

Sanford Surprises Himself

He Wins 100 in 10.18 and 200 in 20.57 at USC

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James Sanford said he was just "going through the motions" in the 100 meters in an invitational track and field meet Saturday at Cromwell Field.

As it turned out, Sanford was very much in motion. He won in the impressive time of 10.18 seconds, then came back later to take the 200 in 20.57, while easing up in the stretch.

Sanford, who was regarded as the world's fastest human in 1979, hadn't planned to go all out in the 100. There were threatening rain clouds in the sky on a cold day and the weather wasn't conducive for fast times.

Sanford, who is redshirting this season at USC, was mindful that if he pushed himself too hard on such a day

Brian Stanton of Long Beach CC broke the national junior college high jump record of 7-4 he set at Cromwell Field two weeks ago. Stanton leaped 7-4½, then failed twice at 7-6.

USC's Tonie Campbell finished strong in the 110-meter high hurdles, winning in the fast time of 13.62. Campbell, who made a dramatic improvement last year, finished third in the Olympic Trials in the high hurdles.

Sanford and Stanley Floyd, No. 1-ranked in the world in the 100 in 1980, are probably the fastest sprinters in the world. Floyd beat Sanford at 60 yards in the Times Indoor Games last February but Sanford defeated the former Auburn sprinter in two short dashes a week later in the San Diego Indoor Games.

"I'd like to meet Stanley in the 100 in the Martin Luther Games next weekend (at Palo Alto)," Sanford said, "but I'm not sure he'll be there."

Sanford says he plans to break the world record in the 100 meters this season, adding that he just might do it in the 200, also.

Jimmy Hines set the 100 record at 9.95 in 1968 at Mexico City, where Italy's Pietro Mennea lowered the 200 record to 19.72 in 1979. It isn't coincidental that both sprint records were established there. The altitude helps.

Sanford was timed in 10.02 in the 100 last year at the UCLA-Pepsi Invitational—fastest ever run at sea level. He was also clocked in a wind-aided 9.88 in 1980 at the USC-UCLA meet and he still contends that "there wasn't much wind in that race."

Anyway, Sanford is back after faltering late last season because of his leg injury. "My right leg feels stronger this year," he said. "I haven't really been doing much speed work since the indoor season—just doing distance work at 300 and 500 yards to get stronger."

If he can run 10.18 while going through the motions, what will he do when he really points for a race later in the season?

Track Notes

Green got a split of 21.2 seconds for his first 200 of the 400. "In my fastest races I've gone all out the first 200," he said. "I didn't think I'd be that strong because I've had a cold and missed some practices this week. To put Green's time in perspective, he won the 400 at the Olympic Trials in 45.85. His best time is 45.37 while finishing second behind UTEP's Bert Cameron in the 1980 NCAA meet. . . . USC Coach Vern Wolfe says the 200 might be Sanford's best race because he was a quarter-miler in high school until converted to a 100-meter man at USC. Sanford agrees. . . . Other meet highlights: USC's Larry Doubley won the long jump at 25-9¼, Marcus Gordien, formerly of UCLA, took the discus at 191-7 and USC's Ryan Holman won the 5,000 in 14:34.36—almost 50 seconds better than his previous best time. . . . USC's Mike Sanford was timed in a creditable 10.38 while finishing second behind brother James in the 100.

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he might reinjure his right leg. He pulled a hamstring muscle last year in the 200 at the NCAA meet—and he doesn't want that to happen again.

"I didn't think the 100 would be that fast," Sanford said.

The weather didn't slow up Sanford or USC's Bill Green, who won the 400 in 45.44—his fastest winning time—and then stirred a crowd of 2,109 with a scorching anchor leg in the 1,600 relay.

Green, who won the 400 in the Olympic Trials last June at Eugene, got the baton some 15 yards behind UC Irvine's Bill Dorvall. Dorvall seemingly had the race locked up on the backstretch while Green was only cruising.

But Green really came on in the stretch as Dorvall faded. The USC sophomore brought his team home a winner in the good time of 3:06.71 while blazing 45.20 seconds for the last 400.

There were other notable performances in a non-racing meet that involved 20 schools and club teams.

ALL-COMERS MEET AT USC

100 METERS (Races 1 thru 4 combined)—1. D. Quarrie (unat), 10.88; 2. tie between Turner (LBCC) and Neeley (unat), 10.89; 4. Quarrie (Pasadena CC), 10.94. (Race 5)—1. J. Sanford (unat), 10.18; 2. M. Sanford (USC), 10.38; 3. McCoy (Maccabi TC), 10.56; 4. Whymns (LBCC), 10.58; 5. Jones (Pasadena CC), 10.60.

