

Eased-Up Bruins Rout USC, 100-54

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The sun at the Coliseum never has been more brilliant, but none of it was shining on USC Saturday.

It was possibly the darkest day in Trojan track and field history as UCLA, a school which went 32 years before scoring its first win over USC in 1966, pranced to a 100-54 victory to wrap up the Pacific 8 dual meet championship.

It had been almost a half a century, 49 years to be exact, since anybody had scored 100 points on a USC track team. In 1921 California beat the Trojans, 105-28.

Scratch in Relay

After it was over Saturday, Trojan fans couldn't even console themselves by saying, "Well, at least we went down fighting."

Needing a victory in the mile relay to prevent the Bruins from scoring 100, the Trojans scratched from the event. The announcement brought a chorus of boos from the stands.

"We just couldn't find four healthy men," said coach Vern Wolfe who explained that Edsel Garrison, Ron Pharris and Monty Turner all had come up limping in previous events.

Still, it was felt, even among USC routers, that four shot putters would have been better than nothing. But the Trojans refused to go to the line, and the Bruins walked through the event in 3:42.6, then joined with the rest of the UCLA team in taking a post-meet victory lap.

"I would have been satisfied with 78 points," said UCLA coach Jim Bush, "but the kids told me, 'We're going to get a

hundred!' They did a great job. They continue to amaze me with their poise because this is a young team."

Bush didn't pour it on, holding out some of his top men in the 400 hurdles and 220, but admitted that he was tempted to shoot the works.

"The Trojans poured it on us two years ago when they beat us 108-36," he said. "Our kids didn't forget it."

Wayne Collett again was the big man, equalling the Coliseum record in the 440 at 45.8 and anchoring the 440 relay team to victory in 39.6, tying the UCLA school record.

Mike Mullins, as he did in the win over Kutztown, broke the meet open in the mile when he discouraged USC's Ole Oleson with a 2:01.6 first half and went on to win in 4:05.8.

Jim Mosher picked up a surprise second in 4:07.8 and Oleson, who won in 4:04.0 against the Bruins two years ago, faded to fourth in 4:21.6.

That gave UCLA a 30-20 lead and the rout was on.

Garrison Through!

Hurdler Herman Franklin didn't compete for the Trojans and Garrison didn't run anymore after anchoring USC to a second-place 39.5 in the 440 relay.

Garrison said he was suffering from both a cramp and an Achilles injury.

"I'm through this year," he said. "I can't run this way. I'll be ready next year. Next year I'll turn it back."

Wolfe still managed to smile after it was over, even when somebody inappropriately asked, "How are you?"

"Bleeding," said Wolfe, Wolfe's assistant, Ken

Matsuda, put it even better.

"The whole Coliseum caved in," he said.

Track Notes

It was only UCLA's third win over USC in history but Bush is even with the Trojans at 3-3. The victory came the day after his fourth wedding anniversary. He was married on the eve of UCLA's 86-20 win over the Trojans in 1966 and he says, "That's still the biggest win." The Trojans are never going to dominate us, and no one is going to dominate the Trojans. They're all going to be tough."

Collett was surprised at his

time in the 440 because he said he didn't feel well after picking up a cold last week.

"I thought it was about 46.5," he said. . . Oleson couldn't explain his collapse in the mile. "I just didn't feel good," he said. "Mullins ran a good race." . . UCLA's Reggie Robinson, winner of the sprints in 9.6 and 21.1 against headwinds, said, "I have trouble against the wind because I'm a bouncing runner. I can't get down and dig." Reggie would like to meet Texas A&M's world record 880-yard relay team in the Compton Invitational, June 6. . . Bush said, "We're as good as A&M." The Bruins will make their first 880-

relay start next Saturday in the Pacific 8 Southern Division Relays at UCLA.

SIXT FIFTY—1. Murphy (USC), 437H; 2. Collich (USC), 419; 3. Ostloch (UCLA), 401H.

LONG JUMP—1. J. Johnson (UCLA), 233A; 2. Bendlin (UCLA), 224H; 3. Tordella (UCLA), 222H.

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440-1. Collett (UCLA), 45.8 (meet record, old mark 43.8); Len Van Housen (UCLA), 196H; equaled Coliseum record; Len Evans, 209 H; 3. Smith Collett (UCLA), 44.3; 4. Lynn (UCLA), 43.3; 5. O'Brien (UCLA), 42.5; 6. O'Brien (UCLA), 41.9; 7. Ostloch (UCLA), 197H.

