

# U.S. Uncovers New a Steeplechase Threat in Gerber

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EUGENE, Ore.—Parley Gerber says he gets ahead in the 1,500-meter steeplechase, the American record-holder in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

Gerber is also emulating the veteran, Marsh on the 1,500-meter steeplechase. The 21-year-old State sprinter Julius Korv of Washington State Friday evening won the steeplechase in the NCAA track and field meet at the Coliseum.

He jumped the Kenyan runner with about 800 meters left and went on to win in the time of 8 minutes 19.27 seconds, best in the world competition. Gerber also became the second fastest American at the distance behind Marsh's 8:12.27.

Korv is regarded as a contender in the steeple in the Summer Olympics at the Coliseum. Now Gerber is in the picture.

Gerber was cheered loudly by a pro-Oregon crowd that not only appreciates fine performances but anyone who can beat someone from Washington State.

The Cougars were favored to win the team title, but they're fading and the Ducks are coming on strong. Oregon fans also cheered one of their own as Brazil's Joaquim Cruz, who is a gold medal prospect in the 800, won that event in 1:45.10. He had to surge in the last 300 meters as Alabama's William Wuyke tried to steal the race with a 49.8 second first lap.

This is a meet in which USC and UCLA once figured prominently. Not this year. But the Bruins' John Brenner, who is more renowned as a world-class shotputter, was the upset winner in the decua with a lifetime best throw of 208 feet 1 inch.

Brenner will try to become a double winner today when he takes on SMU's Michael Carter, who has won seven straight (four indoor) NCAA titles in the shotput. It wasn't a good day for prominent American runners. Korv lost and Tanzania's Odimis Shabanga, the defending 10,000 meter champion from Texas ES Paso, was a straggler in eighth place.

Ed Eyrington of BYU was the winner in a race that has been dominated by Africans in NCAA competition. He became the first American to win the 10,000 since Penn State's Charles McGuire did it in 1973.

And Gerber was only the third American collegian to win the NCAA steeplechase in the past 10 years.

"I didn't want to kick with him (Korv)," Gerber said. "So my race plan was to conserve energy and try to move with 600 meters to go. I took off at 800 with a hard, long kick."

Korv couldn't catch Gerber, although he made up some ground at the end and finished in a creditable 3:00.9, a personal best for him.

"Yesterday's race in the 5,000 trials made me to be slow," Korv said. "If I had not run that race, I think I could have out-sprinted him."

Shabanga, who was third in the 10,000 at the world championships in Helsinki, Finland, had obviously won himself out before Friday's race. He had competed in a 20K race last Sunday in Philadelphia, then ran a 10K Monday in Boulder, Colo.

Marsh is noted for following the pack in the steeple and then kicking at the end of the race. But Gerber, who knocked five seconds off his previous best time, wouldn't compare his style to his friend.

"Henry has more leg speed and he wouldn't take off as soon as I did," Gerber said.

Gerber, from West Jordan, Utah, said that he frequently visits with Marsh, a lawyer from Salt Lake City.

"We're good friends," said the slender blond runner.

"He is my biggest fan and I'm his biggest fan."

Gerber, a senior, has been running the steeple since he was a freshman but he interrupted his running career for a while to go on a Mormon mission in Chile.

Brenner said that he wasn't surprised that he threw the decua as far as he did. But he was surprised that he won.

"I thought I could throw 206 feet, but I figured it was only good for third or fourth place," he said. "I always improve by about 10 feet in the decua late in the season. But I can also die out just as quick."

Brighton Young's Stefan Pernholm was favored in the event, but he finished second at 207.2. USC's Hank Kraychur was in ninth place with a throw of 196.7.

Now Brenner, who has thrown the shot 71-314 this year—second best in the world—must get himself psyched up to meet Carter.

"It would be fantastic if I could do it (beat Carter)," said USC's senior. "I'm just going to go back to my hotel, get something to eat and go to bed. I'll start getting nervous by noontime tomorrow."

Cruz, the smooth striding Brazilian, is also going for a double win. He'll be in the 1,500 today and will try to become the first runner to win both the 800 and 1,500 in an NCAA meet since Villanova's Don Page pulled it off in 1970.

