Pacific 10 Track and Field Championships

Washington State Surges to Commanding Lead

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TUCSON — Washington State surged to a commanding lead after eight events at the Pacific 10 track and field championships Friday night as six Cougar athletes won or finished second in six events.

Washington State led with 77 points, followed by Oregon with 43 and Oregon State with 23.

While the Cougars took charge in the team battle, USC's Darwin Cook took command in the sprints with fast clockings in the 100 and 200-meter preliminaries.

Cook flashed to a 10.10 in the 100, then recorded a personal best of 20.42 in the 200.

Cook was one of the few bright spots for the Trojans, who finished the evening tied with Washington for fourth place with 22 points.

UCLA was sixth with 19 points.

"I wouldn't say we're on course to finish second," USC Coach Ernie Bullard said. "I don't think we're doing poorly, but we're not getting the big efforts that we need to do well in the meet."

The Trojans' biggest disappointment came in the long jump, where pre-meet favorite Ed Tave finished third with a leap of 25 feet 1¹/₄ inches.

UCLA's best performance came from shotputter John Frazier who finished second with a throw of 63-4¹/₄.

PACIFIC 10 CHAMPIONSHIPS At Tucson

3,000 STEEPLECHASE—1. Tuwei (Washington St.), 8:32.61; 2. Van Calcar (Oregon St.), 8:32.94; 3. Rysdam (OS), 8:38.21; 4. Maxwell (Arizona), 8:46.75; 5. Flamm (California), 8:51.50; 6. Morrisette (Oregon), 8:53.82.

HAMMER—1. Flax (0), 243-8 (meet record); 2. Gustafsson (WS), 243-0; 3. Masterson (Stanford), 229-10; 4. Pickering (S), 222-10; 5. Wolitarsky (USC), 221-9; 6. Jonsson (WS), 210-2.

LONG JUMP—1. Zackery (Washington), 25-11¼w; 2. Araouzos (WS), 25-7w; 3. Tave (USC), 25-1¼w; 4. Smith (C), 24-7¾; 5. Birden (O), 24-4¼; 6. Green (S), 24-0¼w.

SHOTPUT—1. Koutsoukis (WS), 65-5¼; 2. Frazier (UCLA), 63-4½; 3. Maggard (C), 62-0¾; 4. Kaufman (A), 61-2¾; 5. Aitkenhead (O), 61-0¾; 6. Anderson (WS), 60-10½.

DECATHLON (final)—1. Erickson (W), 8,063; 2. Gonzales (USC), 7,479; 3. Gambetta (WS), 7,403; 4. Degner (C), 7,260; 5. Hurtin (WS), 7,119; 6. Lucas (WS), 6,990. Ind. event leaders: 110HH—Erickson, 14.96; Gonzales, 15.73. DT—Erickson, 148-2; Gonzales, 145-1. PV—Erickson, 15-9; Gonzales, 145-1. PV—Erickson, 15-9; Gonzales, 14-5.1. JT—Gonzales, 220-2; Erickson 216-9. 1,500—Gonzales, 4:35.74; Erickson, 4:37.05.

TEAM SCORES (two of three days)— Washington St. 36; Washington 20; USC 16; Oregon St. 14; Oregon 13; Stanford 11; California 10; Arizona 4; Arizona St. and UCLA 0.