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Bruins reign again with blitz of NCAA meet

Pre takes 5,000 as Ducks fourth; Woods victorious

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Although the clouds parted and the Sun peeked through the moment Steve Prefontaine stepped on the track, Saturday's frenzied wrapup of the NCAA track and field championships belonged to UCLA's Bruins.

In a magnificent manifestation of talent and competitiveness, the Bruins blitzed the field with 82 points, nearly doubling USC's 49 for second and well ahead of UTEP (45) in third and Oregon (32) in fourth.

ALTHOUGH IT was UCLA's second straight national championship, more importantly the Bruins once again rule Los Angeles.

"We wanted to win this and prove the Bruins have arrived in Los Angeles," Coach Jim Bush said, an obvious reference to the criticism his program drew following UCLA's defeat by crosstown rival USC in the Pacific-8 meet.

"I think the ruckus yesterday (the protest against USC sprinter Don Quarrie) made our guys mad and that helped. We've taken a lot of abuse in the papers and a lot of people have been popping off since we lost the Pac-8. But in the long run maybe losing there helped us win here."

FOR THE 14,000 who responded wildly to the track carnival, there was a little bit of everything.

- An amazing 7-3/4 NCAA meet record by Oregon State freshman Tom Woods, a skinny flopper from Estacada.

- The nation's fastest steeplechase time of the year, a 8:30.1 victory by Georgetown's Joseph Lucas.

- Prefontaine's 13:31.4 victory in the 5,000 meters, the third fastest 5,000 ever by an American. Pre, of course, has the other two.

The team title was all but decided before the first gun went off when USC, which was leading with 28 points, scratched Quarrie from the 440 relay and the 200 meters. He was injured Friday.

And there was no doubt at all when Bruin John Smith ran a wire-to-wire 44.5 in the 400 meters and teammate Benny Brown, a freshman, was third in 45.3. More significantly, USC's Edesel Garrison, who had beaten Smith in the Pac-8 meet, faded to fourth in 45.5.

THE SUN REALLY did break through the overcast when Pre was announced in the 5,000. Up to that point, the Ducks were waddling with 14 points, eight from shotputter Pete Shmock on Friday, one from a sixth-place finish by the sprint relay team, one from Steve Bence in the 800 meters and four more from Mac Wilkins in the discus.

After 17 events, in fact, the Ducks were in 10th place.

Then Pre took over, although his victory was not uncontested. Penn State's Greg Fredericks held on Pre's shoulder until two laps remained.

"After 10 or 11 laps I moved over and waved him by," said Prefontaine. "I wanted to see what he wanted to do. He didn't go by and I thought if he's just going to suck on the back of me I'd let him have it right now."

"**AT LEAST** I got Oregon something."

Fredricks stayed in contention although there was never any question of who would win.

"I hoped to stay close to him and maybe catch him sleeping with a lap to go, not really aware that I was that close to him," said Fredericks, who ran a lifetime best of 13:34.0.



(Register-Guard photo by Paul Petersen)

Ken Popejoy had the lead in the 1,500 but David Wottle (in hat) charged to victory

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● Oregon's inspiring second in the mile relay, winning its section in 3:06.4 (equaling the UO record by the same group) and placing second to first section winner UCLA (3:05.3).

(The sections were necessary when the track was resurveyed Saturday morning and it was found that the staggered starts were incorrect.)

● Larry Burton's 20.5 victory in the 200 meters, remarkable for the Purdue sophomore who ran his first track race ever on Jan. 28 of this year.

● UCLA's one-three-four finish in the triple jump with James Butts (53-2 $\frac{1}{4}$), Harry Freeman (53-6 $\frac{1}{2}$) and Milan Tiff (52-9 $\frac{1}{4}$).

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Prefontaine had undergone a physical examination last week, worried about a tired, listless feeling.

"I think I'm ready for a good one now," he said after the race, obviously encouraged by his time (13:31.4 compared to his American record of 13:29.8) which was achieved without a finishing sprint.

PRE, IN FACT, was actually faster in this race at three miles, hitting that point at 13:03 compared with 13:04 on his record run.