"I like the 800 better than the 1,500 because it is shorter and you don't suffer as much," said Cruz, an Oregon sophomore, who was the NCAA 800 winner last year as a freshman.

Cruz went by Wuyke on the backstretch of the second lap after the Alabama runner had bucked a brisk north wind for the first quarter. Wuyke faded and finished fourth while Earl Jones of Eastern Michigan had a

strong kick to finish second in 1:45.70.

Cruz, who has his own personal coach, Luis Oliveira, said he isn't certain whether he'll run for Oregon next year.

There were other outstanding performances on a windy but clear day. For example,

—Mike Conley of Arkansas, who'll try to win the triple jump today, won the long jump at 27'-04". USC's Ed Tave was fourth at 26'-44". All jumps were wind aided.

—Houston's Kirk Bagshaw, who could win the 100 today, took the 200 in 21.16. He was helped along by a wind reading of 3.82 meters per second.

—Danny Harris, a freshman at Iowa State and a defensive back on the football team, lowered his world junior record in the 400-meter/intermediate hurdles with a time of 48.81. Harris, former Ferris High star, could be a factor in the U.S. Olympic trials June 10-21 at the Coliseum.

—Randy Givens of Florida State won the women's 100 in a wind-aided 11.08 and Oregon's Claudette Groenendael and Wisconsin's Cathy Branta set meet records in winning the 1,500 (4:14.31) and 3,000 (8:58.57), respectively.

Notes

Arkana is the team leader in the men's division with 40 points followed by Arkansas with 36, Oregon 31 and BYU 26 (with a tie eighth place with 26 points). UCLA is 11th, 20th, and USC is 12th with 14. Fourteen Florida State and Tennessee are having a tie in the women's division with 6 and 46 points, respectively.

Correction: UCLA's Mike Parkman qualified for the 1,500 meter. It was erroneously reported that he didn't. USC's Ed Tave took an extra lap behind the board in the long jump, but he was given with his fourth-place performance. "I know now that I'm a 27-foot jumper," he said.

Cal State L.A.'s Andrea Farmer was second in the 400 hurdles behind Nancy B. Hinesworth of Iowa State and Memphis.

**NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

At Eugene, Ore.

**Men****Finals**

100—1. Baptiste (Houston), 20.16w. 2. Robinson (Indiana), 20.36. 3. Carter (Oklahoma), 20.45. 4. Reed (Florida), 20.53. 5. Witherspoon (Abilene Christian), 20.58. 6. Barkdale (Arizona), 20.67. 7. By (Oklahoma), 20.70. 8. Franks (Southern Illinois), 20.76.

800—1. Cruz (Oregon), 1:45.10. 2. Jones (Eastern Michigan), 1:45.76. 3. Richardson (Arizona St.), 1:47.84. 4. Wuyke (Alabama), 1:47.88. 5. Williams (Abilene Christian), 1:47.81. 6. Koach (Richmond), 1:48.28. 7. Brown (Vigra), 1:49.25. 8. Barr (Jackson St.), 1:50.26. Other scores included 9. Vitanova, 1:48.36. 10. Garrett (San Diego St.), 1:48.45. 11. Preppers (UCLA), 1:48.57.

10,000—1. Evestone (BYU), 28:06.30. 2. Kvina (New Mexico), 28:08.00. 3. Kipping (Iowa St.), 28:15.35. 4. Ansbary (Arizona), 28:15.81. 5. Easter (Wacocon), 28:32.75. 6. Koach (Washington St.), 28:36.65. 7. Brandy (Florida), 28:39.82. 8. Shehange (Texas El Paso), 28:54.16. 9. Drenth (Central Michigan), 29:12.87. 10. Hamilton (Oregon), 29:14.89. 11. Ferran (California, Pa.), 29:15.77. 12. Buryan (Southern Illinois), 29:19.59.

