

Texas El Paso's Victory Is All Foreign to Bush

UCLA Coach Again Decries Use of Imports as Miners Win NCAA With 70 Points.

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BATON ROUGE, La.—Texas El Paso, with its strong foreign legion, won the NCAA track and field championship Saturday night, but UCLA Coach Jim Bush said UTEP doesn't belong in the meet.

It was a familiar complaint from Bush, who has maintained that schools with older, more mature foreign athletes are depriving American athletes of an opportunity to develop.

All of UTEP's 70 points were scored by foreigners, who also contributed to 57 points for runner-up Southern Methodist. Tennessee was third with 50 points followed by

Arizona State with 36 and UCLA with 30.

"The NCAA should wise up and not let foreign athletes in future championship meets," Bush said. "It's a farce. The Americans should be given their own championship."

UTEP definitely has established a trend by winning its third straight NCAA outdoor title and fourth since 1975. Coach Ted Banks' Miners seem to peak for this meet.

As expected, UTEP's Suleiman Nyambui, a 27-year-old former elementary school teacher from Tanzania, helped his team win the title by scoring 20 points.

Nyambui won the 5,000 meters after winning the 10,000 Friday night. It was the second straight year that he has been a double winner in these events. He won only the 10,000 in 1979.

Although Nyambui gets the endurance award for the 1981 NCAA, UTEP's Bert Cameron Villanova's Sydney Maree and UCLA's Andre Phillips were probably the outstanding individual performers Saturday night.

Cameron, from Jamaica, defended his NCAA 400 title in impressive fashion. He was strong coming off the final turn and won with a meet-

record time of 44.58 seconds. it was the fastest time in the world this year and moved Cameron to No. 7 on the all-time 400 list.

Arizona State's Howard Henley, a sophomore, pressed Cameron in the stretch and was timed in an excellent 44.93.

Maree, from South Africa, didn't have any competition. He made his own race in the 1,500, leading from start to finish. He was timed in a meet-record 3:35.30, which is equivalent to about a 3:53 mile.

And Phillips, a UCLA senior, had things pretty much his own way in

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the 400 intermediate hurdles. He ran a strong turn to beat David Lee of Southern Illinois, the 1980 titlist, in 49.12.

Phillips, who finished seventh in this race last year at Austin, where the heat was more oppressive than it was at Bernie Moore Stadium Saturday night, has had an outstanding season. He has lost only to world record holder Edwin Moses and almost stole that race in the Mt. San Antonio Relays last April.

But it wasn't good night for the Bruins or the Pacific 10. Phillips, California high hurdler Larry Cowling, and 200-meter sprinter Duwayne Evans of ASU were the only winners from the conference in the NCAA meet.

"It just wasn't a good team performance for us," Bush said. "We fell down in a lot of events."

Sprinter Eric Brown, who was fourth in the 100 Friday night, was fourth again in a semifinal heat of the 200 and didn't qualify for the finals. Pole vaulter Anthony Curran, who has cleared 18 feet twice this season, was second (on fewer misses) at only 17-4 1/2. David Vols, an Indiana freshman, won the event at 17-8 1/4.

Earlier, triple jumper Dokie Williams didn't qualify for the finals nor did steeplechaser Dave Daniels. Half miler Jeff West collided with a runner in heat and couldn't advance.

USC, which has won 26 outdoor titles and nine in a row from 1935 through 1943, wasn't eligible to compete because of rules violations.

There was some concern that the athletes and spectators would be uncomfortable when a flash thunderstorm drenched the track late in the afternoon. But the flash rain—the edge of a storm from the Gulf—was just that. It didn't rain during the running events and it was a mild night for Louisiana, which is known for its humidity.

There were other notable performances, namely:

—Tennessee's 1,600-meter relay team won in a meet record 3:03.08, breaking the 3:03.4 mark set by UCLA in 1969. The Vols' Anthony Blair ran a 43.9 anchor leg.

