

# Conway Sets U.S. Mark; Dawn Sowell Runs a Fast 100

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PROVO, Utah—Hollis Conway cleared 7 feet 9¾ inches for a U.S. record in the high jump, and Dawn Sowell became the third-fastest women's 100-meter sprinter Saturday in the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. Track and Field Championships at Brigham Young University.

Conway allowed himself only a moment to savor the accomplishment after setting the record.

"As soon as I made it, I was thinking of my next goal," said Conway, a junior

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at Southwestern Louisiana State. "I don't want to put any limits on myself."

The bar was raised to 7-10½, and Conway came close to clearing the height on his first two attempts.

"I was way over the bar on my first try and just came down on it," he said. "Then, I brushed it on my second attempt.

"Then, I wanted to jump at 8 feet."

He tried but didn't come close and called it a night.

Cuba's Javier Sotomayor is the world record-holder at 7-11½.

Louisiana State's Sowell established herself as perhaps the world's premier woman sprinter now that Florence Griffith Joyner has retired.

Sowell easily won the 100 meters in 10.78 seconds, breaking her collegiate record of 10.93 set earlier this year. Only two women have run faster—Flojo with her world-record time of 10.49 and Evelyn Ashford with her 10.76.

It also was the sixth-fastest time, with Griffith Joyner owning the top four clockings and Ashford No. 5.

Conway, the surprise silver medalist last year in the Seoul Olympic Games, broke the U.S. record of 7-9¼ set in 1988 by Thomas McCants and Jerome Carter in the Jesse Owens meet at Columbus, Ohio.

Provo is an ideal setting for the high jump because of its elevation—4,500 feet. The last time the NCAA meet was held here in 1982, UCLA's Del Davis established an American record of 7-7¼.

"I've heard some great jump stories about this place," said Conway who stands 6-feet-0¼. "I couldn't wait to get here."

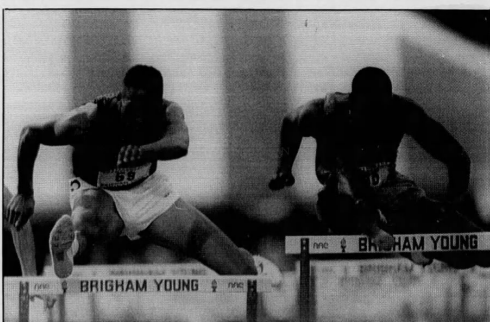
Conway's and Sowell's achievements were the obvious highlights of the closing night of competition. However, the 110-meter hurdles was the most stirring race.

Pittsburgh's Eric Cannon was first out of the blocks, but USC's Robert Reading gradually closed on him.

Reading was still slightly behind Cannon going over the 10th and last hurdle, but he leaned at the line to win in 13.19 seconds. Cannon was second in 13.21.

It would have been a personal best time for the ever-improving Trojan senior. However, the hurdlers had an aiding wind of 2.44 meters per second, barely over the legal limit of 2.0.

Nonetheless, Reading and Cannon have joined some elite compa-



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Robert Reading of USC (left) clears the final hurdle and edges Eric Cannon of Pittsburgh

Saturday night to win the 110-meter hurdles championship with a time of 13.19 seconds.

ny, hurdlers who are in the 13.2 range.

"We're gaining on 'em," Cannon said referring to such hurdlers as Roger Kingdom, Greg Foster and Renaldo Nehemiah.

Louisiana State dominated the team competition. The men's team won with 53 points followed by Texas A&M with 51 and Florida with 40. UCLA was sixth with 28 points. USC tied for 11th with 21 points.

The LSU women were runaway winners, as expected, with 86 points. UCLA made a strong showing in second place with 47 points, and USC's women were eighth with 19 points.

There's usually at least one mishap in a national meet and it occurred in the men's 1,500. Arkansas' Joe Falcon stumbled when a runner from behind him clipped his heel 300 meters into the race.

