

UCLA Blankets the Field, Wins Pac-10 in Runaway

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SEATTLE—Jim Bush has had some outstanding track teams during his 16 years as UCLA's head coach, so it's difficult for him to say which is the best.

But, in terms of competitive attitude, the 1980 team is something special.

The Bruins, scoring in 18 of 21 events, easily won the Pacific 10 track and field championship Saturday afternoon at Husky Stadium. UCLA scored 163 points to 116 for runnerup Oregon. USC was third with 99 points.

"I've never had a team perform up to its full capabilities all down the line as this team has," Bush said. "They

were scrappers and had to overcome a lot of injuries."

The weather—temperature in the low 50s with a cold wind—wasn't conducive to good marks. Still, there were some creditable performances. For example:

—USC's James Sanford, the world's No. 1 ranked sprinter, won the 100 meters in 10.10 and then came back to take the 200 in 20.61. Many Pac-10 track coaches say that Sanford is virtually unbeatable now.

—UCLA's Greg Foster won his third straight conference 110-meter high hurdle title with a creditable time of 13.43.

Then, Foster, the defending NCAA 200 champ, challenged Sanford in the 200. The two sprinters were about even coming off the turn but, when Sanford started to pull away, Foster eased up, content to get second and eight points.

Bush had told Foster not to make an all-out effort to beat Sanford. The UCLA coach was fearful that his hurdler-sprinter would reinjure his right leg.

But it's doubtful that *any* sprinter can beat Sanford now. "I gave it all I had in the 200 with Foster in the race," Sanford said. "I knew I had it with 80 meters to go. I know his coach told him not to push it, but he was trying."

—UCLA freshman Lee Balkin won the high jump with USC's Dennis Smith second. Both cleared 7-2, but Balkin was the winner because of fewer misses.

Smith was competing with a cast on his right hand to protect a broken wrist he suffered in spring football practice. A highly regarded safety,

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Smith has only dabbled with the high jump but his 7-2 leap equaled a personal best while at Santa Monica High.

—More Bruin power: Chip Benson won the triple jump for the second straight year with a wind-aided leap of 52-6 1/4. Teammate Dokie Williams was third.

UCLA's improving quarter-milers, Donn Thompson and Tony Banks, extended winner Bill Green of USC all the way to the tape in finishing second and third.

And, as expected, UCLA's Andre Phillips won the 400 intermediate hurdles in 50.96 with teammate Eric McNeal finishing third.

—The finishing touch: It looked like a replay of the UCLA-USC dual in the mile relay, the concluding event. Phillips and Green ran stride for stride on the final lap, with the Bruin edging away from the Trojan at the tape. The winning time was a modest 3:08.26.

As if he hadn't done enough, James Sanford volunteered to run a leg in this relay. He was USC's second runner and retained a lead for his team. But that advantage disappeared when Thompson ran down USC's Rod Bethany on the third leg.

Other than Sanford, Oregon's Ken Martin was the meet's most impressive performer. A senior from Coos Bay, Ore., Martin won the 3,000-meter steeplechase Friday in the meet record time of 8:27.8. Then, he came back Saturday with a strong last lap to win the 5,000 in 13:41.6.

The 1,500 and 800 were two of the most competitive races of the day. In the 1,500, Arizona's Thom Hunt jumped UCLA's Ron Cornell with about 600 yards left and kept pouring it on to win in 3:42.07. Cornell was second in 3:43.64.

The 800 had a familiar cast for those who follow prep sports in Los Angeles. Oregon's David Mack, formerly of Locke High, who beat UCLA's Jeff West, ex-Crenshaw High, in the L.A. City finals last year, did it again—and convincingly. The Oregon freshman had a fine finishing kick and won in 1:48.28. West was second in 1:49.53, while USC's Bill Wang, one of the pre-meet favorites, was fourth.

It wasn't Bruin weather, but it was a Bruin show. Bush said his team's goal at the start of the season was to win track's triple crown—dual meet championship, Pac-10 and NCAA.

