

Curran's Win Gives Bruins Inside Track

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EUGENE, Ore.—UCLA pole vaulter Anthony Curran says he performs well under pressure, but he is making a nervous wreck of his coach, Jim Bush.

Curran was under considerable pressure Friday evening in the Pacific 10 track and field meet at Hayward Field. Dave Kenworthy and Oregon State's Shannon Sullivan had already cleared 18-0½, and Curran had missed twice at the height.

But he made it on his third try. Then the bar was raised to 18-2½, at which height Kenworthy and Sullivan failed three times and Curran twice. This left the Bruin with another last-jump, a do-or-die situation. If he missed, he would finish third because Kenworthy and Sullivan had fewer total misses.

But Curran squirmed over 18-2½, a personal best, and along with clemetrough performances by three Bruin distance runners in the 10,000 meters, UCLA is in excellent position to win the meet that concludes today.

Washington State is the first-day leader with 77 points to UCLA's 57, but the Bruins can score in more events than the Cougars today. Arizona State, the premeet favorite, probably will wind up third.

ASU's King Out of 200

ASU's LaMonte King, who won the long jump and 200 in last year's meet, aggravated his groin muscle while competing in the long jump and scratched from the 200. Sprinter Ron Brown, who figured earlier in the season, qualified for the 100 final today but may not run because of tendinitis in his knee.

So it's a showdown between UCLA and Washington State and the rival coaches Bush and John Chaplin, both of whom had said earlier in the week that their teams would be fighting it out for third place.

"We would have to be 40 points ahead of UCLA, not 20, to win the meet," Chaplin said. "We're not going to do it. UCLA may have won the meet with Curran going from third to first in the pole vault and the 16 points UCLA got in the 10,000."

UCLA's Steve Ortiz led most of the way in the 10,000, then pulled away from WSU's Peter Koeh, a Kenyan, in the final two laps to win in 28:22.93. Freshman Jon Butler and Steve McCormack finished fourth and fifth to provide the Bruins with a big lift going into the final day of the meet.

Someone reminded Chaplin that Bush had said his team could finish no better than third.

"You don't believe that and neither do I," said Chaplin derisively.

Then, some writers apprised Bush of Chaplin's remarks to the effect that UCLA had clinched the meet.

"Now you don't believe everything he says, do you?," replied Bush.

It's sometimes difficult to believe *anyone* when a championship is at stake.

"We're in good shape," conceded Bush. "There are a lot of events left for us, but we've got to score. They (WSU) don't have as many."

Bush, who had predicted that Arizona State had the meet locked up, said he wasn't aware of the Sun Devils injury situation at the time.

ASU Coach Len Miller, whose team won the Pac-10 title in 1981, said he knew he was skating on thin ice be-

cause of the injuries but that the writers didn't know it.

"On my dope sheet I gave UCLA a total of 121 points and they're right on schedule," he said. "I had 118 for us, and we dropped to 110. I picked Washington State for 116, and they lost two points on my sheet tonight."

The Bruins don't have many stars, but they're a well balanced team that has almost every event covered. And three of Bush's athletes had lifetime best performances Friday evening.

Curran had his 18-2½ vault, while Dokie Williams won the long jump at 25-9 and steeplechaser Dave Daniels finished second behind WSU's Richard Tuwei, a Kenyan, in 8:31.94. Daniels barely lost in a most competitive race as Tuwei was timed in 8:31.70.

USC isn't in the hunt for the team championship but the Trojans gave a good account of themselves.

Kenworthy got a PR (personal record) in the pole vault, freshman Ed Tave did likewise in the long jump while finishing second at 25-6 and Milan Stewart qualified for the finals in both the 110 and 400-meter hurdles. Other USC qualifiers were Darwin Cook (100, 200),

Mark Handelsman and Scott Cox (800), Rod Bethany (400) and Phillip Johnson (high hurdles).

Bush said Curran is making an old man out of him. "I don't try to do it, it (clearing on his third attempt) just happens. I've been good under pressure."

Curran hugged Kenworthy when the Trojan cleared 18-0½ and Kenworthy embraced his Bruin rival when he made his clutch vaults.

They were once teammates at Crespi High in Encino, but Curran got more recognition because he was a national interscholastic record holder. "Dave was always two feet behind me in high school, but he began booming when he got out of school," Curran said.

"I wasn't excited when I made 18 feet because I've done it so many times in practice," Kenworthy said. "One of the reasons I went to USC was to compete against Anthony."

In other finals, WSU's Laslo Babits won the javelin at 267-1; Oregon's Dean Crouser took the shotput at 67-5¾ and the Cougars' Tore Gustafsson won the hammer throw at 215-4. Foreigners accounted for 38 of Washington State's 77 points.

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100

FIRST HEAT — 1. Hinds (Washington)
45.55 second, 1.13 m.p.s.; 2. White
UCLA, 50.57; 3. Brown (Arizona), 51.1
55.7

SECOND HEAT — 1. Brown (UCLA),
50.28; 2. 15 m.p.s.; 2. Hendry (ASU)
50.30; 3. Cook (USC), 50.34; 4. Whitcraft
(Oregon), 50.42; 5. Johnson (Arizona),
50.58. Others included 6. Constant
UCLA, 51.71.