Then, as he tried to regain his balance, someone hit him and he was flung sideways onto the track. He got up and tried to continue, but soon dropped out.

"I don't know who did it, but someone pretty strong pushed me to get me out of the way," said Falcon, who had won seven previous NCAA titles in outdoor and indoor competition and cross-country. "I'm not bitter, but did it looked like I fell on my own? I can't understand why there was no red flag [signaling a disqualification]."

Kip Cheruiyot and Peter Rono, the Kenyans representing Mt. St. Mary's (Md.) went on to a one-two finish. The winning time was

3:42.06. Rono was the Olympic gold medalist in the 1,500.

By winning the 110-meter hurdles, Reading became the first Trojan to get an individual title since Milan Stewart won the hurdles and Dave Kenworthy the pole vault in the championship meet here in 1982.

"I noticed Cannon was ahead at the first hurdle," Reading said. "I just chased and chased and chased him. He was still ahead at the 10th hurdle and then I gave 100 percent-plus and leaned at the line."

Cannon fell as he crossed the finish line, but he wasn't too disappointed in losing to Reading by two hundredths of a second.

"It was a classic duel between the best in the West and the best in the East," Cannon said. "I knew Robert was coming by the sixth hurdle and the race began at the seventh hurdle. I could hear his heart beating."

Reading hit the fifth and eighth hurdles in running down Cannon. He became the seventh Trojan to win an NCAA title in the 110-meter event starting with world record-holder Dick Atlesley in 1950.

Conway said it's just a matter of time before he jumps higher. He cleared 7-5½, 7-6½ and 7-7¼ without a miss and then when the bar was raised to 7-9¼, he cleanly went over on his second attempt. Eight feet? He just wanted to get the feel of it.

#### Track Notes

Dawn Sowell wasn't overly exuberant

about her fast time of 10.78. "The race was technically all right, but I didn't feel explosive," she said. "I was trying for 10.6, but I knew I wasn't going to get it." . . . USC hurdler Robert Reading, who had a legal time of 13.42 to break a 22-year old school record in a heat race, said that he has improved under USC hurdles coach Jim Bush in three areas. "I'm bending my lead leg instead of keeping it straight. I'm staying taller as I run and I've worked on developing my hip flexor muscles."

Although the UCLA men's team, the two-time defending champion lagged in sixth place place, Coach Bob Larsen was not upset considering that he lost Olympic 400 gold medalist Steve Lewis from the meet with a hamstring injury and thrower Dave Wilson was hampered by an ear infection. "We've had good fortune the past two years. This year it was just not to be. It's the nature of the sport," he said. He was pleased, though, that Wilson took second place in the shotput on his last throw. His teammate, Brian Bistreich, finished third.

Cal State Northridge's Darcy Arcola finished third in the women's 1,500. . . . Tessa Sedwick and Jeanne Vickers ran strong second and anchor legs, respectively, as the UCLA women finished second in the 1,600-meter relay. . . . USC Coach Ernie Bullard on Reading: "Six, or seven weeks ago, I don't know if he could do it [win in the NCAA meet]. But he has confidence now after running close to some very good hurdlers in the recent Bruce Jenner meet." . . . Texas Christian's Raymond Stewart, a Jamaican, won the 100 in the wind-aided time of 9.97 seconds. "I felt my leg cramp up at 50 meters and I backed off," said UCLA's Mike Marsh, who finished ninth.

**COLLEGE****NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS****Division I****At Provo, Utah****Men**

100—1. Stewart (TCU), 9.97w (2.32 m.p.s.). 2. Dobbs (Texas Southern), 10.03; 3. Cason (Texas A&M), 10.17; 4. Watkins (LSU), 10.18; 5. Burrell (Houston), 10.19; 6. Fredericks (BYU), 10.20; 7. Adeniran (Texas El Paso), 10.23; 8. Sholars (TCU), 10.33; 9. Marsh (UCLA), 10.36.

