

UTEP Leaves No Survivors as Bruins, Sanford Falter

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AUSTIN, Tex.—It was a question of survival as much as ability in the 59th NCAA track and field championships that concluded Saturday night in the heat and humidity at Texas' Memorial Stadium.

UCLA and USC—notably Trojan sprinter James Sanford—weren't among the survivors as Texas El Paso, showing unexpected strength in some events, won the team title for the second straight year. UTEP scored 69 points to 46 for the runner-up Bruins, while the Trojans were fourth with 36, two points behind Florida State.

There were, as usual, some outstanding individual performances, but Jeff Woodard of Alabama provided the show stopper when he cleared 7-7¼ in the high jump to equal Dwight Stones' American record set in 1976.

It was a bitterly disappointing meet

for Sanford and Andre Phillips, UCLA's 400 intermediate hurdler. Leg cramps—perhaps partially caused by the stifling weather and an exhausting schedule—hobbled both of them.

Sanford, who came into the meet as the world's top-ranked sprinter, had his reputation tarnished. The Trojan sprinter had finished third in the 100 Friday night.

But he said he would do better in the 200 Saturday evening. And after he won his semifinal heat in a wind-aided 19.94 while easing up at the finish, it seemed Sanford was sharp again.

But his right leg cramped on him as he came out of the turn. He kept running, but was floundering and barely made it across the finish line in eighth and last place before collapsing.

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Sanford was carried by teammate Larry Doubley, among others, across the field and helped into the trainer's room. There, reclining on a table with an icepack taped to the hamstring muscle on his right leg, he explained what happened.

"I was trying to put a quick move on everybody coming out of the turn, but my leg just caught and I couldn't extend it," he said. "But I couldn't stop running although my leg was flopping around. Still, I was determined to finish. I probably should have pulled up when the leg cramped. It's the first time I've ever cramped in a race."

The injury isn't considered serious, but he may not be able to compete in the Lite/U.S.A. national championship meet starting next Friday at Mt. San Antonio, or possibly in the U.S. Olympic Trials June 21-29 at Eugene, Ore.

Even if Sanford's right leg hadn't cramped, he would have been hard pressed to defeat Florida State's Mike Roberson, who won the 200 in 19.96 with an aiding wind of 2.78 meters per second.

Phillips was expected to win the 400 intermediate hurdles, and the Bruins desperately needed those 10 points if they expected to stay in the team race with UTEP.

But Phillips, who had run 49.38, a collegiate best prior to the NCAA, struggled. His legs cramped and he finished seventh in the subpar time of 51.87.

At that juncture, UTEP was coming on strong and UCLA Coach Jim Bush realized his team was competing for second place.

"We just didn't have enough horses," Bush said. "UTEP has wrapped it up. But at least, we'll move up a notch from last year."

The Bruins did, improving from third place (36 points) to second (46). Bush can claim the American collegiate championship as foreigners accounted for 60 of UTEP's winning 69 points.

Ted Banks' team always seems to peak for the NCAA meet and he got some points that he didn't anticipate when Steve Hanna won the triple jump, Wilfred Mulli finished second in the 400 hurdles and Carlos Scott, out of Waller, Tex., was second in the discus.

UTEP also had the only double winner of the meet as Suleiman Nyambui of Tanzania won both the 5,000 and 10,000 meters.

But it was Woodard who had the crowd stirring on an evening when the temperature was 94 degrees with 56% humidity at 6:30.

He passed at 7-5, then cleared 7-5¾ and 7-7¼ on his first jumps. When Arizona's James Frazier couldn't match Woodard's 7-7¼ effort, the bar was raised to a world record height of 7-6¾. Poland's Jacek Wszola and West Germany's Dietmar Moegenburg share the world record at 7-8½.

Woodard, a relatively small high jumper at 6 feet, didn't come close to establishing a new record, but he's definitely world class now and will compete in the Lite/U.S.A. national championship meet next weekend.