200

FIRST HEAT — 1. Brown (UCLA),
20.63 second, 1.52 m.p.s.; 2. Thratt (AI)
20.84; 3. Hinds (W), 20.88; 4. Hayward
(ASU), 20.95; 5. Cook (USC), 21.10.

SECOND HEAT — 1. Hendry (ASU),
20.43; 2. 2.7 m.p.s.; 2. Barkshire (AI),
20.98; 3. Watson (OI), 21.02.

400

FIRST HEAT — 1. Tomson (California),
46.42; 2. Nassan (Oregon St.), 46.59; 3.
Banks (UCLA), 46.57; 4. Sullivan (ASU),
47.85.

SECOND HEAT — 1. Tubbs (ASU),
46.88; 2. Jones (ASU), 46.95; 3. Bethune
(USC), 47.23; 4. Barkshire (AI), 47.49.

800

FIRST HEAT — 1. Webster (W),
1:48.56; 2. Schwarz (ASU), 1:49.12; 3.
Quinn (ASU), 1:49.53; 4. Cox (USC),
1:49.52; 5. Hudson (OI), 1:50.19. Others
included 6. D. Brown (UCLA), 1:50.39.

SECOND HEAT — 1. Mack (OI),
1:49.77; 2. Richardson (ASU), 1:50.11; 3.
Henderson (USC), 1:50.19.

1,600

FIRST HEAT — 1. Fraker (OSU), 3:47.94;
2. Ruby (ASU), 3:48.30; 3. Whitcomb
(UCLA), 3:48.42; 4. Ortega (W),
3:48.76; 5. Karpas (W), 3:48.85; 6. Au-
sum (OI), 3:49.23.

SECOND HEAT — 1. Ho (OI), 3:49.3
Hurd second; 2. Oxford (OSU), 3:49.8.
Others included 4. Gonzalez (UCLA),
3:50.8; 5. Roberts (UCLA), 3:51.1.

10,000

Final

1. O'Byrne (UCLA), 28:27.93; 2. Koehn
(W), 28:28.46; 3. Janicki (AI), 28:27.87;
4. Butler (UCLA), 28:22.12; 5. McCormack
(UCLA), 28:24.46; 6. Ansberry (AI),
28:29.57.

3,000 STEEPLECHASE

Final

1. Tave (W), 8:31.70; 2. Daniels
(UCLA), 8:31.94; 3. Hess (AI), 8:33.23; 4.
Randal (OI), 8:46.26; 5. Braun (OI),
8:47.62; 6. Lew (OI), 8:52.79.

9 TO HIGH HURDLES

FIRST HEAT — 1. Stewart (USC), 13.54
second, 1.26 m.p.s.; 2. Lenstrom (ASU),
13.50; 3. Allen (UCLA), 14.04; 4. Carme-
chan (OI), 14.04.

SECOND HEAT — 1. Cowing (OI),
13.67; 2. 1.6 m.p.s.; 2. Moscho (W),
13.74; 3. Johnson (USC), 13.83; 4.
Robertson (OI), 14.13.

400 INTERMEDIATE HURDLES

FIRST HEAT — 1. Cowing (OI), 50.77;
2. Scanlon (OI), 51.34; 3. Shumway (Stan-
ford), 51.74; 4. Wycoff (UCLA), 51.78.

SECOND HEAT — 1. Stewart (USC),
51.01; 2. Gass (OI), 51.15; 3. Lenstrom
(ASU), 51.19; 4. Graves (OI), 51.40.

JAVELIN

Final

1. Babits (W), 267-1 (meet record, old
mark, 265-9, Duncan Alwood, Washing-
ton, 1977); 2. Crouse (OI), 256-8; 3. Oehl
(W), 256-7; 4. Lyons (W), 254-9; 5. Pe-
derson (W), 246-6; 6. Sorely (OI), 241-9.

HAMMER

Final

1. Gustafson (W), 215-4; 2. Pickering
(Stanford), 207-2; 3. Vandervoorde
(W), 204-9; 4. Crouse (OI), 201-8; 5.
Nickerson (UCLA), 190-11; 6. Bierman
(UCLA), 183-8. Others included 7. Bryant
(UCLA), 182-3.

LONG JUMP

Final

1. Williams (UCLA), 25-9; 2. Tave
(USC), 25-6; 3. Johnson (AI), 25-4 1/4
13.23 m.p.s.; 4. Campbell (OI), 25-0 1/4; 5.
Benson (UCLA), 24-10 1/4; 6. Hayward
(ASU), 24-3 1/4.

SHOTPUT

Final

1. Crouse (OI), 67-5 1/4; 2. Bierman
(UCLA), 63-5 1/4; 3. Parker (OI), 61-5 1/4; 4.
Vandervoorde (W), 59-6 1/4; 5. Graves
(ASU), 58-10 1/4; 6. Schmidt (OSU), 58-7 1/4.

POLE VAULT

Final

1. Curran (UCLA), 18-2 1/4; 2. Ken-
worthy (USC), 18-0 1/4; 3. Sullivan (OSU),
18-0 1/4; 4. Davis (OSU), 17-6; 4. McAlexander
(OI), 17-2 1/4; 6. Ernst (W), 17-0 1/4.
Others included 7. Sorely (USC), 16-8 1/4.

TEAM LEADERS

Washington St. 77, UCLA 57, Oregon
30, Arizona 19, USC 16, California 12,
Oregon St. 11, Arizona St. and Washing-
ton 9, Stanford 8.