

# Washington State Wins Pac-10 Title

## Cougars' Kenyans Sweep 5,000; UCLA Ties for Second

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BERKELEY—It seemed for a while Saturday that UCLA had a chance of upsetting Washington State in the Pacific 10 track meet at Edwards Stadium. But then the Cougars lowered the boom on the Bruins in the high jump and triple jump and knocked them out in the 5,000 meters.

So Washington State won its first outright conference championship, compiling 132 points. UCLA and Arizona State tied for second with 87 points, while Oregon was fourth with 86. USC finished sixth with 54.

If UCLA hadn't been disqualified in the 1,600-meter relay, it wouldn't have shared second with Arizona State. But this was of no consequence to UCLA Coach Jim Bush.

"Washington State just had too many horses. They deserve a lot of credit," he said. "It was, however, as competitive of a meet as I've seen for a long time."

UCLA was looking good after Marcus Allen won the 110-meter high hurdles and John Brenner finished second in the discus with a lifetime best throw of 201 feet.

Washington State then got 12 points in the triple jump as the Bruins were shut out and, in the pivotal high jump, WSU outscored UCLA, 16-5. Brett Lowery, who had never cleared more than 7-0 $\frac{3}{4}$ , won the event at 7-3, while his WSU teammate Brent Harken was third. UCLA's Lee Balkin and Del Davis, who have been injured most of the season, couldn't do any better than fourth and a tie for fifth.

UCLA had to get a lot of points before the 5,000, because Washington State was expected to dominate the race with its Kenyan contingent. It was a formful race as WSU's Richard Tuwei, Peter Koech and Julius

Korir went 1-2-3 in running away from the field.

Washington State Coach John Chaplin didn't even stay around for the finish of the meet. He was already headed to Modesto to scout new talent in the State Community College meet. After Modesto, he may be on his way to Kenya.

"We have respectability now," said Chaplin before he left. "Now, we've got everything we've ever wanted—an NCAA title indoors, world records and first places in the NCAA outdoor meet."

And, if Washington State wins the NCAA meet in Houston starting May 30, then Chaplin, the voluble coach and former sprinter from Wilson High in L.A., will certainly have *everything*.

There were some outstanding performances on a

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picture perfect, clear day in Strawberry Canyon. A sampling:

—Oregon's Joaquim Cruz, a 20-year-old freshman from Brazil, won the 800 in 1:45.37, best time in the world this year. Cruz is a graceful, long striding runner and he may be a factor in the 1984 Olympics in L.A. He is the junior world record holder at 1:44.3.

—Another Oregon athlete, Dean Crouser, won the discus competition on his last throw, beating Brenner by seven inches. He was the only double winner of the meet, taking the shot put on Friday. He was named the outstanding athlete of the meet for the second straight year.

—Washington State's Chris Whitlock easily won the 400 in 46.28 and almost won the 200. He was locked into

fourth just 20 meters from the finish, but put on an amazing burst of speed and just barely missed catching Oregon's George Walcott, the winner in 20.64. Whitlock was timed in 20.65.

USC didn't make much of a showing as expected. Anthony Caire cleared 7-3 in the high jump, the same as the winner, Lowrey, but had to be content with second. Lowrey cleared 7-3 on his first attempt, Caire on his second.

Darwin Cook was second in the 100 and Luis (Pancho) Morales, who was expected to get points in the sprints, had to scratch because he pulled a hamstring muscle while running a leg in the sprint relay. Hank Krachir, the USC school-record holder in the discus at 203-8, was fourth Saturday with a throw of 191-9.

UCLA didn't even enter a team in the 400-meter relay and didn't get any points out of the sprints. Bush said he couldn't recall this ever happening in his 19 years as UCLA's coach.

Washington State, under Chaplin, has always been

dominant in the distance races but sprinters are supposed to come from USC or UCLA, not from the colder climate of Pullman.

But Whitlock, a 6-3, 195-pounder, who bears a slight resemblance to Cuba's Alberto Juantorena, provided Chaplin with the sprint strength that he has been missing.

Whitlock, a senior from Santa Rosa, looks like a medal prospect in the 400 in the Olympics. He's an exceptionally strong runner, who has a best time of 45.04 this season.

"He could become America's best quarter-miler," Bush said.

Whitlock said that he would have gone to UCLA if he had been recruited by the school. He also said that USC didn't try to recruit him until late in the season when he was competing for Santa Rosa junior college.

"UC Irvine was my second choice next to Washington State," Whitlock said. "The cold weather in Pullman doesn't bother me because it only matters how you

warm up. In warmer weather, you may think you're warm and you're not."

Bush said that he didn't know much about Whitlock when he was in junior college and that he was only 50.9 quarter-miler.

There aren't many Americans on WSU's United Nation's team and Whitlock says it's stimulating to have foreigners as teammates.

"It's a very healthy situation, working out with people from different cultures," he said. "You talk to people from Kenya and South America, not just San Francisco. One of the reasons I went to Washington State was to meet Henry Rono. I wanted to know him as a person, rather than a celebrity."

Whitlock says that he still hasn't learned how to run the turn in the 200 and probably will concentrate on the 400 if he doesn't improve in the shorter sprint.

