

# Hawthorne Connection Helps UCLA Rout USC

## With Thomas Injured, Marsh Surprises in Sprints as Bruins Romp, 104-59

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Freshman sprinter Mike Marsh of UCLA may have finally gotten out from under the shadow of teammate Henry Thomas.

Marsh stole the spotlight in Saturday's USC-UCLA track meet at the Coliseum, winning the 200-meter dash with a time of 20.94 seconds and setting a personal record in the 100 (10.34) while finishing second behind USC's Luis (Pancho) Morales (10.31).

UCLA ran away with the meet as expected, winning 12 of the 19 events to beat USC, 104-59, for the eighth consecutive season. It was the Bruins' second most decisive victory in the series. The Bruins' biggest win was by a 107-47 score over the Trojans in 1961.

It was also UCLA's 20th consecutive dual meet victory dating back to 1964. The Bruins are 9-0 this season under second-year Coach Bob Larsen.

It was the first loss of the season for USC (6-1).

"UCLA is a tremendous team," USC Coach Ernie Bullard said. "They are definitely the best dual meet team in the country. They don't give you any breathing room. And Marsh really hurt us."

"We just need more people. A year ago, we had 17 people that could help. We've got to get another six or seven people. I don't think we did badly today."

It was the first time the USC-UCLA meet had been held at the Coliseum since 1974, and it drew a crowd of 5,919. Although the men's portion of the meet was a blowout, the women's meet went down to the final event, with the Trojans winning the 1,600-meter relay to edge the Bruins, 69-67.

Marsh was overshadowed by Thomas when they were attending Hawthorne High School last season. Marsh won the 200 meters at the 1985 State prep track meet to help Hawthorne gain its third straight State championship.

But Thomas was the star of the team and one of the best prep sprinters in the country. Thomas won the 100 and 200 as a junior at the 1984 State meet, but he missed the 1985 State meet because of a midseason appendectomy.

Both Thomas and Marsh signed with UCLA. And Thomas got off to a fast start this season before injuring his right foot. With Thomas on the sidelines, Marsh has come into his own.

"Mike has been coming along well," said John Smith, the former world record-holder in the 440-yard dash who coaches the UCLA sprinters. "But when he runs he's usually had a lot of people around to push him, like Henry. But today he took over and did what he was supposed to do."

Thomas, who is still recovering from the injury, is being brought



Robert Reading (center) of USC hits the last hurdle but still wins the 110-meter high

hurdles. Kevin Young (right) of UCLA was second, with teammate Derek Knight third.

back slowly. He competed in only one event, running a leg for UCLA's 1,600-meter relay team, which won with a time of 3:08.38. USC was disqualified in the event.

UCLA's Mark Junkermann, a junior distance runner, was the only double winner among the men. Junkermann led a UCLA sweep in the 1,500, winning in 3:45.55. Jon Butler finished second (3:51.04) and Jim Gaffield was third (3:53.75).

Junkermann came back to lead the Bruins to another sweep in the 5,000 meters. Junkermann (14:27.94) blew by teammate Joe Nitti (14:28.94) in the stretch to win.

It was the first time Junkermann had run the 5,000 this season.

"I ran a slow time in the 1,500, and it made the 5,000 a little easier for me," Junkermann said. "I was only running the 5,000 to qualify for the Par-10 meet. I slowed down, but with 200 meters to go I could hear my coach yelling that I had to finish in 30 seconds to qualify."

Sophomore hurdler Kevin Young also had a big day for the Bruins, setting three personal bests. Young won the 400-meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 50.21, beating out Michael Graham of USC (51.84). Young's victory in the 400 hurdles clinched the meet for the Bruins with three events remaining.

Young finished second in the 110-meter high hurdles (14.11) behind USC freshman Robert Reading (13.86). Young was dis-

qualified in the event because an official said that his trailing leg did not break the plane of one of the hurdles. However, he was later reinstated after a protest.