"When I heard that 13:03 I said to myself, 'I wish that damned Australian were here,'" continued Pre, talking about Tony Benson, who has publicly questioned Pre's ability to sprint the last lap.

"Listen, I ran the last three-quarters in 3:05 and when you do that you don't have to run 55 seconds for the last lap. He (Benson) shouldn't be talking like that . . . the fastest he's ever run is 13:36 anyway."

It seemed entirely appropriate for the Ducks to finish with a flourish, and little (5-7) Canadian quartermiler Craig Blackman, who missed most of the season with an injury, took care of that.

RUNNING THE second leg of the mile relay, Blackman blasted a 45.7 which put the Ducks ahead to stay. Vincent Buford ran 47.3 from the blocks, Doug Chapman ran third in 47.4 and Weldon Vance anchored in 46.0.

It marked the third consecutive year this team has scored in the NCAA meet,

and the progression has been from fourth in 1970 (with Al Hearvey running in place of Chapman) to third in 1971 to second this season.

"It was a great team effort," said Vance. "Maybe we don't have a world record holder on our team but we've got great balance and that teamwork is going to help us win it next year."

Blackman said he ran out of fear.

"I hadn't run much this year and I was terrified at the prospect of being the goat running 48.2 or something. I decided to go out fast and it paid off."

THE DUCKS MIGHT have run even faster had they been in the heat with UCLA, although nobody was suggesting they might have overhauled the Bruins with Smith anchoring (he ran 45.0).

"I think our last two men (Chapman and Vance) might have run faster had they been pushed," said Blackman. "That's the advantage I had."

Although Oregon never threatened for the team title it has won four times before, Oregon Coach Bill Bowerman was pleased with his team's performance.

"All our guys were tough," he said, "But it's tough to score points against the greatest collegiate field ever assembled."

"I was real proud of them."

Wilkins-threw 183-7 on his last throw to overtake UCLA's Dale Gordon (183-2) for fourth. Gary Wolf, who last Saturday set the Oregon school record of 193-2, fouled badly on his three throws.

"THE ONLY THING I did worthwhile

was finish fourth, said Wilkins. "I wasn't tight, maybe I was just over anxious. I had a good opening throw (182-5) but the others (foul, foul, 165-5, 166-1) were terrible.

"I'm going to keep throwing. I still think I can make the Olympic qualifying standard (193-7). I guess this was the trials of a beginner."

Bence, who ran in an 800-meter final which resembled roller derby, not track and field, still hung on for sixth in 1:47.7.

"I learned how to push and get away with it," said Bence. "I finally forced myself through to make a move but I was out in lane five by then," said Bence, who was bumped badly on the last turn. "I guess that took a lot out of me."



Improper water jump, other discrepancies claimed at Hayward

The steeplechase water jump area at Hayward Field has been found lacking proper depth, impairing the credibility of the four fastest steeplechase performances by American trackmen, including Joe Lucas' 8:30.1 run in Saturday's NCCA final.

The New York Times, in a copyrighted story, revealed the illegal water jump and raised what it called "other pertinent questions about the site for the United States Olympic Trials."

THE TIMES also reported that the hammer throw circle is a fraction of an inch too wide, gaps exist in the synthetic pads on the javelin runway, there are uneven lanes on the turns, and the long jump pit is lower than the takeoff board.

Sid Sink set an American record of 8:26.4 in last year's AAU steeplechase in a race hailed as the fastest ever run by Americans. Sink's record, according to The Times, was apparently certified without a measurement of the water jump.

"An unusually large number of discrepancies were uncovered by the NCAA inspection committee," said The Times, "although none was as glaring as the steeplechase."

"IT'S A VERY delicate situation," a member of the committee told the Times, asking that his name be withheld. "Bill Bowerman, the Oregon coach, is also the United States Olympic coach. The Olympic Trials are going to be held here, and the Oregon Track Club is very active in

promoting track in the area. Bowerman is very sensitive to criticism."

Bowerman recognized the improper water jump area in the steeplechase but called the other complaints "nit-picking."

"It lacks 2 1/2 inches in depth," said Bowerman. "We will correct it by the Olympic Trials. I assume this happened eight years ago when we cemented the bottom of the pit."

