

# Bender Hurls UCLA Into Race for Title in Pac-10 Meet

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BERKELEY—UCLA's Jason Bender remembered that Tom Petranoff said he was relaxed when he hurled the javelin 327 feet 2 inches for a world record last Sunday at the UCLA/Pepsi Invitational.

Bender kept that in mind Friday on the opening day of the Pacific 10 Conference track meet and, like Petranoff, he surprised himself.

The UCLA senior, who had a previous best throw of only 239-8 and didn't even figure to place in the competition, had three personal best throws climaxed by a 255-10 effort that provided him with second place.

Bender, who just started throwing the javelin for "the fun of it" two years ago, was one of several Bruins who had come through performances in a meet in which 80-degree temperatures gave way to cold, numbing fog early in the evening.

As a result, UCLA now has an outside chance of beating favored Washington State for the conference championship. The Cougars, with their strong foreign contingent, were formful. But the Bruins picked up four points on WSU, using *The Times* dope sheet as a gauge. Washington State was projected as a winner with 116 points with UCLA second at 102.

Washington State had 60 points after Friday's competition and UCLA had only 39. But the Bruins could get a bundle of points today in the hurdles, high jump, discus, and, possibly the 1,500.

"We were ahead of UCLA last year by 20 points after

the first day of the meet," said Washington State Coach John Chaplin, "and you know what happened."

The Bruins won going away with 146 points, while WSU settled for 113. However, everything would have to break right for UCLA today in order for it to win the Pac-10 title.

Bender, a former state junior college champion from Santa Rosa, was the biggest surprise.

"I used my head today," he said. "In other meets I would be constantly warming up. But I didn't today. I didn't warm up until my flight was up and I was loose and physically ready."

Other Bruins who performed commendably:

—John Brenner had a lifetime best throw of 67-2 in the shot put, the third meet in a row that he has improved on a personal best. Brenner was second to Oregon's Dean Crouser (68-6¾) while UCLA's Brian Muir and John Frazier were fourth and sixth—the latter with a personal best of 60-11¼.

—Steve McCormack, who was running while his feet were killing him, outkicked Stanford's Charles Alexander in the final straightaway to finish third in the 10,000.

"I was wearing flats instead of spikes," said McCormack, referring to his shoes, "and my feet were burning up. They really hurt so I couldn't go after the leaders."

WSU's Peter Koech, a Kenyan, was an easy winner in 28.37.44. Koech and his Kenyan teammates, Julius Korir

and Richard Tuwei, who were seemingly fresh after going 1-2 in the steeplechase final, will come back today in the 5,000—a race that could break the Bruins.

—Steve Kerho and Marcus Allen each were impressive heat winners in the 110-meter hurdles and Kerho came back to get a second and qualify for today's 400 intermediate hurdles final.

—Ron Roberts, Alex Gonzales and Mark Lawrence all qualified for today's 1,500-meter final but Oregon State's Mark Fricker and Oregon's Dub Meyer look like the class of the field.

## COLLEGE

### PACIFIC 10 CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### At Berkeley

10,000—1 Koech (Washington St.), 28 37 3. 2 Ansberry (Arizona), 28 52 4. 3 McCormack (UCLA), 29 33 1. 4 Alexander (Stanford), 29 35 0. 5 McColium (California), 30 07 0. 6 Morrison (A), 30 27 0  
Others included 8 Ebner (UCLA), 30 56 74

3,000 STEPLECHASE—1 Korir (WS), 8 31 24. 2 Tuwei (WS), 8 31 39. 3 James (WS), 8 41 11. 4 Hess (A), 8 41 59. 5 Rysdam (Oregon St.), 8 45 17. 6 Dobler (A), 8 48 27

HAMMER—1 Gustafsson (WS), 228-0. 2 Landerholm (Oregon), 222-6. 3 Pickering (S), 204-10. 4 Flax (O), 200-4. 5 Nickerson (UCLA), 195-8. 6 Uebel (WS), 190-6