200 (Races 1 thru 3 combined)—1. Carey (UC Irvine), 21.23; 2. Krulee (Stars & Stripes), 21.42; 3. McCraney (Maccabi TC), 21.59; 4. Reed (MTC), 21.67. (Race 4)—1. J. Sanford (unat), 20.57; 2. M. Sanford (USC), 21.11; 3. Brown (S&S), 21.69; 4. Crunkleton (Maccabi TC), 21.73.

400—1. Green (USC), 45.44; 2. Turner (USC), 46.76; 3. Jackson (PCC), 46.94; 4. Daniels (Maccabi TC), 47.6; 5. Massey (unat), 47.8.

800—1. Omwansa (USC), 1:50.98; 2. Savage (USC), 1:50.93; 3. Clifford (Athletes In Action), 1:51.29; 4. Hainey (CS Bakersfield), 1:51.36; 5. Seliston (UCI), 1:51.64.

1,500—1. Haney (CS Bak), 3:49.45; 2. Lillig (UCI), 3:50.02; 3. Young (UCI), 3:50.24; 4. Bisbee (unat), 3:50.69.

5,000—Holman (USC), 14:34.46.

3,000 STEEPLECHASE—Ongaga (LBCC), 9:16.1.

110HH (Race 1)—1. Johnson (USC), 14.24; 2. Blakey (LBS), 14.48; 3. Briscoe (CSLA), 14.58; 4. Ducree (CSLA), 14.71. (Race 2)—1. Perry (LBCC), 14.28; 2. Longino (LBCC), 14.51. (Race 3)—1. Campbell (USC), 13.62; 2. Turner (S&S), 13.67; 3. Stewart (USC), 13.84; 4. McCraney (Maccabi TC), 13.87; 5. Whitfield (Bay Area Striders), 13.88.

400IH—1. J. King (Maccabi TC), 50.02; 2. Williams (S&S), 50.4; 3. Sheffield (Maccabi TC), 51.56; 4. Holloway (LBCC), 51.5.

400 RELAY (Race 1)—1. CS Los Angeles, 41.28; 2. Pasadena CC "B", 41.64. (Race 2)—1. Pasadena CC "AA", 40.78; 2. UC Irvine, 41.37; 3. CS Bakersfield, 41.67; 4. LBCC, 41.87. (Race 3)—1. USC (Stewart, Sanford, Turner, Green), 39.63; 2. Stars & Stripes, "A", 40.72; 3. Maccabi TC, 40.9; 4. ACA, 41.7.

1,600 RELAY (Race 1)—USC "B" (Stewart, Tatham, Jackson, Savage), 3:17.55. (Race 2)—1. USC "A" (Bethanny, Campbell, Turner, Green), 3:06.71; 2. UC Irvine "A", 3:07.65; 3. PCC, 3:12.1.

HIGH JUMP—1. Stanton (LBCC), 7-4½; 2. Saunders (Maccabi TC), 7-0; 3. Brown (AATC), 7-0; 4. Kotinek (unat), 6-10; 5. Meisler (unat), 6-10; 7. Baker (LBCC), 6-10.

TRIPLE JUMP—1. Dupree (unat), 52-10¼; 2. Ehizuelin (Maccabi TC), 50-4; 3. Salazar (Venezuela), 49-6¾; 4. Faison (USC), 49-6¼; 5. Merrick (LBCC), 48-11; 6. Holliday (UCI), 48-8.

SHOTPUT—1. Smith (LBS), 60-4¾; 2. Doehring (Saddleback JC), 58-8; 3. Kramer (LBS), 57-1¾; 4. Mosebar (USC), 55-7½; 5. Brenner (Striders), 54-2¾.

JAVELIN—1. Packer (Maccabi TC), 241-8; 2. Rutherford (USC), 230-6; 3. Barton (LBS), 226-0.

POLE VAULT—1. Kenworthy (unat), 17-0; 2. tie between Pullard (Maccabi TC) and Mulligan (unat), 16-0; 4. Johnson (USC), 16-0.

DISCUS—1. Gordien (unat), 191-7; 2. Binley (AATC), 183-2; 3. Reid (LBS), 172-7; 4. Clark (UCI), 163-0.

LONG JUMP—1. Doubly (USC), 25-9¾; 2. Hayes (unat), 25-5¾; 3. Fitch (Striders), 24-7¾; 4. Pitts (unat), 24-0¼.