

USC May Have Another Sprint Star in Cook

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The USC tailback tradition is rivaled by the world-class sprinters the school has produced in the last 60 years.

Those who come to mind are Charlie Paddock, Frank Wykoff, Mel Patton, Lennox Miller, James Gilkes, Clancy Edwards and James Sanford.

Darwin Cook, a 19-year-old freshman from Washington, D.C., isn't in this exalted class but the potential is there.

Cook won his heat in the 100 meters Saturday in a season-opening, nonscored invitational meet at Cromwell Field. The time, 10.65 seconds—into a wind—was pedestrian, but the competition wasn't. The freshman beat ex-Trojans Billy Mullins and Gilkes, former NCAA champions.

Moreover, Cook was short on sleep. He competed in the Jack in the Box indoor meet Friday night in San Diego, where he finished second in the 50 and 60-yard dashes behind Arizona State's Ron Brown.

"I got back here about 1 a.m., but I didn't get to sleep until 3 or 3:30," Cook said.

Cook, who won the 60 in The Times Indoor Games Feb. 5, ran the fastest prep indoor 60, 6.23, last year while competing for Woodson High School. "It was in that race that I hurt my leg and I didn't have much of an outdoor season," he said. "I was pretty disappointed and now I'm trying to make up for last year."

Cook, 5-10, 170, a tailback in football, was recruited by such schools as SMU, Arizona State and Maryland, for football and track. But he decided to concentrate on track and he chose USC for two obvious reasons:

"Of course, I like the weather here and USC's great

tradition for sprinters influenced me. They come here out of high school and get better."

James Sanford, who is recovering from a stress fracture in his left foot, says that Cook is inexperienced, but added that he'll be pushing the nation's top sprinters in a few years.

**OUTDOOR
ALL-COMERS MEETS
At USC**

100 (Race 1)—1 Turner (Pasadena CC), 10 64, 2 M Sanford (USC Alumni), 10 77, 3 B Green (USC Alumni), 10 96 (Race 2)—1 Cook (USC), 10 65, 2 Mullins (USC Alumni), 10 74, 3 Gilkes (USC Alumni), 10 82, 4 James (Stars & Stripes), 10 87 400 (Race 1)—Lietz (CS Northridge), 48 20 (Race 2)—1 Croft (CPSLO), 46 77, 2 Jackson (PCC), 47 10, 3 Bethany (USC), 47 11 800—1 Cox (USC), 1 54 14, 2 Mugg (Santa Barbara TC), 1 54 36 1,500—Bahara (San Fernando Valley TC), 3 53 7 5,000—1 Strangio (CPSLO), 14 28 8, 2 Leibovitch (CSN), 14 30 6, 3 Schallert (CSN), 14 34 3, 4 Martinez (PCC), 14 37 9

110 HH (Race 1)—1 Ware (PCC), 14 4, 2 Durck (All-American TC), 14 5 (Race 2)—Campbell (unat), 13 6 400 IH (Race 1)—Underwood (CPSLO), 52 96 (Race 2)—Niederhaus (unat), 51 92 3,000 STEEPLECHASE—Caprioglio (unat), 9 15 7 400 RELAY—1 USC Alumni (B Green, Mullins, Hicks, Gilkes), 40 24, 2 Pasadena CC, 40 28, 3 San Diego St., 41 04, 4 Cal Poly SLO, 41 2, 5 Maccabi TC, 41 3, 6 All-American TC, 41 6 MILE RELAY—1 USC (Wang, Ware, Bethany, Handelsman), 3 15 0, 2 Cal Poly SLO, 3 18 5, 3 Maccabi TC, 3 19 9

HJ—1 Schiefer (SDS), 7-4, 2 Baker (CSLB), 7-0, 3 Kotinek (unat), 7-0, 4 Denby (SWLA), 7-0, 5 tie among Caire (USC), Valentine (unat) and Bonner (PCC), 6-10 PV—1 Kenworthy (USC), 17-6½, 2 Halverson (SDS), 17-0, 3 Takanezawa (Japan), 16-6, 4 Sanderson (AIA), 16-6, 5 Suey (USC), 16-0, 6 tie between Johnson (USC) and Corney (CSLB), 16-0, 8 Kavenaugh (USC), 16-0, 9 Jackson (PCC), 16-0, 10 Kibort (CPSLO), 15-6, 11 tie between Eliot (SDS) and Peters (USC), 15-6

LJ—1 Whitley (unat), 25-6½, 2 Tave (USC), 24-7¾ TJ—1 Taylor (S&S), 51-2, 2 Armitage (CPSLO), 50-6¾, 3 Gary (SDS), 49-2¾, 4 Hill (SWLA), 49-2½, 5 Kelley (PCC), 48-11½, 6 Taylor (unat), 48-3¼ SP—1 Muir (AATC), 59-4, 2 McKee (CSN), 56-0½, 3 Slaney (SDS), 54-1 DT —1 Slaney (SDS), 173-8, 2 Goodman (CSN), 165-2, 3 Reilly (AATC), 163-7 JT —1 Petranoff (unat), 239-7½, 2 Rutherford (USC), 236-2, 3 Bender (unat), 226-4½, 4 Barton (CSLB), 214-6