

USC's Reading Breaks 22-Year-Old School Record

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PROVO, Utah—School track records, especially at USC and UCLA, don't usually stand the test of time.

So it's rather surprising that Earl McCullough's USC record of 13.43 seconds in the 110-meter high hurdles had endured since 1967—until Thursday night.

Robert Reading broke that 22-year-old record with a time of 13.42 seconds while winning his heat race in the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. track and field meet at Brigham Young University.

Before Reading, a 6-foot-4, 195-pound senior from Berkeley, learned of his official time, he said: "Hopefully, I can accomplish two things, a school record and winning an NCAA championship."

One goal has been achieved even though it wasn't a classic race for Reading.

"I got a good start, but I was tired by the eighth hurdle and, after knocking down the 10th hurdle, I didn't think I could make it," he said. "I was really exhausted."

Although Reading was running at a high-altitude site, 4,500 feet, he said the thin air didn't contribute to his fatigue.

"I just warmed up for too long of a time," Reading said. "It wasn't the altitude."

So Reading advanced to Saturday's final and will try to become the first Trojan to win an NCAA title since Milan Stewart took the high hurdles and Dave Kenworthy won the pole vault here in the 1982 NCAA meet.

Moreover, the Trojans have an opportunity of winning *both* hurdles races as George Porter had the fastest time, 49.66 seconds, in his 400 intermediate heat Wednesday night.

Reading has improved dramatically this season from a previous best personal time of 13.64 seconds.

Moreover, if he wins the 110-meter final, he would become the sixth Trojan to win an NCAA title in that event starting with world record-holder Dick Attlesey in 1950 and followed by Jack Davis, McCullough, Jerry Wilson and Stewart.

Reading said that his improvement has come in the middle of a race, from the second to the fifth hurdle.

And he has benefited from a curious coaching combination. Ken Matsuda, the longtime former USC assistant coach, coaches Reading during the summer with his club team.

His other teacher is Jim Bush, the former successful UCLA head coach, who is now on the USC staff. Matsuda and Bush were intense rivals when they were competing against each other—and that's a mild definition.

Otherwise, UCLA's chances of repeating as NCAA champion got a setback when Dave Wilson failed to qualify in the hammer throw.

Wilson was expected to score high in that event but was only the 13th qualifier with a throw of 202 feet 4 inches. Twelve made it to the final and he missed it by inches.

Earlier, on a clear, warm night at the BYU facility located next to the Wasatch Mountains, UCLA got an apparent boost when Florida

sprinter Dennis Mitchell false-started in his 100-meter heat and was disqualified.

Mitchell was one of the favorites to win the 100 and Florida has been generally favored to win the men's team title.

"Even with Mitchell not qualifying, we lost as much or more with Wilson not making it to the final," UCLA Coach Bob Larsen said.

The Bruins will be represented in the hammer final by John Knight who had a throw of 206-6. However, he has a sore back and his competitive status is in doubt.

The UCLA women's team got a boost, though, when sophomore Tonya Sedwick finished third in the heptathlon with a personal-best score of 5,765 points.

Houston's Jolanda Jones became a three-time NCAA winner, scoring 6,022 points.

It was only Sedwick's third heptathlon competition and she said she was influenced to try the event this year after talking with Jackie Joyner-Kersey, the Olympic gold medalist in the heptathlon and wife

of Bob Kersee, the women's coach at UCLA.

"We're both long jumpers, and Jackie said that the strength and speed in that event would help in the heptathlon," Sedwick said.

Track Notes

UCLA's **Mike Marsh**, who hasn't competed in a short sprint since April 8 because of a hamstring injury, qualified for the 100 final with a time of 10.21 seconds while taking third in his heat. . . . UCLA women's Coach **Bob Kersee** said heptathlete **Tonya Sedwick** had not competed in the 100-meter hurdles and high jump heptathlon events until this year. . . . USC's **Michelle Taylor** qualified for the 400-meter final after previously qualifying for the 800 final. UCLA's **Janeen Vickers** qualified for the 100-meter hurdles final with a personal best time of 13.27. She had previously qualified in the 400-meter hurdles.

