1. Gordien (UCLA), 187-10; 2. Poreth (C), 178-3; 3. Laut (UCLA), 174-6.
TRIPLE JUMP—1. Marlow (C), 32-4¼; 2. Benson (UCLA), 30-9¼; 3. Dobbins (C), 48-11.
Attendance—6,100