400—1. Ferris (Baylor), 44.50; 2. Kemp (Florida), 44.59; 3. Davis (Texas A&M), 45.21; 4. Philip (Manhattan), 45.41; 5. Hadden (SW Texas St.), 45.47; 6. Bridges (Illinois), 45.71; 7. Chappell (Howard), 45.84; 8. Hargett (Colorado), 45.97; 9. Mouton (Grambling), 46.51.

1,500—1. Chenuyot (St. Mary's, Md.), 3:42.06; 2. Rono (St. Mary's, Md.), 3:42.09; 3. Herrington (Clemson), 3:35.05; 4. Radle (SE Missouri St.), 3:45.23; 5. Kamli (Texas El Paso), 3:45.24; 6. Dalton (Oregon), 3:45.57; 7. Van Heiden (LSU), 3:46.32; 8. Greyling (Clemson), 3:46.56; 9. Conway (Providence), 3:47.39; 10. Mike Maczinko (Colorado), 3:52.18.

5,000—1. Davis (Arizona), 14:07.88; 2. Nuttall (Iowa St.), 14:09.03; 3. Whiteley (Brown), 14:09.91; 4. Beltran (Alabama), 14:13.70; 5. Kramer (Clemson), 14:14.28; 6. Elliott (LSU), 14:14.67; 7. Fry (Wisconsin), 14:14.90; 8. Mangan (New Mexico), 14:19.95; 9. Brown (Penn St.), 14:20.67; 10. Taylor (Central Michigan), 14:35.35; 11. Huffman (Wisconsin), 14:58.35; 12. Donaghy (Dartmouth), did not run.

110YH—1. Reading (USC), 13.19w (2.44 m.p.s.); 2. Cannon (Pittsburgh), 13.21; 3. Bucknor (Texas A&M), 13.43; 4. Li (Washington St.), 13.49; 5. McGhee (Iowa), 13.50; 5. Diamond (Florida), 13.50; 7. Reese (North Carolina St.), 13.62; 8. Ellis (Pittsburgh), 13.76; 9. Brown (Wake Forest), 13.82.

1,600 RELAY—1. Texas A&M (Ker, Lando, Florence, Davis), 3:00.91; 2. Baylor, 3:02.73; 3. Nebraska, 3:03.26; 4. Alabama, 3:03.82; 5. Texas Tech, 3:04.58; 6. George Mason, 3:05.12; 7. Texas Arlington, 3:05.13; 8. SW Texas St., 3:07.67.

HIGH JUMP—1. Conway (SW Louisiana), 7-9 1/4 (American record, old mark, 7-9 1/4, Tom McCaris, unet. and Carter, unet. 1988, and Conway, 1989); 2. Austin (SW Texas St.), 7-5 1/4; 3. Shelton (Texas), 7-5 1/4; 4. Clements (Illinois St.), 7-4 1/4; 5. Dillard (Boise St.), 7-4 1/4; 6. Barton (George Mason), 7-3; 7. Fortidas (Princeton), 7-3; 8. Cody (San Diego St.), 7-1 1/4; 9. Bluerthmann (Iowa), 7-1 1/4; 10. Young (Oregon), 7-0 1/4; 11. Vogt (Wisconsin), Wyle (Baylor) and Dudley (Colorado), no height.

TRIPLE JUMP—1. Fiorani (Arkansas), 56-8 1/4; 2. Igbogone (Mississippi St.), 54-3 1/4; 3. Posey (Appalachian St.), 54-2 1/4; 4. Williams (Oregon), 53-11 1/4; 5. Johnson (Arkansas St.), 53-9 1/4; 6. Johnson (Arkansas), 53-9 1/4; 7. Thompson (Georgia Tech), 53-5 1/4; 8. Jackson (Fresno St.), 53-1 1/4; 9. Parish (Houston), 52-11 1/4; 10. Beasley (Arkansas St.), 52-8 1/4; 11. Greene (Iowa St.), 52-7 1/4; 12. Greene (Boise St.), 52-6 1/4.