"I wasn't really that motivated (to break the record). I had won and I was satisfied," said Woodard, who grew up in New Albany, Ind. "But if Frazier had made 7-7¼, I believe I would have made 7-8¼."

"We were messing around with each other during the competition, saying a lot of things, but nothing rash. I had a perfect jump at 7-7¼ and I was tingling and my breathing was erratic. I didn't feel that way at 7-8¼."

The 21-year-old Alabama junior's previous best jump was 7-4¼ two years ago. He said he wasn't disappointed. Franklin Jacobs of Fairleigh Dickinson, previously regarded as America's premier high jumper, had skipped the meet.

"He wouldn't like this surface," Woodard said. "It slopes and it isn't fast enough for him."

It's not surprising that Sanford and Phillips got leg cramps considering their work schedule. Sanford ran nine races in three days (sprint relay, 100 and 200 trials and finals) and Phillips was in six races (1,600-meter relay and 400 hurdles trials and finals).

Phillips came back to run a creditable 45.9-second anchor leg in the 1,600 team, but UCLA, figuring to win the event and get 10 points, finished out of the money in seventh.

The Bruins couldn't falter in any event and expect to win, and their failures in the 400 hurdles and 1,600 relay were enough to provide UTEP with the edge it needed. Texas El Paso has now won both NCAA indoor and outdoor championships two consecutive years.

Other meet highlights:

—With Sanford running a strong third leg, USC won the 400-meter relay for the fourth straight year, timing 39.16.

—Trojan Bill Green, a freshman, finished strong to get second place with a personal best time of 45.37 in the 400. UTEP's Bert Cameron won in 45.23.

—UCLA's Greg Foster, who won the 110-meter high hurdles Friday night, was strong all the way in finishing third in the 200 in 20.33.

—Villanova's Don Paige, who won the 1,500 and 800 in last year's NCAA meet, ran only the 800 here and won in 1:45.81.

—UCLA's Anthony Curran had a lifetime best mark of 17-7¼ to get third in the pole vault. Randy Hall of Texas A&M was the winner with a meet-record vault of 18-2¼.

It was, indeed, a survival course for the athletes, and they had better be in peak condition for next year's NCAA meet. Baton Rouge, La., is the site and it figures to be even hotter and more humid there than it was here in Austin.

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NCAA DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Austin, Tex.

200 (semifinals, 4 in each heat qualify for final): HEAT ONE—1. J. Sanford (USC), 19.94w (3.94 m.p.a.); 2. Foster (UCLA), 20.42; 3. Woolfolk (Michigan), 20.63; 4. Laverity (North Texas St.), 20.64. Others included: 5. Evans (Arizona St.), 20.66; 6. Coley (LSU), 20.76; Mallard (Alabama), did not start. HEAT TWO—1. Roberson (Florida St.), 20.09w (2.43 m.p.a.); 2. Butler (Oklahoma St.), 20.48; 3. Williams (Clemson), 20.54; 4. Laffany (Georgia), 20.57. Others included: 5. Hanley (Arizona St.), 20.78; 6. Floyd (Auburn), 21.1. (Final)—1. Roberson, 19.94; 2. Butler, 20.22; 3. Foster, 20.22; 4. Williams, 20.32; 5. Laffany, 20.54; 6. Woolfolk, 20.64; 7. Laverity, 20.88; 8. J. Sanford, 20.91.

400—1. Cameron (Texas El Paso), 45.22; 2. Green (USC), 45.37; 3. McCoy (Florida St.), 45.59; 4. Hogan (Kansas), 45.71; 5. Grimes (Kentucky), 45.74; 6. Kerr (Texas A&M), 46.05; 7. Ricks (Kansas), 46.20; 8. Cohen (Ohio St.), no time.