"I'M NOT SENSITIVE about criticism," said Bowerman, "only incompetence. The hammer throw ring is 1/8 of an inch off at one end. The Kent State coach said it was the best facility he's seen. The long jump is exactly level with the takeoff board and the gaps in the javelin area are almost an 1/8 of an inch wide. Maybe they're worried somebody will fall in."

The incorrect measurement of the staggers, which threw Friday's mile relay trials into confusion, further soiled Oregon's record.

"We just blew it," said Bowerman. "We've never used those outside lanes before and they were wrong. We'll fix it."

BOB GIEGENGACK, the Yale coach who is chairman of the U.S. Olympic Committee's track and field committee, was informed of the discrepancies.

"Well, if Eugene is unable to put on the trials, who is? If they lack the competence, who has it?" he said.



Purdue's Lawrence Burton breaks the top

For his 7-3 1/4 triumph in NCAA meet

Woods credits prep

By JOHN CONRAD
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It was less than a month ago that Oregon State freshman Tom Woods couldn't even win the high jump in a dual track meet with the University of Oregon.

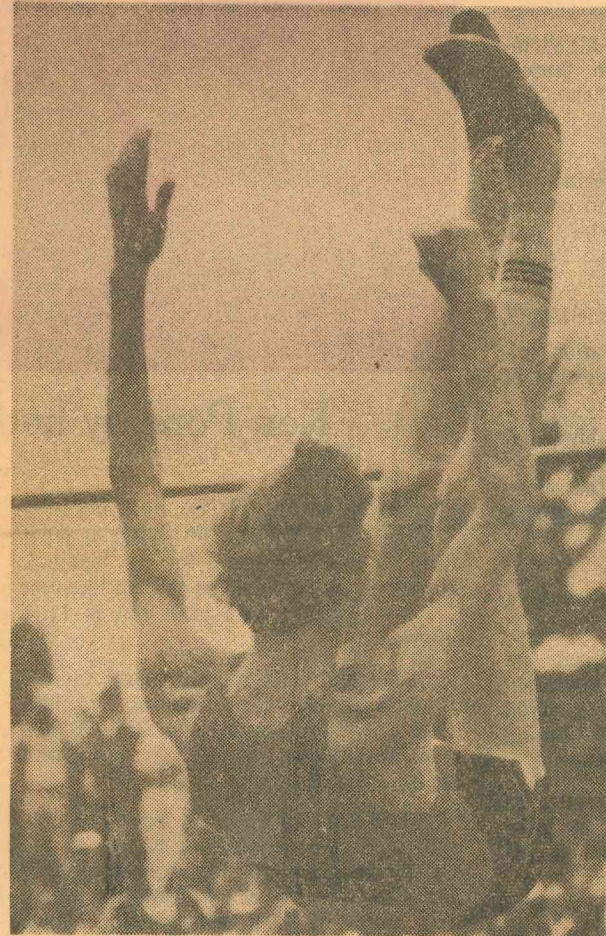
Now the former Estacada prep sensation is the 1972 NCAA high jump champion and suddenly finds himself a solid candidate for a berth on the U.S. Olympic team.

Woods cleared 7-3 1/4 on his second jump, for stadium and NCAA meet records as well as a personal best (by two inches) in the final day of action in the NCAA meet at Hayward Field Saturday.

His was a strong performance from start to finish. He missed once at seven feet, then cleared 7-1 and 7-2 on his first efforts before getting the winning leap and then missing on three tries at 7-4 1/2.

"I FELT GOOD going for 7-3," said Woods, admittedly surprised to bounce back so strongly after failing to place in the Pacific-8 championships. "I thought I should have had 7-4, but my form broke down a little and on the last jump I was really tight."

Woods now plans to return to Estacada to continue working on his form with Coach Dick Stiles, his prep mentor, prior to the Olympic Trials at the same site.



(Register-Guard photo by Paul ...)

Tom Woods is over the top

at the Pac-8. I thought he might be ready for this by next year, but not now."

Woods credited much of his success to the help of Stiles.