UCLA qualified all three of its shotputters—**Dave Wilson**, **Brian Blustreich** and **Eric Bergreen**—for the final. . . . Triple jumpers **McArthur Anderson** of UCLA and **Greg Harper** of USC didn't qualify for the final, and neither did USC's **Travis Hannah** in the 400. However, USC's **Ashley Selman** qualified in the women's javelin with a throw of 171-4. In the women's 1,600 meter relay, UCLA qualified for the final, USC didn't.

600-YARD WALK

12 Quality For Final

HEAT ONE—1. Perry Harvard, 45:20; 2. Dave Thomas AAAA, 45:54; 3. Warren Crossland, 45:55; 4. Chappell Howard, 46:02.

HEAT TWO—1. Frank Marshall, 45:12; 2. Nathan Don Taylor III, 45:35; 3. Bridges Lewis, 45:39; 4. Nathan Cummings, 45:55. Nonqualifiers included 5. Marshall Wood, 45:25.

800-YARD WALK

B Quality For Final

HEAT ONE—1. Erving Fitzgerald, 1:47:50; 2. Warren Howard, 1:48:03; 3. Barrett George Howard, 1:48:26; 4. Cunningham III, 1:49:21.

HEAT TWO—1. Hugh Hucci, 1:47:50; 2. Southampton Fellowship, 1:48:30; 3. Humphrey Fellowship, 1:48:50; 4. Bradley Howard, 1:49:21; 5. Alan Trice, 1:49:55. Nonqualifiers included 6. Homer Howard, 1:48:55.

1,000-YARD STEEP HILLS

B Quality For Final

HEAT ONE—1. Kirby Howard, 2:54:00; 2. Cooper Howard, 2:54:40; 3. Packard Street, 2:54:55; 4. Landon Leland, 2:54:58; 5. Graham Howard, 2:54:59; 6. Southampton Fellowship, 2:55:11.

HEAT TWO—1. Noble Howard, 2:54:25; 2. Kirby Howard, 2:55:08; 3. Nathan Howard, 2:55:30; 4. Cary Cooper III, 2:55:35; 5. Louis Howard, 2:55:37; 6. Walter Howard, 2:55:37.

500-YARD WALK

B Quality For Final

HEAT ONE—1. Trice, 39:79; 2. Perry, 39:50; 3. Thomas, 39:71; 4. Texas Tech, 39:71.

HEAT TWO—1. Texas AAAA, 39:28; 2. LSC, 39:21; 3. North Carolina St., 39:40; 4. Arizona, 39:55; 5. Baylor, 39:75.

1,000-YARD

B Quality For Final

Gene Howard, 28-119; Steve LSC, 28-59; Carter Texas Southern, 28-58; Rural Howard and Forest Howard, 28-5; Sandra Hal III, 28-50; Hattie Howard, 28-4; George Howard III, 28-37; Jerry Howard, 28-18; Edwidge Howard III, 28-16; Ross LSC, 28-09; Carter Howard, 28-09. Others included 19. Anderson LSC, 28-24; 18. Coleman Howard III, 28-118.

500-YARD

B Quality For Final

Washington Howard, 1:53-8; Thompson LSC, 1:53-8; Nichols LSC, 1:53-6; Buswell LSC, 1:54-10; De Cour Howard, 1:53-8; Wilson Howard, 1:54-10; O'Mara Howard III, 1:53-8; Ross LSC, 1:54-10; Perry LSC, 1:54-8; Carl Howard, 1:54-8; Roger Howard, 1:53-8; Anthony Howard III, 1:54-8. Others included 13. Tom Hal (San Diego St.), 1:53-11.

1,000-YARD

B Quality For Final

Walter Howard and Stanley Howard, 17-24; Anderson Howard III, 17-21; Jerry Howard III, 17-21; Michael Howard, Gene Howard, Howard Howard, Alan New Mexico and Gene Howard, 17-24; Bayne George Howard, Norman Howard and Martin Howard, 17-24.

700-YARD

B Quality For Final

Gene Howard, 51-11; Mike Howard, 51-10; 3. Peter Howard, 51-10; 4. Salem Howard III, 51-23; 5. Cunningham LSC, 51-14.

HEAT TWO—1. Opatova Howard, 51-21; 2. Peter Howard, 51-21; 3. Peter Howard, 51-20; 4. Parker Howard, 51-20. Nonqualifiers included 5. Peter Howard III, 51-23.