"The official who disqualified me said that my trail leg was faulty," Young said. "But I hit the hurdle with my leg and I have a bruise to prove it. I was upset. I hadn't practiced the high hurdles for two weeks because I had been working with John Smith in the quarter mile."

Young also finished second in the long jump with a wind-aided leap of 25-4½ behind teammate Mike Powell.

USC's outstanding sprint corps, led by Morales, had been expected to dominate the meet.

Morales, who ran for Puerto Rico in the 1984 Olympics, anchored the Trojans' winning 400-meter relay team. UCLA dropped the baton during the last pass between Powell and anchorman Danny Everett and didn't finish the race. Morales also looked good in winning the 100. But he was held out of the 200 because of shin splints.

"To be honest with you, I knew before the meet that I wasn't going to run the 200," Morales said. "I've been having problems with my left shin. I haven't been training on the track for the last two months. I've been doing drills, riding a bike and swimming instead."

#### Track Notes

UCLA's Jim Busch won the shotput with a season-best of 60-7 to lead the Bruins to a sweep of the event. Busch also finished second in the discus behind USC's

Brend Koester. . . The Pacific 10 championships will be held at the Coliseum May 23-24, and UCLA and Washington State should be favored. . . Athletes complained that an unpredictable swirling wind made it hard to compete at the Coliseum Saturday. . . The 800 featured one of the best finishes. USC's Jay Busch won with a time of 1:42.93, but teammate Erik Schermerhorn brought the crowd to its feet when he turned it on in the stretch and passed UCLA's John Phillips to finish second. . . UCLA freshman Deway Everett had a big day for the Bruins, winning the 400 (46.57) and anchoring the 1,600 relay.

## Maxie Comes to Rescue of USC Women

### Her Anchor Leg in 1,600-Meter Relay Turns Back UCLA, 69-67

By SCOTT HOWARD-COOPER, Times Staff Writer

It's a good thing the well-wishers were waiting for her just beyond the finish line, because Leslie Maxie didn't plan to be on her feet much longer.

"I felt good in one respect," the USC freshman said, "but, in another, I was dying. I was really hurting."

While the aching body might have said otherwise, Maxie was, indeed, feeling very good. It would have been awfully hard not to be, since it was her anchor leg in the 1,600 relay, the final event of the day, that lifted the USC women's track team over UCLA, 69-67, Saturday at the Coliseum.

Funny thing, she wasn't even supposed to be in the position to win it for USC. Only 10 minutes before the start of the race, Maxie, who had already won the 400-meter hurdles in a school-record 56.72 and run the opening leg in the victorious 400 relay earlier in the day, was set to run third in the 1,600, with Gervaise McCraw anchoring. But McCraw, bothered by

a hamstring injury, told Coach Fred LaPlante that she would prefer a change in the order.

So it came down to Maxie, a freshman from San Mateo who was running at only 70% strength herself because of a pulled muscle on the inside of the right leg. USC, which trailed going into the final event, 67-64, took control in the first lap as LaWanda Cabell grabbed an eight-yard lead. She handed to McCraw, who held off UCLA freshman Chao Choo Knighten to keep the lead. Myra Mayberry's third leg gave Maxie and the Trojans a cushion of about one yard over UCLA's do-it-all sophomore, Gail Devers.

Devers, competing in her seventh event of the day, four of which produced wins, stayed on Maxie's shoulder for most of the way before Maxie pulled away down the stretch to give USC the win in 3:32.58. Maxie was timed unofficially in 52.8. UCLA was timed in 3:33.48.

"I've never run so hard for

something like this," said Maxie, named the 1984 girls high school Athlete of the Year by Track & Field News. "That was incredible pressure."

Said LaPlante, the third-year coach who was rewarded for his first win over UCLA with a dunk in the steeplechase water jump. "I'm amazed at her run. She's not fit. She hasn't trained much at all because of that groin problem. She is not ready to run like this. But it all comes down to the fact that she is a champion."

