

SANFORD RUNS RACE OF CENTURY

Blazes 100 Meters in Wind-Aided 9.88; USC Bows to UCLA

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USC's James Sanford ran the second fastest 100 meters of all time, a wind-aided 9.88, and the Trojans had speed to burn Saturday, but, in the long run, UCLA won the annual dual track meet, 83-71, at Drake Stadium.

Sanford said he got only a fair start, but he was accelerating at the finish and barely missed getting credit for breaking Jimmy Hines' world record of 9.95.

The wind reading was 5.1 miles per hour, barely over the legal limit of 4.47 m.p.h. Only William Snoddy of Oklahoma has run faster, 9.87, at the Dallas Invitational in 1978. But Snoddy was pushed along by a gale—a

wind estimated at 25 m.p.h. And, considering that Hines' 9.95 record was set in the 7,000-foot altitude of Mexico City in the 1968 Olympic Games, track purists contend Sanford's 9.88 was, indeed, the fastest 100 meters in history.

But Sanford's speed and that of Billy Mullins, Bill Green and Bill Wang (an upset winner in the 800) couldn't offset UCLA's strength in the distance races.

The score was tied 70-70 on a warm afternoon with only two events remaining—the 5,000 meters and mile relay. The Trojans had to get a second in the 5,000 to stay in contention.

But, as expected, UCLA's Ron Cornell and Steve Ortiz ran away and hid in the 5,000, finishing 1-2 and provid-

ing the Bruins with eight points to clinch the meet before the mile relay (which UCLA won).

USC is short-handed in the distance races and this was a determining factor in a typically, competitive Bruin-Trojan dual watched by 11,973.

"We wanted to win it before the mile relay, so I could relax," said UCLA Coach Jim Bush, whose team concluded an undefeated dual meet season (7-0) and probably will be named the U.S. dual meet champion by Track & Field News.

Bush's dope sheet that he had kept secret until after the meet had the Bruins ahead, 78-71, prior to the mile relay. That race, the UCLA coach, said was a tossup.

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"I'm proud of our kids and we competed the best we could," USC Coach Vern Wolfe said, "but UCLA did a great job and was just a little bit better."

USC has deemphasized dual meet competition this year, opting for relays and open competition. So the Trojans had only two duals—California and UCLA—and lost them both, the first time since 1920 USC has been winless in dual meets.

With UCLA almost certain to go 1-2 in the 5,000, it seemed USC's only chance of getting a tie (by winning the mile relay) to be sweep the 200, the third to last event on the program.

But the Trojans had only two entries, Sanford and Mullins, who went a formful 1-2 with the Bruins' Eric Brown getting third. Sanford's winning time of 20.26, with no assisting breeze, was the fastest in the world this year. Some double.

Asked why he didn't put another sprinter in the 200, such as Bill Green, who had previously won the 400, Wolfe said: "Bill wouldn't have had anything left for the mile relay."

Wolfe put David Omwansa, who had already run in the 1,500 and 800, and Wang in the 5,000 in a desperation effort to cut into the Bruins' anticipated eight points. But Wang dropped out after a lap and a half and Omwansa couldn't stay on the pace with Cornell and Ortiz.

From the standpoint of competition and outstanding performances, the UCLA-USC dual is usually unsurpassed in the country and athletes from both schools came through Saturday.

UCLA recorded 11 personal bests including Cornell's 3:43.95 in winning the 1,500; Tom Jadwin's javelin throw of 249-7 for first place and Dokie Williams' winning triple jump of 54-0½.

USC had seven lifetime best performances including Steve Montgomery's surprise win in the shot put at 58-4, his second place in the discus at 183-0 and Wang's surprising 1:47.24 in winning the 800.

But Sanford's exploits, which Wolfe called "awesome," upstaged everybody. The Trojan sprinter, ranked No. 1 in the world in 1980 and an AAU and World Cup winner, hasn't even been pressed this year. He won the 100 Saturday handily, although teammate Mullins was blazing with a 10.11 time in second place and UCLA's Brown was timed in 10.15 for third.

"I didn't feel that much of a wind," said the 5-11, 173-pound Sanford. "I knew I was ready to run in the 9.9 range and I love to run on UCLA's track. I'm only about 80% in shape but, perhaps, I can get the record soon."

Sanford, the latest in a long line of outstanding USC sprinters, will get the competition he wants next Friday in the Jamaica Invitational where he is expected to encounter Houston McTear, Harvey Glance and Don Quarrie. Then,

on Sunday, he'll run in the UCLA-Pepsi Invitational against Curtis Dickey of Texas A&M and McTear.

Sanford said he felt a slight twinge in his right hamstring muscle after winning the 200, so he didn't run the mile relay in which UCLA's Donn Thompson, getting a seven-yard lead from Andre Phillips, barely held off Green at the tape. Green was timed in 44.8 for his anchor leg, Thompson in 45.6. UCLA's winning time was 3:04.57, a meet record.

It was anticipated the pivotal events would be the shot put, high jump, 400, 800, triple jump and 400 intermediate hurdles. And the Trojans and Bruins split even, more or less, in these events.

