

UCLA's Laut Hits 68-6; Rono Upset in Pacific 10

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TEMPE, Ariz.—UCLA's Dave Laut won the shotput with a lifetime best of 68-6 and Arizona's Thom Hunt upset Washington State's Henry Rono in the 3,000 meter steeplechase Saturday night in the Pacific 10 track and field championships.

Laut's mark exceeded his previous best by more than a foot and moved him into world class company.

Hunt took the lead from Rono, the world record holder at 8:05.4, with 1½ laps to go and then outsprinted the famed Kenyan in the stretch to win. Rono set four world records last year but now he obviously is not in top form. He competed in an international meet in London Wednesday and might have been suffering from jet lag.

Then, again, Rono may not feel at home on a wet track. A freak rain-wind storm delayed the start of the meet for one hour and 45 minutes and the track was still damp when the steeplechase began.

The time reflected the poor conditions as Hunt won in 8:37.3. Rono was timed in 8:38.5 for second, ahead of three Oregon runners.

Hunt, who usually specializes in the 1,500 and 5,000, said he has run only "one serious steeple" this season prior to Saturday night.

"I had never been in a quality steeplechase before," he said. "Obviously, I'm happy to beat someone like Rono

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who has accomplished as much as he has."

For a while, it seemed that the opening night of the two-day meet would be postponed. The wind was gusting up to 30 m.p.h. and rain drenched the athletes and created puddles on the track. But the storm passed.

USC, trying to win its sixth straight conference championship against favored Oregon, made a good showing.

Ilpo Paananen, who wasn't expected to finish better than fifth in the javelin, wound up third with a lifetime best throw of 246-5.

Rod Bethany and Colin Bradford each won their heats in the 400 meters. Bethany had a lifetime best time of 46.35. Four Trojan high hurdles—Milan Stewart, Tony Campbell, Arto Bryggare and Phil Johnson—all qualified for tonight's final.

UCLA's Greg Foster, the NCAA champ, was an easy winner in his 110-meter hurdle heat in 13.62.

The Trojan and Bruin sprint relay team won their heats eased up in advancing to the finals.

And USC and UCLA sprinters will make up most of the 100-meter field tonight. James Stanford, Kevin Wil-

liams and Mike Simmons qualified for the Trojans; Eric Brown and Lawrence Williams for the Bruins.

Both the Bruins and Trojans figure to challenge Oregon, which is loaded in the distance races, for the title.

UCLA's Donn Thompson, coming back from a leg injury, and Lew McGlothlin qualified in the 400 along with USC's Bethany and Bradford.

The Trojans and Bruins were still looking good in the 800 meters. USC's David Omwansa and James Walters won their heats and UCLA's Brian Theriot qualified with a lifetime best time of 1:50.6.

PACIFIC 10 TRACK RESULTS

100 METERS

4 In Each Heat Qualify For Final

FIRST HEAT—1. E. Brown (UCLA), 10.57; 2. K. Williams (USC), 10.63; 3. Moore (Arizona St.), 10.63; 4. Farmer (California), 10.71.

SECOND HEAT—1. Sanford (USC), 10.52; 2. Coleman (Oregon), 10.58; 3. L. Williams (UCLA), 10.79; 4. Simmons (USC), 10.95.

400

4 In Each Heat Qualify For Final

FIRST HEAT—1. Bradford (USC), 46.79; 2. Thompson (UCLA), 46.84; 3. Tubbs (AS), 47.18; 3. Stankovic (Washington), 47.21.

SECOND HEAT—1. Bethany (USC), 46.35; 2. Hassan (Oregon St.), 46.51; 3. McGlothlin (UCLA), 46.91; 3. Thomas (Oregon), 47.24.

110 HIGH HURDLES

4 In Each Heat Qualify For Final

FIRST HEAT—1. Stewart (USC), 13.96; 2. Bransom (Oregon), 14.03; 3. Kennedy (Arizona), 14.10; 4. Campbell (USC), 14.31.

SECOND HEAT—1. Foster (UCLA), 13.62; 2. Bryggare (USC), 14.14; 3. Johnson (USC), 14.23; 4. Jackson (AS), 14.44.