Wendy Brown's success in the jumping events was also a factor for USC. She won the high jump at 5-7¼, won the triple jump at 43-4¼ and finished second in the long jump at 20-10¾.

Devers' wins came in the long jump (21-6¾), 100-meter hurdles (13.30), 100-meter dash (11.41) and 200 (23.38). UCLA also had an individual standout in the distance races as Polly Plumer took the 3,000 (9:29.68) and 1,500 (4:24.62).

## DUAL MEETS

### UCLA vs. USC

#### At Caladium

##### Men

100—1 Adams USC, 11:11 (wind 0.2 m.p.s.) against 2 Marsh UCLA, 10:41 3 Manning USC, 10:41 4 Dexter USC, 10:41

200—1 Marsh UCLA, 20:14 (wind 1.2 m.p.s.) against 2 Manning USC, 21:11 3 Dexter USC, 21:14 4 McCree USC, 21:16

400—1 Everett UCLA, 45:57, 2 A. Washington UCLA, 46:53 3 Hedgpeth USC, 47:17 4 Basala UCLA, 48:00

800—1 Birch USC, 1:47:00, 2 Schermerhorn USC, 1:48:21, 3 Phillips UCLA, 1:49:07, 4 Sims UCLA, 1:50:47, 5 Young USC, 1:51:03, 6 Stanch UCLA, 1:52:20

1,500—1 Junkermann UCLA, 3:49:55, 2 Baker UCLA, 3:51:04, 3 Cahill UCLA, 3:53:75, 4 Goner USC, 3:56:77

5,000—1 Junkermann UCLA, 14:27:94, 2 Kim UCLA, 14:28:94, 3 Hauser UCLA, 14:51:04

150 HURDLES—1 Reading USC, 13:56 (wind 0.8 m.p.s.) against 2 K. Young UCLA, 14:11, 3 Knight UCLA, 14:25, R. Young UCLA, did not finish

400 HURDLES—1 K. Young UCLA, 10:21, 2 M. Graham USC, 10:48, 3 Knight UCLA, 10:44

3,000 STEEPCHASE—1 Green UCLA, 9:03:74, 2 Masthorne USC, 9:08:79, 3 Cox UCLA, 9:18:21

400 RELAY—1 USC (McCree, Manning, Dexter, Mosdel, 39:48, UCLA dropped baton

1,500 RELAY—UCLA (A. Washington, Thomas, Stanch, Everett, 3:08:36, USC, disqualified

HIGH JUMP—1 Harms UCLA, 7-2 1/4, 2 Powell UCLA, 7-1, 3 Patchett USC, 6-11 1/4, 4 Margenthal UCLA, 6-10 1/4

POLE VAULT—1 Mason USC, 16-4 1/4, 2 Johnson UCLA, 16-4 1/4, 3 Richards UCLA, 16-4 1/4, 4 Wicks USC, 16-4 1/4, 5 Mike Robert UCLA, 16-0 1/4, White USC, no height

LONG JUMP—1 Powell UCLA, 25-10 (wind 1.2 m.p.s.) against 2 K. Young UCLA, 25-4 1/2 (wind 0.6 m.p.s.) against 3 Harms USC, 24-2 1/2 (wind 0.1

TRIPLE JUMP—1 D. Washington UCLA, 50-5 1/2 (wind 0.6 m.p.s.) against 2 Harper USC, 49-1 (wind 0.2 m.p.s.) against 3 Gregory UCLA, 48-1 1/4

SHOTPUT—1 Birch UCLA, 63-7, 2 Frazer UCLA, 61-7 1/4, 3 Sweeney UCLA, 60-6 1/4

DISCUS—1 Kessler USC, 156-4, 2 Birch UCLA, 156-3, 3 Thompson UCLA, 176-7, 4 Gale UCLA, 175-9

