UCLA, USC Let the Good Times Roll Meet Isn't Scored, but There Are Creditable Performances

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Is it possible for UCLA and USC to have a friendly rivalry in an athletic contest? Sure, as long as you don't keep score.

The UCLA-USC invitational meet, held Saturday at Drake Stadium, wasn't as intense, perhaps, as a traditional dual meet, but the competition brought out the best in some of the Bruins and Trojans.

Moreover, UCLA Coach Jim Bush and USC Coach Vern Wolfe, who helped organize the meet, were cordial and gracious to each other. In other years, they wouldn't even be speaking.

"If you do or don't keep score, the magic is still there when these teams get together," Wolfe said.

A very unofficial score was kept, however. Writers

scored only those events in which both Bruins and Trojans were entered. Now, the envelope, please.

UCLA won, 42-40. Just like old times? Not quite because only 2,000 attended a meet that used to attract a capacity 15,000.

There were, however, some creditable performances.

USC freshman Darwin Cook from Washington D.C. upset UCLA's Eric Brown in the 100. Cook was timed in a wind-aided 10.20, Brown in 10.23.

The competition was especially keen in the long jump. UCLA's Chip Benson won with a wind-aided leap of 25-11 (he had a legal jump of 25-9¼). USC freshman Ed Tave was a close second at 25-10, also wind-aided.

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"When the Trojans and Bruins get together, it's the same old story," Bush said. "Look at the long jump. Benson took the lead, then Tave got it back and, finally Benson went ahead. That's typical."

The meet also brought out the best in UCLA's Alex Gonzales and USC's Anthony Caire. Gonzales won his section of the 1,500 meters in a school-record 341.49, while Caire, a freshman from Pius X, also set a school record by clearing 7-2% in the high jump.

Gonzales, a senior, who came to UCLA as a walk-on, has been bothered by injuries for four years. He didn't compete last year and his previous best time was 3:45.45. His 3:41.49 time equates to about a 3:59 mile.

Some of the invited athletes also were impressive. Mike Sanford of the USC alumni won his heat of the 100 in a legal 10.28, while Houston McTear, making a comeback, was second in 10.40. Another Trojan alumnus, Don Quarrie, the 1976 Olympic gold medalist in the 200, has retained his speed. He won his 200 heat in a wind-aided 20.44.

In head-to-head competition, the Bruins and Trojans each had five first places. The Trojans didn't have any entries in the weight events or distance races and, if this was a regular dual meet, the Bruins would have won handily.

"It was really a friendly rivalry," Bush said. "Vern and I signed up athletes and were talking to each other this time. When we've met before we just glared at each other. Why, even the USC athletes said, 'Hi' to me."

USC has abandoned the dual-meet concept because of the NCAA rule that limits scholarships to 14. But Wolfe said if the NCAA ever raises this limit, the Trojans will go back to dual meets. "We love dual meets," he said.

"We would have had a strong team this year, but academics got us," he said.

Wolfe was referring to the fact that world class quartermiler Bill Green was academically ineligible and left school along with sprinters Mike Sanford and Mike Turner. Hurdler Tonie Campbell is in school, but is ineligible.

"There are 21 events in a track meet and you need 21 scholarships," Bush said. "When you have 14, you're just drawing people out of a hat. The money sports are treated more favorably."

Bush and Wolfe want to continue the concept of the invitational meet and will try to promote it next year



JOSE GALVEZ / Los Angeles Times

UCLA's Alex Gonzales sets a school record in one of the two 1,500-meter races Saturday at UCLA. He was timed in 3:41.49. Steve Lacy was second.

with some established track and field stars along with their own athletes.

Track Notes

Thirteen UCLA athletes recorded personal best times or marks including Gonzales. Benson, Mercus Alles in the high hurdles (1382), Ivery Small in the triple jump (50-104) and 1.500 runners Steve Whitcomb(343.539), Milker Spe (34.476) and Rick Rese (352.55). USC's Millam Stewart was a double winner, taking the hurdles in 1352 and the 400 intermediate hurdles in 51.1. UCLA's Dekle Williams pulled a hamstring muscle on his opening for dit 0400-meter relay and dich i compete in his specialities, the log of the 400-meter relay and dich i compete in his specialities, the log of the 400-meter relay and dich i compete in his specialities, the by Dean Oweau in 1973, while Gonzales broke Brian Resel's 1. 500-meter record of 34.210 established last veer.

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400 HURDLES—1 Stewart (USC), 511, 2 Wycoff (UCLA), 513, 3 Curry (CS Bakersfield), 513

400 RELAY-1 UCLA (D Williams, White, Banks, E Brown), 39.96, 2 USC Alumni, 40.03, 3 USC (Stewart, White, Cook, P Johnson), 40.11

HIGH JUMP-1 Care (USC), 7.2%, 2 Sanders (Maccab TC), 7.2%, 3 Davis (UCLA), 7.0%, 4 Powell (UC trune), 7. 0%, 5 Denby (Southwest LA), 7.0%, 6 Kotinek (unat), 6.10%, 7 the between (Baker (CS Long Beach) and Burnett (unat/Washington HS), 6-10%

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LONG JUMP — 1 Benson (UCLA), 25-11w (25-9% legal), 2 Tave (USC), 25-10w (25-9% legal), 2 Tave (USC), 25-10w (25-0% legal), 3 Lee Mu-Tasi (Chinese Tapel), 25-1%w, 4 Taylor (Stars & Stripes), 25-1%w, 5 Powell (UCl), 24-6%

TRIPLE JUMP-1 Small (UCLA), 50-10%, 2 Caldwell (Stars & Stripes), 50-

8%, 3 Taylor (LACC), 50 7½, 4 Timber lake lunat), 49 0½, 5 Tave (USC), 47 8%

SHOTPUT -- 1 Brenner (UCLA), 62 10%, 2 Lister (CSLA), 61 24, 3 Frazier (UCLA), 57-014

DISCUS 1 Gordien (Stars & Stripes), 193-11, 2 Mills (unat), 191-5, 3 Bryant (UCLA), 184-8, 4 Binley (AATC), 184-4, 5 Brenner (UCLA), 176-0

JAVELIN – 1 Kennedy (Pacific Coast Club). 241.3. 2 Chen Hung-Yan (Chinese Taipei). 229-1.3 Kotinek lunat). 217.2.4 Izzi (UCLA). 212-2

HÄMIMER—1 Green (CS Long Beach), 222-11.2 Gale (NYAC), 218-11.2 Ro howt (CSLB), 202-6.4 McSeveny (AATC), 196-0,5 Bricki (unat), 194-9,6 Nickerson (UCLA), 134-5, 7 Brenner (UCLA), 184-0,8 Bryant (UCLA), 180-1