800—1. Paige (Villanova), 1:45.81; 2. Martin (Iona), 1:46.43; 3. Korir (Iowa St.), 1:46.65; 4. Mays (Texas Tech), 1:46.67; 5. Lemeshon (UTEP), 1:46.68; 6. Mack (Oregon), 1:47.48; 7. McIntosh (Western Michigan), 1:49.84; 8. Simmons (Florida St.), 1:53.87.

1,500—1. Mares (Villanova), 3:28.44; 2. Harbour (Baylor), 3:29.65; 3. Harris (Colorado St.), 3:29.68; 4. Donoghue (St. John's), 3:41.44; 5. Ryan (Bowling Green), 3:42.10; 6. Gregorek (Georgetown, D.C.), 3:44.35; 7. Scruton (East Tennessee St.), 3:45.10; 8. Young (Tennessee), 3:46.57; 9. Cornell (UCLA), 3:50.09; 10. Weaver (Eastern Michigan), 3:52.19; 11. Smith (Colorado), 3:58.48; 12. Gustafson (Indiana), no time.

5,000—1. Nyambul (UTEP), 13:44.43; 2. Chebor (Fairleigh Dickinson), 13:47.42; 3. McChesney (Oregon), 13:47.94; 4. Spivey (Indiana), 13:54.43; 5. Cuzzort (Western Kentucky), 13:58.28; 6. Padilla (BYU), 14:02.97; 7. Rotich (UTEP), 14:11.62; 8. Ortiz (UCLA), 14:12.58; 9. Childs (Villanova), 14:15.6 (hf); 10. Kamau (UTEP), 14:22.3 (hf); 11. Kvernmo (Wyoming), 14:26.8 (hf); Kigen (UTEP) finished fourth but disqualified for impeding progress of runner.

3,000 STEEPLECHASE—1. Jackson (Wisconsin), 8:22.81; 2. Martin (Oregon), 8:24.89; 3. Korir (Villanova), 8:26.41; 4. Hunt (Arizona), 8:26.94; 5. Tuwei (Richmond), 8:28.58; 6. Heikkinen (Michigan), 8:28.91; 7. Sifonik (UTEP), 8:29.49; 8. Ogare (Clemson), 8:49.68; 9. James (Tennessee), 8:52.58; 10. St. John (San Diego St.), 9:01.89; 11. Iwanicki (Drake), 9:03.14; 12. Charleston (Murray St.), 9:17.45.

400H—1. Lee (Southern Illinois), 48.87; 2. Mull (UTEP), 49.49; 3. Hamlin (St. John's), 49.91; 4. Lankford (Penn St.), 50.37; 5. Rambo (South Carolina), 50.42; 6. Lundy (Indiana), 50.44; 7. Phillips (UCLA), 51.87; Person (Maryland), 52.1 (hand timed).

400 RELAY—1. USC (Williams, M. Sanford, J. Sanford, Green), 29.14; 2. Oklahoma St., 29.51; 3. Florida St., 29.54; 4. UCLA (Williams, E. Brown, Banks, Foster), 29.83; 5. Clemson, 29.89; 6. Auburn, 40.09; 7. Texas A&M, 40.35; NW Louisiana, did not start.

1,600 RELAY—1. Tennessee (Horne 44.9, Wilson 45.7, Preyor 46.3, Blair 45.1), 3:03.94; 2. Kansas 3:03.96; 3. Baylor, 3:04.03; 4. San Diego St., 3:04.57; 5. Texas, 3:05.11; 6. Texas Southern, 3:05.23; 7. UCLA (McNeal 47.4, Banks 46.5, Thompson 45.8, Phillips 45.9), 3:05.59; 8. Arkansas, 3:09.15.

DISCUS—1. Svenson (BYU), 302-6; 2. Scott (UTEP), 291-9; Jakobsson (Texas), 290-7; 4. Martin (Alabama), 186-10; 5. Fox (Oregon St.), 186-0; 6. McCulla (Kentucky), 181-10; 7. Crouser (Oregon), 181-2; 8. Manahan (Drexel), 180-5; 9. Scott (UTEP), 178-5; 10. Harrell (Missouri), 175-7; 11. Friedman (Kansas), 174-1; 12. McSevency (CS Long Beach), 173-11.