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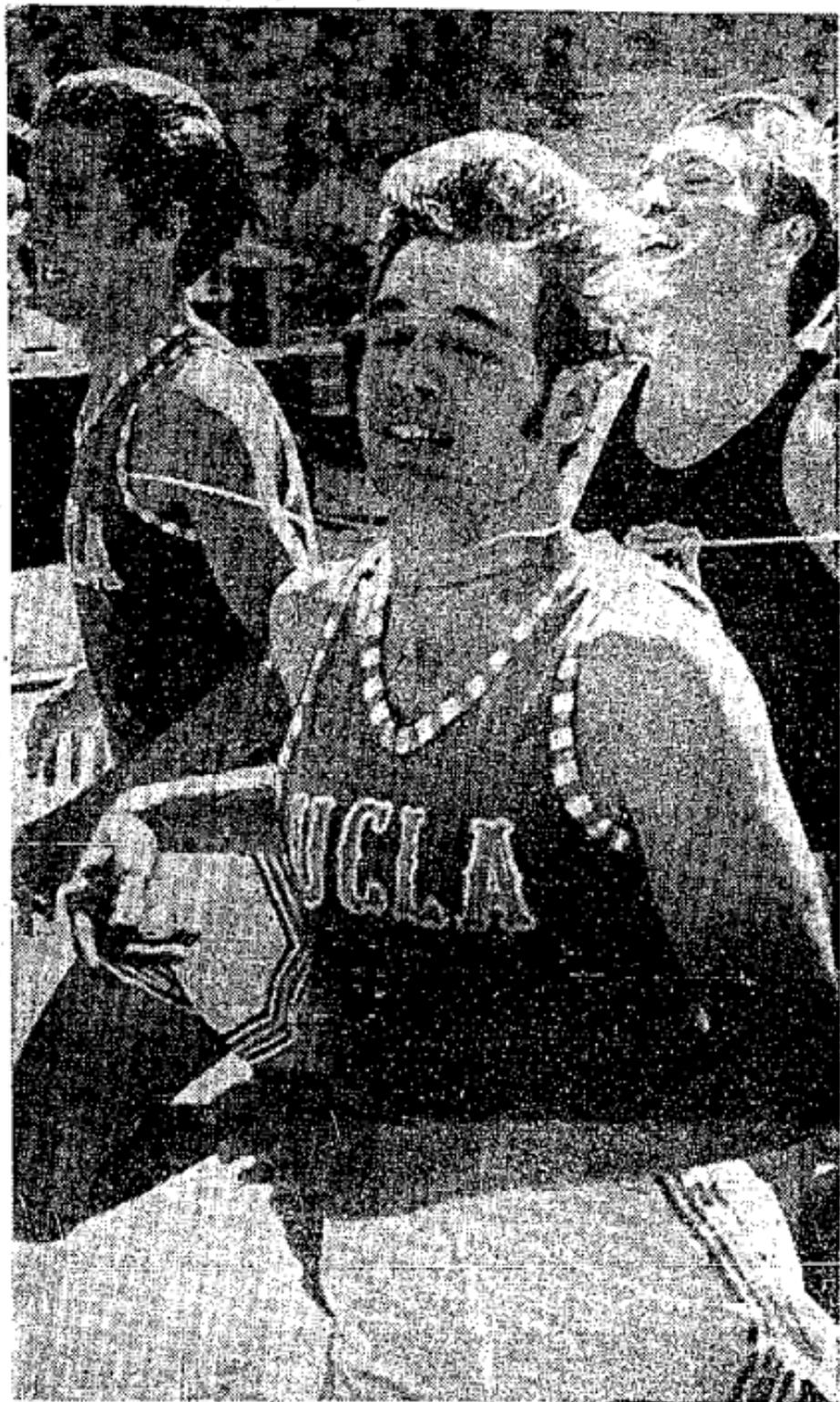
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THREE AT THE WIRE—Paul Williams of UCLA breaks tape in half mile in 1:52.6, barely beating teammate Bob Langston, second, and USC's Curtis Jones in the Bruins' 100-54 victory Saturday.

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