SHOTPUT—1. Stulce (Texas A&M), 68-11 1/4; 2. Wilson (UCLA), 61-9; 3. Blutreich (UCLA), 61-5; 4. Hunter (Penn St.), 61-2 1/4; 5. Freeman (Angelo St.), 60-6 1/4; 6. Crawford (New Mexico), 60-3; 7. Boggess (Stanford), 60-1; 8. De Souza (Oregon), 59-1 1/4; 9. Humink (North Carolina St.), 58-10 1/4; 10. Bergreen (UCLA), 56-9 1/4; 11. Chism (Arkansas), 55-2 1/4; 12. Hennings (Texas A&M), 53-9 1/4.

HAMMER—1. Koch (NE Louisiana), 233-2; 2. Finch (Oregon), 222-0; 3. O'Connor (Kent St.), 218-8; 4. Bilsingley (Washington St.), 215-7; 5. Karlsson (BYU), 215-7; 6. McGee (Oregon), 211-1; 7. Morales (UC Irvine), 209-1; 8. Knight (UCLA), 206-10; 9. Walker (Rhode Island), 201-8; 10. Ryan (Manhattan), 198-5; 11. Linscheid (Iowa), 198-2; 12. Unland (Washington St.), 194-10.

DECATHLON (Ind)—1. Huff (Arizona), 8,020; 2. Dasilva (Oregon), 7,885; 3. Fucci (SW Texas St.), 7,748; 4. Clark (Montana St.), 7,633; 5. Jariso (LSU), 7,574; 6. Fritz (Kansas St.), 7,548. Others included: 8. Shirley, 7,454; 11. Stevens, 7,013. Ind. event leaders: 110YH—Dasilva, 14.52; Stevens, 15.43; Huff, 15.44; Shirley, 15.93. DT—Elliott (Liberty), 161-4; Dasilva, 147-11; Huff, 133-10; Shirley, 133-3; Stevens, 121-8. P.v.—Huff, 16-0 1/4; Shirley, 15-5; Dasilva, 15-1; Stevens, 14-1 1/4. DT—Huff, 211-0; Dasilva, 197-1; Shirley, 189-6; Stevens, 175-9. 1,500—Stevens, 4:24.59; Huff, 4:39.12; Shirley, 4:39.50; Dasilva, 5:17.53.

FINAL TEAM LEADERS—LSU, 53; Texas A&M, 51; Florida, 39; Oregon, 36; Texas, 32; UCLA, 28; Nebraska, 26; TCU, 24; Arkansas, 23; Arizona, 22; Houston and USC, 21; Kansas, SW Texas St. and Baylor, 19; St. Mary's (Md.) and Alabama, 18; NE Louisiana, 16; Iowa St., 14; BYU, 13; Wisconsin and Iowa, 12; Clemson, Texas El Paso, Washington St. and Iowa, 11. Others included—Washington, 4; UC Irvine, 2; Fresno St. and San Diego St., 1.

**Women**

100—Sowell (LSU), 10.78 (wind 0.91 m.p.s. aiding) (meet record, old mark, 10.93, Sowell, in preliminary); 2. Jones (LSU), 11.12; 3. Howard (Florida), 11.16; 4. Oryall (Texas Southern), 5. Miller (Appalachian St.), 11.32; 6. Gaudry (Texas), 11.33; 7. Utundu (Texas Southern), 11.48; 8. Franklin (Nevada Las Vegas), 11.52; 9. Saldana (Texas), 11.57.

400—1. Davis (Alabama), 50.18 (meet record, old mark, 50.90, Leatherwood-King, Alabama, 1987); 2. Kaser (Missouri), 50.86; 3. Mondie (Illinois), 51.14; 4. Ogunloya (Mississippi St.), 51.33; 5. Taylor (USC), 51.75; 6. Felder (Howard), 51.91; 7. Saleem (Murray St.), 52.41; 8. Cunningham (LSU), 52.61; 9. Hardison (Texas), 53.41.

