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Duel of Champions

Aztec Thin-clads Meet UCLA

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The SDS defending NCAA College Division track and field champions begin their dual meet season Saturday at Balboa Stadium when they entertain the defending NCAA University Division champion UCLA Bruins.

Field events start at 1 p.m. with the first running event scheduled for 1:30.

The Bruins, expected to field one of the best balanced squads in the nation, are favored over the Aztecs. The two teams have met eight times since 1958 and the Bruins have won all eight meets.

Last year the Bruins trounced the Aztecs 119-25 and went on to cop the national major college title, while SDS captured the college division title.

Shy to Run

High hurdler Don Shy, ranked second in the world with a 13.4 clocking in the 120 high hurdles, has his first turn at the outdoors this season after a rigid indoor meet schedule. Shy, also a Little All-Coast offensive back with the Aztecs, was timed at 7.0 seconds for the 60 yard highs in San Francisco last week. He will also compete in the long jump against Bruin Gerald Lee.

UCLA's Ron Copeland, who won the NCAA 120 high hurdle title last season, has been out with an injury but may be able to challenge Shy in Saturday's meet.

While the Bruins are favored in nearly every event, a couple of battles will highlight the afternoon.

Top event could be the half-mile where two nationally ranked

middle distance stars will be competing. SDS' Rick Herrmann, with a 1966 time of 1:48 will be going against the Bruins Arnd Krueger who posted a lifetime best of 1:48.4 last August in his native Germany.

Bruin sprinters Hal Busby and Norm Jackson are expected to wage a duel with Aztecs Bob Jones and Gary Hails in both the 100 and 220.

Both Busby and Jackson have lifetime bests of 9.4 and 20.6

for the sprints while Jones, a little All-Coast defensive back in football, has bests of 9.7 and 21.2 and Hails, a transfer from Ventura Junior College, has 9.7 and 21.5 efforts.

Other Aztecs, expected to gain the points are Bill Trujillo (4:14) and John Colson (4:10.4) in the mile; Colson (9:16) and Dave Eby (9:14) in the two mile; Ray Sheuy (6-6) in the high jump; and Tom Nettles (204-9½) in the javelin.