HAMMER—1 Wiktorisky USC, 216-2, 2 Frazer UCLA, 206-0, 3 Ambrose UCLA, 184-6

JAVELIN—1 Connolly UCLA, 210-3, 2 Gonzales USC, 209-9, 3 Healy USC, 190-10

FINAL SCORE—UCLA, 104, USC, 59

##### Women

100—1 Devers UCLA, 11:41 (wind 0.17 m.p.s.) against 2 Mayberry USC, 11:55, 3 Thompson UCLA, 12:39

200—1 Devers UCLA, 23:38 (wind 0.58 m.p.s.) against meet record, old mark, 24:30, Robin Simmons, USC, 1984, 2 McCraw USC, 23:66, 3 Knighton UCLA, 24:14

400—1 Knighton UCLA, 52:26 (meet record, old mark, 54:06, LaWanda Cabell, USC, 1985), 2 McCraw USC, 52:40 (school record, old mark, 53:14, Geneva McCraw, 1985), 3 Cabell USC, 53:15

800—1 Nell USC, 2:06:00 (meet record, old mark, 2:08:36, Donna Curtis, USC, 1985), 2 Dowell UCLA, 2:07:03, 3 Kellner USC, 2:11:34

1,500—1 Plamer UCLA, 4:24:02, 2 Lyon USC, 4:25:04, 3 Bell UCLA, 4:40:07

3,000—1 Plamer UCLA, 9:29:08 (meet record, old mark, 9:56:50, Shannon Saylor, UCLA, 1985), 2 Lyon USC, 9:54:19, 3 Kendrick UCLA, 10:04:08

100 HURDLES—1 Devers UCLA, 13:30 (wind 0.28 m.p.s.) against 2 Brown USC, 14:20, 3 Kellon UCLA, 14:23, 4 Wilson USC, 14:39, 5 Bates USC, 14:47

400 HURDLES—1 Mase UCLA, 56:72 (meet record, old mark, 60:12, Gayle Kellon, UCLA, 1984), 2 Kellon UCLA, 57:04, 3 Hatfield USC, 61:58, 4 Thompson UCLA, 61:78

400 RELAY—1 USC (Mason, McCraw, Cabell, Mayberry, 44:15, 2 UCLA (Kellon, Devers, Phillips, Knighton, 44:71

1,500 RELAY—1 USC (Cabell, 53:2, McCraw, 53:4, Mayberry, 53:1, Mase, 52:9), 3 32:58 (meet and school record, old meet mark, 3:37:40, UCLA, 1985, old school mark, 3:36:15, 1985), 2 UCLA (Phillips, Knighton, Kellon, Devers), 3:33:48

HIGH JUMP—1 Brown USC, 5-7 1/4, 2 Kellon UCLA, 5-5, 3 Hatfield USC, 5-3 1/4

LONG JUMP—1 Devers UCLA, 21-6 1/4, 2 Brown USC, 20-10 1/4, 3 Bates USC, 19-11 1/4, 4 Fletcher USC, 19-5 1/4

TRIPLE JUMP—1 Brown USC, 43-4 1/4 (wind 1.1 m.p.s.) against 2 Bates USC, 43-2 1/4 (wind 0.2 m.p.s.) against 3 Devers UCLA, 42-6 1/4 (wind 2.24 m.p.s.) against

SHOTPUT—1 Clements USC, 51-0 1/4 (meet record, old mark, 51-5 1/4, Dana Clements, 1985), 2 Adams USC, 46-11 1/4, 3 Lyons UCLA, 46-5 1/4, 4 Fletcher USC, 44-4, 5 Larson UCLA, 43-7 1/4

DISCUS—1 Lyons UCLA, 178-7 (meet record, old mark, 176-10, Tom Lyons, 1985), 2 Larson UCLA, 169-2, 3 Clements USC, 167-10, 4 Pars USC, 164-11

JAVELIN—1 Larson UCLA, 163-10 (meet record, old mark, 158-10, Lyons, UCLA, 1985), 2 Lyons UCLA, 163-0, 3 Clements USC, 148-10

FINAL SCORE—USC, 69, UCLA, 67

Attendance—5,919