1,500—1. Favor (Wisconsin), 4:15.80; 2. Taylor (Maryland), 4:21.97; 3. Arnold (CS Northridge), 4:22.40; 4. Certain (Milanov), 4:24.04; 5. Canahar (North Carolina St.), 4:24.15; 6. Toms (Northern Arizona), 4:25.23; 7. Syc (Arkansas), 4:26.55; 8. DiMuro (Milanov), 4:26.86; 9. Wangard (Tennessee), 4:27.77; 10. Gallagher (Providence), 4:32.33; 11. Kruckeberg (Iowa), 4:33.97; 12. Hendrican (Providence), 4:34.33.

5,000—1. McGovern (Kentucky), 16:17.20; 2. Ljungberg (Texas El Paso), 16:18.47; 3. Goodman (Oklahoma St.), 16:25.75; 4. Dunston (Texas San Antonio), 16:34.99; 5. Rowand (Michigan), 16:37.24; 6. Van Orna (Texas El Paso), 16:40.60. Others included: 7. Wilson (Oregon), 16:44.49.

100 HURDLES—1. Stanley (LSU), 12.70; 2. Sheffield (LSU), 12.95; 3. Oba (Texas Southern), 13.23; 4. Vickers (UCLA), 13.25; 5. Dickey (Texas Southern), 13.28; 6. Robinson (Florida), 13.31; 7. Wells (Texas), 13.32; 8. Raske (Southern Illinois), 13.42; 9. Beverly (Illinois), 13.59.

1,600 RELAY—1. Texas (Roberts, Hardison, Flowers, Gaudry), 3:31.18; 2. UCLA, 3:32.13; 3. Texas Southern, 3:32.18; 4. LSU, 3:32.40; 5. Nevada Las Vegas, 3:34.37; 6. Oklahoma, 3:35.12; 7. North Carolina, 3:35.29; 8. Alabama, 3:45.89; Nebraska, did not run.

TRIPLE JUMP—1. Robinson (Nebraska), 44-7 1/4; 2. Banks (Texas Tech), 42-10 1/4; 3. Austin (North Carolina), 42-8; 4. Wills (Army), 42-6 1/4; 5. Mann (Penn St.), 42-4 1/4; 6. Taylor (Texas A&M), 42-4; 7. Phillips (Boston U.), 41-10 1/4; 8. Rogers (Georgia), 41-4 1/4; 9. Boone (Virginia), 41-0 1/4; 10. Haywood (Iowa), 40-10 1/4; 11. McKinney (Oregon), 40-4 1/4; 12. Wesley (Pan American), 40-4 1/4.

JAVELIN—1. Engel (Georgia), 195-8; 2. Solo (Virginia), 182-3; 3. Rockbauer (Nebraska), 182-3; 4. Lee (BYU), 175-8; 5. Dealberry (Weber St.), 173-11; 6. Seaman (USC), 166-4; 7. Watson (Florida), 166-4; 8. Hayati (Oregon), 163-8; 9. Woodhead (Tennessee), 159-9; 10. Miller (UCLA), 154-4; 11. Keith (Florida St.), 147-5; 12. Sanford (Washington), 147-0.

SHOTPUT—1. Garrett (Arizona), 54-8; 2. Purpur (Stanford), 51-9 1/4; 3. Smith (Illinois), 51-5; 4. Miller (Rice), 51-1; 5. Larson (UCLA), 50-7 1/4; 6. Koch (Indiana), 50-0 1/4; 7. Rosensteel (Florida), 49-6 1/4; 8. Ryker (Indiana), 49-1; 9. Payne (Michigan), 48-8 1/4; 10. Lewis (Minnesota), 48-4 1/4; 11. Barker (East Tennessee St.), 46-10 1/4; 12. Miller (UCLA), 46-8.