PACIFIC 10 CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Seattle

100—1. J. Sanford (USC), 10.10 (wind 0.45 m.p.s.) (meet record, old mark, 10.24, Clancy Edwards, USC, 1978; 2. E. Brown (UCLA), 10.39; 3. Moore (Arizona St.), 10.53; 4. Robinson (California), 10.69; 5. M. Sanford (USC), 10.74; Brown (AS) did not finish; Moore (AS) and Jones (AS), withdrew.

200—1. J. Sanford (USC), 20.61; 2. Foster (UCLA), 21.24; 3. E. Brown (UCLA), 21.52; 4. Kablan (WS), 21.61; 5. Green (USC), 21.77; 6. Robinson (C), 21.88; Moore (AS) and Evans (AS) withdrew.

400—1. Green (USC), 46.48; 2. Thompson (UCLA), 46.57; 3. Banks (UCLA), 46.72; 4. R. Williams (USC), 46.97; 5. Bethany (USC), 47.12; 6. Thomas (O), 47.42.

800—1. Mack (Oregon), 1:48.28; 2. West (UCLA), 1:49.53; 3. White (C), 1:49.85; 4. Wang (USC), 1:50.37; 5. Harrison (O), 1:50.74; 6. Savage (USC), 1:51.82.

1,500—1. Hunt (Arizona), 3:42.07; 2. Cornell (UCLA), 3:43.64; 3. Lakeman (A), 3:45.06; 4. Kumm (Oregon St.), 3:46.43; 5. Nelson (Oregon), 3:47.27; 6. Whitcomb (UCLA), 3:48.78. Others included: 8. Fricker (OS), 4:01.5.

5,000—1. Martin (O), 13:41.6; 2. Hunt (A), 13:44.2; 3. McChesney (O), 13:44.9; 4. Ortiz (UCLA), 13:48.9; 5. Hill (O), 13:49.7; 6. Kimombwa (WS), 13:55.7. Others included: 8. Cornell (UCLA), 14:12.4.

110HH—1. Foster (UCLA), 13.43 (wind 2.00 m.p.s.) (meet record, old mark, 13.47, Foster, 1979); 2. Campbell (USC), 13.90; 3. Bruce (Washington St.), 13.92; 4. Turner (WS), 14.27; 5. Wright (O), 14.27; Cowling (Cal) and Carmichael (Cal), did not finish; Stewart (USC), disqualified.

400 RELAY—1. Arizona St. (Brown, Jones, Moore, Evans), 39.73; 2. USC, 39.88; 3. UCLA, 39.97; 4. Oregon, 41.09; 5. Washington St., 41.12; 6. Washington, 41.13. California did not finish; Stanford disqualified.

MILE RELAY—1. UCLA (McNeal, Banks, Thompson, Phillips), 3:08.26; 2. USC, 3:08.37; 3. California, 3:10.74; 4. Oregon, 3:10.79; 5. Stanford, 3:15.54; 6. Washington, 3:16.29; Oregon St. did not finish.

DISCUS—1. Fox (OS), 192-1; 2. Perath (C), 189-0; 3. Hersh (AS), 187-9; 4. Buss (S), 179-8; 5. Jesernig (WS), 179-5; 6. Little (A), 179-5. Others included: 8. Mondello (UCLA), 177-5.

HIGH JUMP—1. Balkin (UCLA), 7-2; 2. Smith (USC), 7-2; 3. Frazier (A), 7-0; 4. Nelson (C), 7-0; 5. Owens (AS), 6-10; 6. Nordquist (WS), 6-10. Others included: 7. Clay (USC), 6-10.

TRIPLE JUMP—1. Benson (UCLA), 52-6 1/4; 2. Taiwo (WS), 51-5 1/4; 3. Williams (UCLA), 51-2 1/4; 4. Lacey (O), 49-9; 5. Jones (A), 49-7 1/4; 6. Nichols (C), 49-5 1/4. Others included: 7. Faison (USC), 48-6 1/4.

FINAL TEAM SCORES—UCLA 163; Oregon 114; USC 99; Washington St. 49; California 49; Arizona 43; Arizona St. 34; Oregon St. 30; Stanford 28; Washington 20.