POLE VAULT—1. Hall (Texas A&M), 18-2 1/4 (meet record, old mark, 18-1 1/4, Mike Tully, UCLA, 1978); 2. Hinnaus (Oregon), 17-11 1/4; 3. Curran (UCLA), 17-7 1/4; 4. Pilla (Arkansas St.), 17-4; 5. He among Switzer (Oregon), Phillips (Virginia Tech) and Hearn (Houston), 17-0; Black (San Jose St.), McDonald (Cal Poly SLO), Colinas (Austin Peay), Mulligan (USC), Lotan (Eastern Michigan), Newton (Nebraska) and Kimball (Indiana), no height.

JAVELIN—1. Ransford (San Jose St.), 269-3; 2. Murphy (North Carolina St.), 252-7; 3. Moulder (Washington), 251-10; 4. Keith (BYU), 249-4; 5. Barrow (LSU), 248-2; 6. Hesletine (Oregon St.), 244-1; 7. Pajtas (Texas), 240-10; 8. Juskus (Glassboro St.), 235-11; 9. Jackson (San Jose St.), 234-6; 10. Kreider (Army), 216-8; 11. Babits (Washington St.), 211-4; 12. Hartle (Clemson), 207-3.

TRIPLE JUMP—1. Hanna (UTEP), 55-1; 2. Owalabi (Kansas), 54-11 1/4; 3. Williams (UCLA), 54-8; 4. Hutchins (Florida St.), 53-7 1/4; 5. Benson (UCLA), 53-4 1/2; 6. Cannon (Indiana), 52-11 1/4; 7. Marvin (LSU), 52-5 1/2; 8. Alston (CW Post), 52-0 1/2; 9. Lloyd (McNesse St.), 51-2 1/2; 10. Ellard (CS Fresno), 49-9; 11. Parrette (Kansas St.), 48-7 1/4; Tawlo (Washington St.), did not jump.

SHOTPUT—1. Carter (SMU), 44-11 1/4; 2. Jakobson (Texas), 44-3 1/4; 3. Hallidorsen (Alabama), 43-6; 4. Maciejczyk (LSU), 43-8 1/4; 5. Lotgulst (Arkansas), 42-5 1/4; 6. Scott (Texas A&M), 42-3 1/4; 7. Robinson (Texas), 41-11 1/4; 8. Jonsson (BYU), 40-11 1/4; 9. Scheetz (Iowa St.), 40-9 1/4; 10. Atkins (Ohio St.), 40-6; 11. Brooks (Texas), 40-1; 12. Smith (CS Long Beach), 39-0 1/4.

HIGH JUMP—1. Woodard (Alabama), 7-7 1/4 (equals American record, Dwight Stones, CS Long Beach, 1974; meet record, old mark, 7-7, Stones, 1976); 2. Frazier (Arizona), 7-5 1/4; 3. Glover (Eastern Kentucky), 7-4 1/4; 4. He Morris (Texas) and Mays (Kentucky), 7-3 1/4; 6. Howard (Texas A&M), 7-3 1/4; 7. Rudolph (Alabama), 7-3 1/4; 8. He between Gibbs (San Jose St.) and Middlebrook (Miami, Ohio), 7-1 1/4; 10. Davis (Illinois St.), 7-1 1/4; 11. Shuler (North Carolina), 7-0 1/4; 12. Paskett (Utah St.), 7-0 1/4; 13. He between Barry (Indiana) and Wight (Miami, Ohio), 7-0 1/4.

FINAL TEAM SCORES—Texas El Paso 49; UCLA 46; Florida St. 38; USC 34; Villanova 24; Alabama and Oregon 24; Kansas 20; St. John's 18; Oklahoma St. 14; BYU 13; Baylor and LSU 14; Auburn and Texas A&M 13; Arizona 12; Houston and Tennessee 11; Washington St., San Jose St., Southern Illinois, Wisconsin and SMU 10; CS Fresno, North Carolina St., Iona and Fairleigh Dickinson 8. Others included: Stanford & California 4 and San Diego St. & Oregon St. & Arizona St. 2.

