UCLA, UTEP SET THE PACE IN TRIALS USC's Sanford Runs Wind-Aided 10.00 in NCAA 100 Heat

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AUSTIN, Tex.-USC sprinter James Sanford is apparently motivated again, and UCLA and Texas El Paso are on a collision course for the team title in the 59th NCAA track and field championships.

These were the developments Thursday night as the major portion of the meet got underway with qualifying trials at Memorial Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas.

Sanford, who was upset by Houston's Carl Lewis Sunday in a meet at Berkeley at a time when he seemed virtually unbeatable, was impressive in winning his 100 and 200 heats.

But so was Mike Roberson of Florida State, a hot sprinter now, and there's a possibility of world records in both sprints in the finals-if the wind lets up. All sprint times were wind-aided Thursday evening.

Still, that doesn't detract from performances by Sanford and Roberson. The USC sprinter, ranked No. 1 in the world, was eased up at the finish as he won his 100 trial in 10.00. Then, he came back to beat UCLA's Gorg Foster in the 200, timing 20.21. Foster, the defending NCAA 200 champion, said he was uncomfortable running in he eighth lane. But he looked strong while clocking 20.36 in second place.

Roberson was timed in a blazing 19.95 in winning his 200 trial. Earlier, he clocked 10.09 in taking his 100 trial. Alabama's James Mallard turned it on in a 200 heat, too. Winning in 20.18. So it should be an interesting 200 final Saturday.

But first things first. The 100 meter semifinals and finals are scheduled tonight and Sanford says that a 9.9 time is possible if there isn't an aiding breeze and 9.7 if the wind persists, which natives say it will.

The elusive world record (that Sanford has been pursuing) is 9.95 set by Jimmy Hines at the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City.

"I feel fine now," Sanford said. As for last week (his loss to Lewis), it was bound to happen. I just felt flat. I had been struggling since the UCLA Pepsi meet (May 11). I'm glad it (his only loss of the season) happened when it did.

"This is a fast track (Tartan surface) and there are going to be some fast times... and it looks like Roberson is the man for me to beat."

The temperature was 92 degrees with 46% humidity at 5 o'clock. But, when the sun went down, it was a pleasant evening and the athletes didn't complain about the weather.

UCLA Coach Jim Bush was optimistic about his team's chances to win the title as the Bruins didn't have any major setbacks in the trials (neither did UTEP).

"I'd like to get some gravy points, meaning points that we didn't plan on, but we're doing well," Bush said. "I gave us a base of 54 points before the meet and that wasn't counting on Mark Anderson winning the decathlon (which he did)."

UCLA lost some possible "gravy points" when half miler Jeff West and high jumper Lee Balkin failed to qualify. But metric miler Ron Cornell and distance runner Steve Ortiz, who weren't expected to get many points, if any, both qualified for the finals.

Cornell clocked 3:47.17 while finishing second in his 1,500 trial and Ortiz was second in his 5,000-meter heat. Cornell won't have to face de-

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fending champion Don Paige in the final because the Villanova runner is entered only in the 800. But Villanova's Sydney Maree, who was expected to run in the 5,000, switched to the 1,500 and he'll be favored in Saturday's final.

USC did about as well as expected without quarter-miler Billy Mullins, who was declared ineligible last week. The Trojans got another joit Thursday when it was learned that half miler David Omwansa is also ineligible. Omwansa finished third in the 800 in last year's NCAA meet, but he has not done much lately. He didn't qualify for the 800 final in last weekend's Pacific 10 meet and didn't figure to score here.

With Mullins unavailable, USC was expected to be hardpressed to win 175 fourth straight NCAA 400-meter relay title.

But a team of Kevin Williams, Mike Sanford, brothers James and Bill Green set a stadium record of 39.12 in winning an opening trial. Williams, the accomplished wide receiver on the football team, had been bothered by a pulled hamstring muscle most of the season, but he says he's fit now.

Green was busy, like James Sanford. After the sprint relay he won his 400 heat in 46.17.

Track Notes

UCLA's Mark Anderson, who won the decathlon early Thursday morning, didn't enter the javelin trials later in the day. Bush said that Anderson's legs were sore and that he was understandably tired after competing in the two-day decathlon that consumed 14 hours 38 minutes... Anderson's winning socree of 7,838 points moved him to No.2 on the all-time UCLA list behind C. K. Yang, who totaled 80,08 points in 1953... Anderson competed with his left knee heavily wrapped. He tore a tendon in his knee while high jumping against USC May 3. "Mark's performance—with his injury and in this heat—could be an inspiration for our entire team," Bush said ... UCLA's Anthony Carran and USC's Jerry Mulligan qualifield for the pole vault finals on their last attempi-a 17-hot vault ... San Jose State's Felix Bohal, one of the favorites to win the pole vault, is injuryed and didh's compete.

Long jump trials weren't necessary and the final in this event will be held today. Other finals scheduled today: Hammer throw, shoptu, 110-meter high hurdles, 100, and 10000... Foster didn't have no run a hurdles heat Thursday night because there weren't hough hurdlers entered. So he moves onto the semi-finals and most likely the finals tonight ... Franklin Jacobs of Pairleigh-Dickison, favored to win, the high jump, was a on show. No one seemed to know why he wasn't in Austin ... UTEP wasn't forecast in most dope sheets to get any points in the intermediate hurdles. But the Miners probably will now as Wilfred Malli won his heat in 5023 ... Oregon won't be a factor in the meet. Reidar **Lorentzen and Jeff Stover**, favored to win the javelin and shotput, failed to qualify. Lorentzen has a sore ankle, Stover didn't have an excuse.

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