—UTRP's Steve Hanna, from the Bahamas, defended his triple jump title with a winning leap of 55-15 1/2.

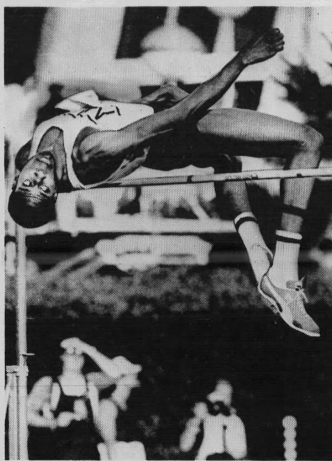
—Mike Juskus of Glasboro State (N.J.) won the javelin in his final throw with a toss of 273-2. "I've been on a good luck streak lately," Juskus said. "My wife had a baby girl Wednesday and I just got my college degree."

—Evans, the bronze medalist in the 200 at the 1976 Olympics, just overpowered the field in winning in the fast time of 20.20.

It was a gratifying victory for Phillips, who was upset by his showing in the 1980 NCAA meet.

"My plan was to run smooth for the first six hurdles and just go out and take it at the end," he said. "I wasn't as smart, strong or serious about the race last year as I am now. I plan my races this year."

He said he motivates himself by putting the name of a



Leo Williams of Navy clears bar with plenty to spare Saturday in NCAA high jump at Baton Rouge. Williams won with leap of 7-4 1/4.

principal opponent, such as Moses or Lee, on a wall the week prior to a meet.

His strategy worked Saturday night as Lee, who was timed in 48.73, couldn't catch Phillips in the stretch.

As usual, Nymbur, who has now won 10 NCAA titles—outdoors and indoors—played cat and mouse with the field in the 5,000. He took the lead with seven laps left but couldn't quite shake Kenya's Richard Kaitant of 13:30 State. Nymbur was timed in 13:38.8 to Kaitant's 13:39.7.

The foreign element in American collegiate track bothers Bush. "Six of the nine runners in the 800 were foreigners," the UCLA coach said, "and they call this the American collegiate championship. It irritates me."

Banks, of course, isn't breaking any rules by recruiting foreign athletes and says that other schools are also doing it. And he has said that it's difficult for him to recruit class sprinters out of Los Angeles because some

kids think El Paso is in the backwoods.

UCLA assistant coach Bob Larsen said young American distance runners are intimidated by Nymbur and some of the other foreigners.

"They come to this meet and see Alberto Salazar of Oregon, one of our very best distance runners, in a state of exhaustion after finishing fourth in the 10,000 (behind Nymbur and two Kenyans from UTEP)," he said.

Of course, one answer is for UCLA and USC to recruit some world-class foreign athletes of their own. But Bush doesn't want to go that way with the 14-man scholarship limit.

300 leavelines, 3 in each heat qualify for final: FIRST HEAT—1. Wright (Miami) 2:09.51; 20. Elvick (USC) 2:11.2; 3. Marshall (Washington) 2:08.1; Jackson (Washington) 2:02.0; 4. O'Brien (Indiana) 2:08.0; 5. Brown (UCLA) 2:08.7; 6. Torres (San Jose) 2:11.2; 7. Phelps (Tennessee) did not start; SECOND HEAT—1. Evans (Louisiana) 2:04.98; 2. O'Brien (San Diego) 2:11.2; 20.52; 3. Wines (Southern) 2:11.4; 4. O'Brien (Indiana) 2:08.1; 5. Brown (UCLA) 2:08.7; 6. Torres (San Jose) 2:11.2; 7. Phelps (Tennessee) did not start; THIRD HEAT—1. Quirk (Illinois) 2:04.2; 2. Wines (Southern) 2:07.7; 3. Wines (Southern) 2:07.7; 4. Wines (Southern) 2:07.7; 5. Wines (Southern) 2:07.7; 6. Wines (Southern) 2:07.7; 7. Wines (Southern) 2:07.7.

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