PREFONTAINE MEET

At Eugene, Ore.

MEN

400—1. Hassan (unaf), 48.11; 2. Thomas (Oregon), 47.08; 3. Smith (Muhammad Ali TC), 47.44.

800 (Race 1)—1. Lacey (unaf), 1:48.08; 2. Schilling (unaf), 1:48.82; 3. Tallalero (Santa Monica TC), 1:48.87. (Race 2)—1. Kane (Athletics West), 1:49.20; 2. Brown (unaf), 1:49.5.

1,500 (Race 1)—1. Chapa (unaf), 3:43.82; 2. Castro (Mexico), 3:49.98; 3. Centrowitz (Oregon TC), 3:41.82. (Race 2)—1. Luevano (SMATC), 3:44.36; 2. Knoblich (Club Northwest), 3:45.02; 3. Boileau (Oregon TC), 3:45.45.

5,000—1. Gomez (Mexico), 13:32.92; 2. Dillon (unaf), 13:33.32; 3. Melencan (unaf), 13:38.17.

10,000—1. Gels (AW), 28:04.22; 2. Gomez (Mexico), 28:04.49; 3. Acquino (Mexico), 28:11.83.

3,000 STEEPLECHASE—1. Marsh (AW), 8:23.5; 2. Meyer (unaf), 8:30.8; 3. Addison (AW), 8:30.2.

HJ—1. Ferragne (Canada), 7-3. PV—1. Anicker (Washington), 16-6; 2. Skarbo (Oregon TC), 16-6.

HT—1. McArdle (Oregon TC), 220-5; 2. Perkins (unaf), 197-8. JT—1. Roggy (AW), 284-11; 2. Ahwood (AW), 280-6; 3. Ewaliko (AW), 267-8.

TJ—Banks (unaf), 54-10 1/4. SP—1. Levit (AW), 67-9 1/4; 2. A. Feuerbach (AW), 67-8 1/4; 3. Summers (Maccabi TC), 66-4 1/4.

DT—1. Wilkins (AW), 212-11; 2. Voorhees (Oregon TC), 204-4; 3. Hjeltnes (Norway), 199-3.

WOMEN

400—1. Bakari (Oregon), 53.93; 2. Battiste (Oregon), 55.49.

800—1. Warren (Oregon), 2:02.58; 2. Clark (Canada), 2:04.79; 3. Ballenger (Frank Shorter RT), 2:04.89.

1,500—1. Toomey (Oregon TC), 4:19.76; 2. Gendron (SMATC), 4:20.22; 3. Merrill (Age Group AA), 4:21.74.

110H—1. LaPlante (KCBQ TC), 13.50; 2. Anderson (Los Angeles TC), 14.26; 3. Miller (Oregon), 14.41.

JT—1. Kearney (Oregon), 188-4; 2. Eggert (Sports West), 167-9; 3. Hughes (unaf), 166-4. SP—1. Turbyne (Cilly's Gym), 53-4 1/4; 2. Griffin (American Congress of Athletes), 51-3.

HJ—1. Huntley (Portland CC), 4-8; 2. Spencer (unaf), 5-11; 3. Renstra (Sun Devil Sport Foundation), 5-9. DT—1. Griffin (ACA), 176-8; 2. Hansen (Sports West), 170-4; 3. Vogelsang (ACA), 163-7.

NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Hull, England

800—Coe (Britain), 1:44.7.

INTERNATIONAL MEET

At Bratislava, Czechoslovakia

5,000—Yifter (Ethiopia), 13:16.4; 2. Kedir (Ethiopia), 13:17.5; 3. Tura (Ethiopia), 13:27.3.