3,000 STEEPCHASE—1. Gerber (Weber St.), 8:19.27. 2. Kore (Washington St.), 8:19.85. 3. Wedderburn (Southern Illinois), 8:30.70. 4. Sang (Texas), 8:31.80. 5. McCurt (Oregon), 8:33.03. 6. Kupheldt (Oregon), 8:34.86. 7. Ingram (Arizona), 8:35.43. 8. Ngata (Texas El Paso), 8:35.47. Other scores included 9. Val Calcar (Oregon), 8:41.08. 11. Doster (Arizona), 8:45.58.

400M—1. Harris (Iowa St.), 48.81. 2. Hawkins (Angelo St.), 49.25. 3. Thomas (Indiana), 49.72. 4. McKenzie (Florida St.), 50.87. 5. Henderson (Texas A&M), 51.40. 6. Davis (Va. Military), 51.92. 7. Amke (Missouri), 51.92. 8. Nylander (SMU), 51.92. Other scores included 11. Ward (Oregon), 51.01.

400 RELAY—1. George (Lissa, Palmer, Blalock, Benjamin), 39.36. 2. Baylor, 39.47. 3. Arizona, 39.51. 4. Oklahoma, 39.58. 5. Arkansas, 39.61. 6. NW Louisiana, 40.18. Texas Tech did not finish, USC did not start because Darwin Cook was unable to run because of hamstring injury.

DISCUS—1. Brenner (UCLA), 208-1. 2. Fernholm (BYU), 207-2. 3. Bunco (Kentucky), 205-2. 4. Hefsternson (Alabama), 205-0. 5. McDermott (Boston U.), 204-11. 6. Hesser (Indiana Central), 204-1. 7. Vier (SMU), 202-2. 8. Deal (Montana St.), 202-2. 9. Krayche (USC), 199-7. 10. Surdin (BYU), 195-1. 11. Garvey (Maryland), 192-3. 12. James (Missouri), 189-1.

HIGH JUMP—1. Jacoby (Boise St.), 7-5¼. 2. Lott (Texas), 7-5¼. 3. Tetyana (Iowa St.), 7-5¼. 4. Moran (CS Hayward), 7-4¼. 5. tie between Bakun (UCLA) and Smith (Florida St.), 7-4¼. 7. tie between Eriksson (Lamar) and Saunders (Boston U.), 7-3¼. 9. tie between Janski (Arkansas) and Mitchell (Texas Tech), 7-1¼. 12. tie between Burton (Nebraska) and Cunningham (Washington), 7-1¼.

HAMMER—1. Mithum (Fresno St.), 241-11. 2. Bystedt (San Jose St.), 240-5. 3. Vier (SMU), 237-9. 4. Valmaka (BYU), 226-10. 5. Johnson (Texas El Paso), 224-9. 6. Schumacher (San Jose St.), 223-7. 7. Fax (Oregon), 222-3. 8. Pickering (Stanford), 221-8. 9. Bodell (Angelo St.), 215-10. 10. Bateson (SMU), 215-10 (Bodell ninth on second best throw, 214-5 to 214-4). 11. Hoff (SMU), 208-6. 12. Woltersky (USC), 206-11.

LONG JUMP—1. Conley (Arkansas), 27-0¼w. 2. Johnson (Arizona), 26-10¼. 3. Davis (Arkansas), 26-7¼. 4. Tave (USC), 26-4¼. 5. Ambrose (Lamar), 26-0¼. 6. Slater (SW Louisiana), 26-0¼. 7. Emord (Texas Southern), 25-10¼. 8. Frazier (Arizona St.), 25-10¼. 9. Little James (Madison), 25-7¼. 10. Gaffney (Fresno St.), 25-5¼. 11. Benjamin (Georgia), 25-4. 12. Sands (Houston), 24-11¼. Note: all marks wind-aided.

**Women****Finals**

100—1. Givens (Florida St.), 11.08w. 2. Clerte (Florida St.), 11.14. 3. Washington (Houston), 11.17. 4. Finn (Florida St.), 11.20. 5. Bolden (Tennessee), 11.25. 6. S. Howard (CS Los Angeles), 11.28. 7. Thacker (Nebraska), 11.37. 8. Torrance (Georgia), 11.55. Others included 9. Peterson (Nevada Las Vegas), 11.47. 10. Ware (Arizona St.), 11.52.