500-YARD

B Quality For Final

HEAT ONE—1. Perry Howard, 1:04:55; 2. Peter LSC, 1:05:22; 3. Barrett Howard, 1:05:29; 4. Alan Howard, 1:07:27.

HEAT TWO—1. Gordon LSC, 1:04:53; 2. Murray Howard III, 1:05:27; 3. Barrett Howard, 1:05:12; 4. Hal LSC, 1:05:21. Nonqualifiers included 5. Jensen LSC, 1:05:11.

10,000 METERS

Final

1. Gordon Oklahoma St., 30:47:36; 2. John Harvard, 30:45:40; 3. Dunton Texas San Antonio, 30:30:28; 4. Charles Howard, 30:34:28; 5. Steve North Carolina St., 30:27:35; 6. Peter Carter, 30:28:54.

500-YARD

B Quality For Final

HEAT ONE—1. Don Wood, 58:78; 2. Ray Wood, 58:51; 3. Peter Howard, 59:51. Others included Mike Wood, 59:54.

HEAT TWO—1. Peter Howard, 59:53; 2. Peter LSC, 59:51; 3. Peter Howard, 59:51.

HEAT THREE—1. Commodore Howard, 59:28; 2. Steve Howard, 59:51; 3. Mike Howard, 59:51. Nonqualifiers included 4. Peter Howard Las Vegas, 59:54; 5. Peter Howard LSC, 59:54.

1,000-YARD

B Quality For Final

Peter Texas Southern, 28-119; Lee Howard, 28-119; Smith 18 Louisiana, 28-119; Colney LSC, 28-54; Gene Howard, 28-54; Roger Howard, 28-24; Alan Howard and Larry Howard, 28-3; Taylor Texas AAAA, Taylor Howard and Nathan Howard, 28-24; Leonard Texas Southern, 28-14; Howard III, 28-14; Steve Howard Las Vegas, 28-14; Gary Texas, 28-14; 25. Nathan Howard, 28-14; 26. Jerry Howard, 28-14.

500-YARD

B Quality For Final

Virginia Howard, 5-24; Sally Howard III, Leland Howard, Carl Texas AAAA and Alan Howard, 5-19; Long Howard III, Mike Howard, Peter Howard, Carter Howard, Jerry Howard, 5-14; 5-14. Others included Peter Howard, 5-14; 5-14. Others included Peter Howard, 5-14; 5-14. Others included Peter Howard, 5-14; 5-14.

500-YARD

B Quality For Final

Gordon Howard, 1:52-24; Lewis Howard, 1:52-24; Leland LSC, 1:52-24; Alan LSC, 1:52-24; Norman Howard, 1:52-24; Hugh Howard, 1:52-24; Alan Howard, 1:52-24; Peter Howard, 1:52-24; Peter Howard, 1:52-24; 1:52-24. Others included 15. Peter Howard Los Angeles, 1:52-24.

HEPTATHLON

Final

CHRYSLER—1. Jones Houston, 6:00; 2. Peter LSC, 6:00; 3. Gordon LSC, 6:00; 4. Murray Howard, 6:00; 5. Young Howard III, 6:00; 6. Leland Howard, 6:00. Others included 7. Peter Howard, 6:00; 7. Steve Howard, 6:00; 8. Gene Howard, 6:00; 9. McDonald Howard, 6:00; 10. Long Howard, 6:00.

100-YARD LEADING: 600—Nathan, 2:15:17; Lee Howard, 2:15:28; Alan, 2:15:34. Others included Carter, 2:15:54; Gene, 2:21:58; Steve, 2:23:58; Peter, 2:25:45; 17—Barney Howard, 1:58-4; Homer, 1:58-11; Alan New Mexico, 1:57-1. Others included Gene, 1:57-1; Steve, 1:57-1; McDonald, 1:57-1; Steve, 1:57-1; McDonald Howard, 1:57-1; Leland, 1:57-1; Leland, 1:57-1; Jones, 1:57-1. Others included Steve, 1:57-1; Steve, 1:57-1; Gene, 1:57-1; Leland, 1:57-1; McDonald, 1:57-1.