LONG JUMP—1 Frazier (Arizona St.), 25-7¼. 2 Johnson (A), 25-6¼. 3 Clemons (OS), 25-6¼. 4 Tave (USC), 25-1½. 5 Taylor (UCLA), 24-7¼. 6 Araouzos (WS), 24-3¼

SHOTPUT—1 Crouser (O), 68-7 (meet record, old mark 68-6, Dave Laut, UCLA, 1979). 2 Brenner (UCLA), 67-2. 3 Kraychir (USC), 65-2. 4 Muir (UCLA), 62-4. 5 Porath (C), 62-0. 6 Frazier (UCLA), 60-11¼

JAVELIN—1 Babits (WS), 262-1. 2 Bender (UCLA), 255-10. 3 Rockett (Washington), 254-7. 4 Lyons (WS), 247-8. 5 Stormyr (O), 240-11. 6 Pedersen (W), 234-3  
Others included 8 Izzı (UCLA), 227-0

POLE VAULT—1 Sullivan (OS), 17-9½. 2 Alexander (C), 17-3¾. 3 Kenworthy (USC), 17-0¾. 4 Tully (AS), 17-0¾. 5 Davis (OS), 16-4¾. 6 Crane (O), 15-9  
Others included 8 Stull (UCLA), no height

TEAM SCORES (first of two days)—Washington St 60, UCLA 39, Arizona 26, Oregon 25, Arizona St and Oregon St 20,

USC 19, Washington 17, California 12, Stanford 10

#### Qualifiers for Today's Finals

100—Haywood (AS), 10 49. Gordon (WS), 10 51. Marshall (W), 10 51. Morales (USC), 10 53. Mosley (C), 10 53. Walcott (O), 10 54. Robinson (AS), 10 54. Cook (USC), 10 56  
Nonqualifiers included White (UCLA), 10 67

200—Mosley (C), 20 65. Whitlock (WS), 20 67. Marshall (W), 20 81. Gordon (WS), 20 83. Walcott (O), 20 84. Haywood (AS), 20 86. Robinson (AS), 20 97. Cook (USC), 21 18  
Nonqualifiers included Morales (USC), 21 04. White (UCLA), 21 21

400—Whitlock (WS), 46 33. Gopen (AS), 46 76. Wycoff (UCLA), 46 81. Sullivan (AS), 47 06. Coleman (O), 47 11. Howard (C), 47 15. Biggers (UCLA), 47 20. Kelly (C), 47 59  
Nonqualifiers included Carls (UCLA), 48 34. Williams (USC), 48 44

800—White (C), 1 48 15. Richardson (AS), 1 48 20. Davis (AS), 1 48 25. Handelsman (USC), 1 48 26. Anderton (OS), 1 49 75. Harris (WS), 1 49 84. Cruz (O), 1 50 08. Moutsanas (WS), 1 50 65  
Nonqualifiers included Fisher (USC), 1 52 15

1,500—Roberts (UCLA), 3 46 32. Fricker (OS), 3 46 37. Pettingill (S), 3 46 55. Brox (O), 3 46 86. Lawrence (UCLA), 3 47 04. Marden (C), 3 48 56. Woods (A), 3 50 34. Scott (AS), 3 50 43. Myers (O), 3 50 52. Sterling (W), 3 50 94. Ingram (A), 3 51 26. Gonzales (UCLA), 3 52 28

110H—Allen (UCLA), 13 92. Kerho (UCLA), 14 03. Robinson (C), 14 03. Jones (S), 14 04. Hurd (O), 14 13. Lenstrom (AS), 14 18. Johnson (A), 14 23. Milton (WS), 14 53

400H—Robinson (C), 51 39. Ward (O), 51 53. Scannella (C), 52 12. Kerho (UCLA), 52 21. Crisman (USC), 52 65. Campbell (A), 52 89. Knowles (USC), 53 06. Wright (OS), 53 82