1,500—1. Groenendaal (Oregon), 4:14.31 (meet record). 2. Dettelben (Georgia), 4:15.25. 3. Grand (Georgetown), 4:15.47. 4. McGowan (Vanderbilt), 4:15.71. 5. Chalmers (Northern Arizona), 4:16.17. 6. Clark (Oregon), 4:16.80. 7. Harvey (Tennessee), 4:17.59. 8. Molloy (BYU), 4:19.43. 9. Roth (Oregon), 4:20.18. 10. Scott (Pittsburg), 4:21.17. 11. Arnold (Texas), 4:21.44. 12. Rette (Florida St.), 4:23.86.

3,000—1. Brania (Wacocon), 8:58.57 (meet record). 2. Pumer (Stanford), 9:03.51. 3. Stealy (Florida), 9:03.86. 4. Dornhofer (Missouri), 9:05.75. 5. Quitch (Tennessee), 9:06.56. 6. Eder (Minnesota), 9:07.48. 7. Pini (Kansas St.), 9:08.01. 8. Wiley (Stanford), 9:14.19. 9. Hanson (Colorado), 9:18.07. 10. McClung (BYU), 9:23.29. 11. Wynne (Yale), 9:23.92. 12. Seaby (Vanderbilt), 9:25.4 (hand timed).

400 HURDLES—1. El Moutawakil (Iowa St.), 55.84 (meet record). 2. Farmer (CS Los Angeles), 56.70. 3. Bradley (Vanderbilt), 57.24. 4. Bressant (Florida), 57.77. 5. Freeman (Southern), 58.15. 6. Dwyer-Brown (Florida St.), 58.28. 7. Barkdale (Tennessee), 58.36. 8. Crowther (Florida), 58.73. Others included 10. Kalton (UCLA), 59.34.

MILE RELAY—1. Florida St. (Davis, Clerte, Givens, Paynela), 3:28.80. 2. Tennessee, 3:32.85. 3. Texas Southern, 3:38.52. 4. Indiana, 3:39.51. 5. Arizona, 3:39.85. 6. Nebraska, 3:39.82. 7. Houston, 3:39.77. Other scores included 10. CS Los Angeles, 3:41.38.

JAVELIN—1. Gronfeldt (Alabama), 184-2. 2. Baerans (Kansas), 178-8. 3. Mercer (Florida), 178-0. 4. Passera (Tennessee), 172-10. 5. Warren (Appalachian St.), 167-9. 6. Sanz (Penn St.), 167-8. 7. Vreth (Springville), 162-4. 8. Davis (UC Santa Barbara), 157-7. 9. Coleman (Idaho), 157-2. 10. Campbell (Arizona St.), 154-3. 11. Robin (Fresno St.), 153-4. 12. Smiley (UW-LaCrosse), 153-1.

SHOTPUT—1. Page (San Diego St.), 55-8 (meet record). 2. Cady (Stanford), 54-5¼. 3. Sobarsky (Penn St.), 53-8¼. 4. Kasawaha (Arizona St.), 53-1¼. 5. Suggs (Kansas St.), 51-4¼. 6. Landini (Kansas), 51-2¼. 7. Hirsch (Wacocon), 50-0¼. 8. DeBroo (San Diego St.), 50-0. 9. Walsh (Tennessee), 49-9. 10. Marrazzo (Indiana), 49-5¼. 11. Ponath (Washington), 49-2. 12. Teresa Wilford (LSU), 47-9¼.

TRIPLE JUMP—1. Turner (Texas), 44-2w. 2. Johnson (Texas), 41-4¼. 3. Benzoor (Northern Arizona), 41-3¼. 4. Dolline (Wacocon), 40-11¼. 5. Stevenson (Southern), 40-8. 6. Netterville (Purdue), 40-3. 7. Van (Arizona St.), 40-2. 8. Foster (Abilene Christian), 39-10¼. 9. DeBro (Indiana), 39-3¼. 10. Smith (Texas Southern), 39-2. 11. Groen (Iowa St.), 38-8¼. 12. Humphreys (Penn St.), 38-2¼.