FINAL TEAM LEADERS—LSU, 86; UCLA, 47; Nebraska, 37; Texas Southern, 34; Arizona, 25; Texas, 24; Illinois, 23; USC, 19; BYU, Harvard and Villanova, 18; Alabama, 17; Oklahoma St., 16; Georgia and Wisconsin, 15; Texas A&M, Houston and Florida, 14; Indiana, 12; Missouri, Texas San Antonio, Rice and Texas El Paso, 11; Kentucky, Nevada Las Vegas and Stanford, 10. Others included—Washington St., 6; Oregon, 5; California, 2; UC Irvine, 1.

**Friday's Results****Women**

200—1. Sowell (LSU), 22.04 (meet record, old mark, 22.17, Marlene Ottey-Page, Nebraska, 1982); 2. Oryall (Texas Southern), 22.46; 3. Davis (Alabama), 22.65; 4. Jones (LSU), 22.77; 5. Ogunloya (Mississippi St.), 22.86; 6. Mondie (Illinois), 22.95; 7. Howard (Florida), 23.13; 8. Restrepo (Nebraska), 23.51; 9. Miller (Appalachian St.), 23.61.

800—1. Rainey (Harvard), 2:03.90; 2. Taylor (USC), 2:04.49; 3. Nakinyng (Iowa St.), 2:06.82; 4. Brydon (LSU), 2:06.15; 5. Noll (USC), 2:06.44; 6. Bertrand (Tennessee), 2:06.52; 7. Bennett (Milanov), 2:06.53; 8. Jones (Tennessee), 2:06.48; 9. Johnson (UCLA), 2:12.22.

3,000—1. Huber (Milanov), 9:06.96; 2. McGovern (Kentucky), 9:27.28; 3. Robertson (Washington St.), 9:33.46; 4. Rash (Nebraska), 9:34.00; 5. Cottnera (Princeton), 9:34.93; 6. Hartzheim (Wisconsin), 9:34.99. Others included: 7. Wilson (Oregon), 9:41.77; 13. Sterling (UC Irvine), 10:00.19; 17. Brown (UCLA), 10:24.51.

400 HURDLES—1. Vickers (UCLA), 55.27; 2. Wilson (Nebraska), 55.38; 3. Edeh (Rice), 56.10; 4. Comadrove (Southern), 56.76; 5. King (Boston U.), 56.77; 6. Nathan (Indiana), 57.39; 7. Roberts (Texas), 57.83; 8. Mattes (Wisconsin), 58.65; 9. Elerbe (West

Virginia), did not start.

400 RELAY—1. LSU (Stanley, Sowell, Sheffield, Jones), 42.50; 2. Illinois, 44.03; 3. Oklahoma, 44.16; 4. Nevada Las Vegas, 44.34; 5. Houston, 44.81; 6. Nebraska, 45.43; 7. Appalachian St., 45.93; 8. Texas, 46.30; Texas Southern, disqualified.

LONG JUMP—1. Opera (BYU), 21-2 1/4; 2. Smith (NE Louisiana), 21-2; 3. Duhaney (LSU), 21-0; 4. Nathan (Indiana), 20-9 1/4; 5. Rogers (Georgia), 20-8; 6. Lidy (Nebraska), 20-9; 7. Utundu (Texas Southern), 20-3 1/4; 8. Taylor (Texas A&M), 20-0 1/4; 9. Webber (Texas Southern), 20-0 1/4; 10. Le Blanc (Missouri), 19-9; 11. Beverly (Illinois), 19-7 1/4; 12. Allen (Missouri), 19-6 1/4.

HIGH JUMP—1. Clark (Texas A&M), 6-0 1/4; 2. Long (Wichita St.), 6-0 1/4; 3. Bradburn (Texas), 6-0 1/4; 4. Costner (Auburn), 5-11 1/4; 5. Alcorn (BYU), 5-11 1/4; 6. De among Wilson (BYU), Thomas (Abilene Christian) and Vidakowits (California), 5-10 1/4; 9. De among Hickoy (Lamar), Deffer (Connecticut) and Teaberry (Kansas St.), 5-9 1/4; 12. Lawrence (Illinois), 5-9 1/4.