"I think I could run in the 44s in the 400 in a good competitive race," he said. "I didn't run too fast today because I was conserving energy for the 200."

### Pac-10 Track Notes

UCLA's **Steve Kerbo**, a freshman, was seventh in the high hurdles and fourth in the 400 intermediate hurdles . . . UCLA's **Roy Carlis** was disqualified in the 1,600 relay for stepping on a line in his lane . . . USC didn't have an individual winner and UCLA only one, **Marcus Allen**. However, USC's **Mark Handelsman** finished strong in the 800 to get second behind Joaquim Cruz with a time of 1:47.02 . . . UCLA's **Ron Roberts** went out on the pace in the 1,500 and stayed with Oregon State's **Mark Fricker** most of the way. Fricker won in the time of 3:40.89, while Roberts had a lifetime best time of 3:42.42 in second.

## PACIFIC 10 CHAMPIONSHIPS

### At Berkeley

100—1 Robinson (Arizona St.), 10:39, 2 Cook (USC), 10:44, 3 Walcott (Oregon), 10:45, 4 Mosley (California), 10:46, 5 Marshall (Washington), 10:49, 6 Haywood (Arizona St.), 10:50. Others included Morales (USC), did not start (pulled muscle in 400 relay)

200—1 Walcott (O), 20:64, 2 Whitlock (WS), 20:65, 3 Mosley (C), 20:70, 4 Haywood (AS), 20:85, 5 Marshall (W), 20:92, 6 Robinson (AS), 21:03. Others included 7 Cook (USC), 21:18

400—1 Whitlock (Washington, St.), 46:28, 2 Gopen (AS), 46:78, 3 Wycott (UCLA), 46:86, 4 Biggers (UCLA), 47:13, 5 Coleman (O), 47:34, 6 Howard (C), 47:36

800—1 Cruz (O), 1:45:37 (meet record, old mark, 1:46:00, Rick Brown, California, 1973), 2 Handelsman (USC), 1:47:02, 3 White (C), 1:47:27, 4 Richardson (AS), 1:48:07, 5 Davis (AS), 1:48:40, 6 Moutsanas (WS), 1:49:75

1,500—1 Fricker (Oregon St.), 3:40:89, 2 Roberts (UCLA), 3:42:42, 3 Myers (O), 3:43:56, 4 Scott (AS), 3:44:18, 5 Brox (O), 3:44:77, 6 Lawrence (UCLA), 3:45:62. Others included 12 Gonzales (UCLA), 3:53:94

5,000—1 Tuwei (WS), 13:42:80, 2 Koech (WS), 13:44:14, 3 Konr (WS), 13:48:64, 4 Dobler (A), 13:58:74, 5 Butler (UCLA), 14:00:34, 6 Simpson (O), 14:05:24. Others included McCormick (UCLA), did not start

110H—1 Allen (UCLA), 13:74, 2 Robinson (C), 13:97, 3 Hurd (O), 13:98, 4 J. Johnson (A), 14:07, 5 Jones (Stanford), 14:14, 6 Lenstrom (AS), 14:15. Others included 7 Kerho (UCLA), 14:35

400H—1 Robinson (C), 50:33, 2 Scannella (C), 50:71, 3 Ward (O), 51:18, 4 Kerho (UCLA), 51:74, 5 Crisman (USC), 53:14, 6 Campbell (A), 53:84. Others included 8 Knowels (USC), 55:54

400 RELAY—1 Arizona (V. Johnson, Barksdale, Miller, J. Johnson), 39:40, 2 Washington, 39:57, 3 Arizona St., 39:79, 4 USC, 40:33, 5 Oregon St., 40:44, 6 Washington St., 40:44

1,600 RELAY—1 Arizona St. (Mathis, Osborne, Sullivan, Gopen), 3:07:65, 2 California, 3:07:93, 3 Washington, 3:09:64, 4 Arizona, 3:10:24, 5 Stanford, 3:13:30, 6 USC, 3:13:62. UCLA finished third in 3:08:85 but disqualified for running out of lane

DISCUS—1 Crouser (O), 201-7, 2 Brenner (UCLA), 201-0, 3 Porath (C), 197-3, 4 Kraychir (USC), 191-9, 5 Wollen (W), 190-7, 6 Davis (O), 187-3. Others included 7 Muir (UCLA), 184-10, 8 Bailey (UCLA), 183-2

TRIPLE JUMP—1 Mayfield (AS), 53-8½, 2 Milton (WS), 52-10, 3 Frazier (AS), 52-9½, 4 Dadoo (WS), 52-4¾, 5 Williams (C), 51-9, 6 Hurd (O), 51-5. Others included 9 Tave (USC), 49-10¾, 12 Taylor (UCLA), 48-2

HIGH JUMP—1 Lowery (WS), 7-3 (equals meet record), 2 Cairn (USC), 7-3, 3 Harken (WS), 7-3, 4 Balkin (UCLA), 7-2½, 5 tie among Morris (C), Davis (UCLA) and Anderson (A), 7-0½

FINAL TEAM SCORES—Washington St. 132, Arizona St. and UCLA 87, Oregon 86, California 72, USC 54, Arizona 50, Washington 37, Oregon St. 32, Stanford 14

Attendance—8,700