3,000 STEEPLECHASE

Final

1. Hunt (A), 8:37.3; 2. Rono (Washington St.), 8:38.5; 3. Clary (O), 8:50.0; 4. Hurst (O), 8:51.9; 5. Marlin (O), 9:02.5; 6. Blume (C), 9:08.2. Others included: 10. Watkin (UCLA), 9:21.2; 11. Perez (USC), 9:22.0.

400 RELAY

4 Qualify For Final

FIRST HEAT—1. UCLA (L. Williams, Foster, McGlothlin, E. Brown), 40.95; 2. Arizona St., 40.86; 3. Washington St., 41.43; 4. Oregon St., 41.48.

SECOND HEAT—1. USC (K. Williams, Bradford, Mullens, Sanford), 40.03; 2. Oregon, 40.36; 3. Arizona, 40.52; 4. California, 40.71.

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Final

1. Neilson (Washington), 235-0 (meet record); 2. Buxton (WS), 230-7; 3. McArdle (O), 215-19; 4. Jesernig (WS), 211-0; 5. Bagley (W), 196-9; 6. Buss (Stanford), 186 0.

JAVELIN

Final

1. Sinclair (W), 259-11; 2. Lorentzen (O), 253-9; 3. Pannanen (USC), 246-3; 4. DeMill (UCLA), 243-4; 5. Lorenzen (WS), 241-6; 6. Mahovich (W), 238-3.

4 In Each Heat Qualify For Final

FIRST HEAT—1. Foster (UCLA), 21.09; 2. Moore (AS), 21.41; 3. Bradford (USC), 21.44; 4. Strozier (Arizona), 21.86.

SECOND HEAT—1. Sanford (USC), 21.14; 2. Coleman (O), 21.20; 3. E. Brown (UCLA), 21.39; 4. Gablan (Washington St.), 21.77. Others included: 8. K. Williams (USC), 22.60.

800**4 In Each Heat Qualify For Final**

FIRST HEAT—1. Omwanza (USC), 1:50.2; 2. White (C), 1:50.3; 3. Theriot (UCLA), 1:50.6; 4. Thelphylactou (WS), 1:50.6.

SECOND HEAT—1. Walters (USC), 1:50.5; 2. Schaer (Stanford), 1:51.3; 3. Pawirodikromo (WS), 1:51.7; 4. Johnson (A), 1:52.0. Others included: 5. Fricker (OS), 1:53.4.

400 INTERMEDIATE HURDLES**4 In Each Heat Qualify For Final**

FIRST HEAT—1. Pratt (C), 51.12; 2. Guss (C), 51.70; 3. Higgins (UCLA), 51.89; 4. Austin (O), 52.02. Others included: 4. Stewart (USC), 52.14.

SECOND HEAT—1. Cowlings (C), 51.50; 2. McNeal (UCLA), 51.54; 3. Seymour (WS), 51.99; 4. Bransom (O), 53.49. Others included: 5. Campbell (USC), 54.09.

10,000**Final**

1. Salazar (O), 28:40.6; 2. Churuiyot (WS), 28:56.8; 3. Kissin (S), 29:20.8; 4. Stolp (W), 29:33.8; 5. Boileau (O), 30:00.0; 6. Shoots (A), 30:33.4.

HAMMER**Final**

1. Neilson (W), 235-0 (meet record); 2. Buxton (WS), 230-7; 3. McArdle (O), 215-10; 4. Jesernig (WS), 211-0; 5. Bagley (W), 196-9; 6. Buss (S), 186 0.

SHOTPUT**Final**

1. Laut (UCLA), 68-6 (meet record, old mark, 66-11¼, Doug Lane, USC, 1972); 2. Summers (W), 65-11; 3. Gordien (UCLA), 65-9; 4. Stover (O), 63-2; 5. Goldsmith (O), 61-3; 6. Buxton (WS), 59-0¾. Others included: 7. McKenzie (USC), 56-8; 10. Kurrasch (USC), 55-8¼.

LONG JUMP**Final**

1. Jackson (AS), 25-8¼; 2. Hays (USC), 24-9¼; 3. Butler (A), 24-9; 4. Williams (WS), 24-8; 5. Walker (A), 24-4¼; 6. Marlow (C), 24-2½.