The Trojans stunned the Bruins early when Montgomery and John McKenzie (58-2) went 1-2 in the shot put. But UCLA went 1-2 in the high jump with Mark Anderson and Lee Balkin, Anderson winning on fewer misses at 7-0.

Green was expected to win the 400 and he did in 45.78, but second place was in doubt. USC's Rod Bethany just caught Thompson at the tape as the Trojans went 1-2.

The triple jump was considered a tossup between UCLA's Williams and USC's Ken Hays. But Dokie got the win with his early leap of 54-0½.

Then, midway through the meet, the 800 provided a surprise. Wang, from Taiwan, whose previous best was 1:49.1 sprinted off the turn to run down UCLA's Jeff West and Brian Theriot. West, a freshman, had a personal best of 1:48.1 in second place.

The Trojans had some momentum here and the score was tied, 61-61, at the time. But the Bruins regained control in the 400 hurdles as Andre Phillips won as expected (49.70) and Eric McNeal beat out USC's Anthony Campbell for second.

Thus, it came down to the 200, 5,000 and mile relay—and UCLA's eight points in the distance race were decisive.

UCLA's Greg Foster, competing with a strained thigh muscle, ran only in his specialty, the 110-meter hurdles. He won in 13.30, fastest time in the world in 1980. But the versatile Foster didn't run again (he's the NCAA champ in the 200). As it turned out, he wasn't needed.

UCLA outscored USC, 22-5, in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, (in which Ortiz was a surprise entrant and winner), 1,500 and 5,000. And Bush's strategy of making Omwansa work in the 1,500 and 800 paid off as the Kenyan, who has been bothered by a virus, was second in the 1,500 and out of the money in the 800.

USC-UCLA TRACK SUMMARIES

100—1. J. Sanford (USC), 9.88w (5.1 m.p.h.; second fastest performer and performance wind-aided); 2. Mullins (USC), 10.11; 3. Brown (UCLA), 10.15.

200—1. J. Sanford (USC), 20.26 (wind 3.1 m.p.h.); 2. Mullins (USC), 20.63; 3. Brown (UCLA), 21.0 (hand time).

400—1. Green (USC), 45.78; 2. Bethany (USC), 46.02; 3. Thompson (UCLA), 46.05.

800—1. Wang (USC), 1:47.24; 2. West (UCLA), 1:48.1 (ht); 3. Theriot (UCLA), 1:48.59.

1,500—1. Cornell (UCLA), 3:43.95 (meet record, old mark, 3:45.8, S. Beck, UCLA, 1976); 2. Omwansa (USC), 3:47.70; 3. Holman (USC), 3:49.50.

5,000—1. Cornell (UCLA), 14:43.1; 2. Ortiz (UCLA), 14:43.1; 3. DeLong (USC), 15:26.0.

110 HURDLES—1. Foster (UCLA), 13.30 (meet record, old mark, 13.61 Foster, UCLA, 1979) (wind 1.7 m.p.h.); 2. Campbell (USC), 13.73; 3. Johnson (USC), 13.99.

400 HURDLES—1. Phillips (UCLA), 49.70; 2. McNeal (UCLA), 50.28; Campbell (USC), 51.57.

3,000 STEEPLECHASE—1. Ortiz (UCLA), 8:57.2; 2. Lewis (UCLA), 9:25.2; 3. Gonzales (UCLA), 9:28.9.

400 RELAY—1. USC (Doubley, Mullins, J. Sanford, Green), 39.18; 2. UCLA, 40.52.

MILE RELAY—1. UCLA (McNeal, 47.5; Banks, 46.0; Phillips, 45.5; Thompson, 45.6), 3:04.57; 2. USC (Mullins, 47.0; R. Williams, 46.6; Bethany, 46.3; Green, 44.8), 3:04.66.

HIGH JUMP—1. Anderson (UCLA),

7-0; 2. Balkin (UCLA), 7-0; 3. Smith (USC), 6-10.

POLE VAULT—1. Curran (UCLA), 17-0; 2. Mulligan (USC), 16-6; 3. Suey (USC), 15-6.

LONG JUMP—1. Hays (USC), 25-11 $\frac{3}{4}$; 2. Doubley (USC), 25-7 $\frac{3}{4}$; 3. Benson (UCLA), 24-2 (wind 3.6 m.p.h.).

TRIPLE JUMP—1. Williams (UCLA), 54-0 $\frac{1}{2}$ (wind 3.1 m.p.h.); 2. Hays (USC), 53-3 $\frac{1}{4}$ (wind 2.2 m.p.h.); 3. Benson (UCLA), 52-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ (wind 3.6 m.p.h.).

SHOT PUT—1. Montgomery (USC), 58-4; 2. McKenzie (USC), 58-2; 3. Mondello (UCLA), 55-10 $\frac{3}{4}$.

DISCUS—1. Mondello (UCLA), 183-11; 2. Montgomery (USC), 183-0; 3. Bryant (UCLA), 167-8.

JAVELIN—1. Jadwin (UCLA), 249-7; 2. Anderson (UCLA), 244-7; 3. Carli (UCLA), 233-1.

Final score—UCLA 83, USC 71.