

USL Takes Slim Win in Dual Meet

LAFAYETTE — The University of Southwestern Louisiana won the 3-mile run and mile relay to break open a close meet and take a dual track meet win over Northwestern (La.) here Friday.

Craig Marks placed a first and third USL finish in the three-mile and then the Ragin' Cajuns came in with a season best 3:11 mile relay to pull to an unbeatable 72-61 advantage. The Demons took two of three places in triple jump to make the final margin 75-67.

"It was a good workout in preparation for the Southland Conference track meet," said USL coach Bob Cole. "We got to look at everybody in the events they are going to run at conference.

"Individually, Vernon Harrison looked real good both in the quarter and on the anchor leg of the mile relay."

Harrison, who had the best time in the SLG in the quarter coming into the meet (47.5), dipped to 47.3 in a winning effort. Then he turned a 47.6 split at anchor on the mile relay.

The Ragin' Cajuns also had good performance in the sprints, although they took backseat to NSU's Connie Hatcher who was a double winner, capturing the 100-yard dash in 9.6 and the 220 in 21.3. USL's Jimmie Williams (9.7 and 21.8) and Willie Nash (9.8 and 21.7) dipped to season bests.

USL swept the hurdles with Williams winning the 120-yard highs in 14-seconds flat and Eric Trahan the 440-yard

intermediates in 54-flat. There points were offset by Northwestern in the field events. The Demons took a 1-2-3 in the shot and 1-2 in discus and had the only entrant in the pole vault.

440-Yard Relay — 1. NSU (Connie Hatcher, Herschel Moore, Johnny Smith, Andrew Morning), 41.6. (USL disqualified because of false start.)

Discus — 1. Grady Lee, NSU, 158-10; 2. Jeff Kent, NSU, 151-7; 3. Mike Dumas, USL, 132-7.

High Jump — 1. Keith Walters, USL, 6-4½; 2. Hay Dugas, USL, 6-4½; 3. Jerry Richardson, NSU, 6-4½ (Walters had fewer misses).

Mile Run — 1. Sean O'Donnell, NSU, 4:17.6; 2. Lonnie Bissell, USL, 4:22.0; 3. Matt Pieretti, USL, 4:35.5.

120-Yard High Hurdles — 1. Jimmy Williams, USL, 14-0; 2. Eddie Harper, USL, 14.5; 3. Tom Mitchell, NSU, 14.6.

Shot Put — 1. Jeff Kent, NSU, 49-4; 2. Grady Lee, NSU, 42-6; 3. John Barrier, NSU, 40-11½.

440-Yard Dash — 1. Vernon Harrison, USL, 47.3; 2. Lawrence Johnson, USL, 48.4; 3. Tommy Swacker, NSU, 48.6.

100-Yard Dash — 1. Connie Hatcher, NSU, 9.6; 2. Jimmy Williams, USL, 9.7; 3. Willie Nash, USL, 9.8.

Javelin — 1. Clint Credeur, USL, 212-22; 2. John Barrier, NSU, 196-0; 3. Keith Kishbaugh, USL, 179-9.

Pole Vault — 1. John Barrier, NSU, 14-6 (only entrant).

880-Yard Dash — 1. Andry (Baby) Kivlan, USL, 1:54.1; 2. Windell Bonner, NSU, 1:54.6; 3. Al Faulkinberry, NSU, 1:55.4.

440-Yard Hurdles — 1. Eric Trahan, USL, 54.0; 2. Tommie Mitchell, NSU, 54.8; 3. Eddie Harper, USL, 55.2.

Long Jump — 1. Curtis Ellis, USL, 24-3½; 2. Jarrott Handy, NSU, 23-6; 3. Bernard Jones, USL, 23-0½.

220-Yard Dash — 1. Connie Hatcher, NSU, 21.3; 2. Willie Nash, USL, 21.7; 3. Jimmy Williams, USL, 21.8.

3-Mile Run — 1. Craig Marks, USL, 14:43.5; 2. Sean O'Donnell, NSU, 15:18.7; 3. Cedric Thibodeaux, USL, 15:33.5.

Mile Relays — 1. USL (Robert Buckingham, 48.3, Vernon Patton, 48.1; Lawrence Jonson, 47.6; Vernon Harrison, 47.6) 3:11.6; 2. NSU (Chris DiGrazia, Tommy Swacker, Jerry Lewellen, Larry Harris), 3:16.1.

Triple Jump — 1. Jarrott Handy, NSU, 49-0; 2. Freddie Anderson, USL, 48-2; 3. Charles Tucker, NSU, 47-9.

FINAL SCORE: USL 75, Northwestern 67.