"He helps me a lot on form," said Woods, a 6-foot-5, 170-pounder who took up the "Fosbury Flop" in 1968 after former OSU star Dick Fosbury used it to win the Olympic gold medal.

"He's helped me since I was a freshman in high school," he added of Stiles. "I know (OSU coach) Beryn Wagner is a qualified high jump coach, but he doesn't know me and my style that well yet."

Woods also credited his quick resurgence at the Pac-8 meet to a book "Track and Field Dynamics" which Woods purchased last week ago.

"It applies the laws of physics to all of track and field," said Woods. "Some of the things I agree with and others I don't."

Woods feels that much of his troubles this year have come from poor form.

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NCAA meet results

Finals

Javelin

1. Rick Downs, Ohio, 265-11. 2. Gary Quitslund, Washington, 261-4. 3. Sam Colson, Kansas, 255-5. 4. Ed Morland, Kansas State, 251-8. 5. Sam Strickland, Arizona, 245-11. 6. Glen Lere, Lamar Tech, 242-8. 7. Craig Siles, Montana, 241-0. 8. Dan Martin, Tennessee, 236-6. 9. John Tobin, UC-Santa Barbara, 227-9. 10. Van Hollaway, Iowa State, 221-4. 11. Rich Ram, USC, 216-9. 12. Bob Daniel, Oregon, 208-10.

Steeplechase

1. Joseph Lucas, Georgetown, 8:30.1 (Beaters Hayward Field record of 8:31.0 set by Sid Sink of Bowling Green in 1971). 2. Jim Johnson, Washington, 8:32.3. 3. Doug Brown, Tennessee, 8:33.5. 4. Mark Larson, Wisconsin, 8:34.9. 5. Roger Beardmore, Duke, 8:37.9. 6. Richard Gross, Illinois, 8:41.7. 7. Bill Koss, Washington, 8:43.2. 8. Al Myers, Ball State, 8:44.2. 9. Graham Hutchinson, Washington State, 8:48.4. 10. Robert Childs, Pennsylvania, 8:49.2. 11. Steve Kelley, Indiana, 9:01.0. 12. Leonard Hill, Oregon State, 9:12.2.

440 Relay

1. USC (Randy Williams, Leon Brown, Edsel Garrison, Willie Deckard), 39.6. 2. Southwest Louisiana (Harold Porter, Paul Gulleit, Aaron Thompson, Don Creuder), 39.9. 3. Purdue (Lawrence Grambo, Carl Capria, David Lighthenheld, Lawrence Burton), 40.0. 4. Kansas (Tom Scavuzzo, Mark Lutz, Bob Bornkessel, Phil Stepp), 40.0. 5. UTEP (Erroll Stewart, Ron Rodeau, Harold Williams, Harrington Jackson), 40.3. 6. Oregon (Ross Blackman, Vince Buford, John Mays, Al Hearvey), 40.4. Colorado and Memphis state did not finish.

1,500 Meters

1. David Wottle, Bowling Green, 3:39.7 (Beaters NCAA meet record of 3:39.9 set by Dave Patrick of Villanova in 1968; Beaters Hayward Field record of 3:39.8 set by Steve Prefontaine of Oregon in 1972). 2. Jerome Towe, Kansas State, 3:39.8. 3. Bob Wheeler, Duke, 3:40.9. 4. Willie Eashman, Cal State-Hayward, 3:41.0. 5. Joseph Savage, Manhattan, 3:41.6. 6. Ken Popejoy, Michigan State, 3:41.9. 7. James Wilkins, North Carolina State, 3:44.2. 8. Michate Durkin, Illinois, 3:44.3. 9. Steve Wheeler, Duke, 3:45.4. 10. David Hill, Southern Illinois, 3:49.5. Reginald McAfee, North Carolina, disqualified. Lee LaBadie, Illinois, did not finish.

400 Meters

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400 Meter

1. Bruce Collins, Pennsylvania, 49.1 (Beaters Hayward Field record of 49.6 set by Jim Bolding of Oklahoma State in Friday's semifinals). 2. Carl Wood, Richmond, 50.3. 3. Jean-Pierre Corval, UCLA, 51.1. 4. Mike Lee, Kansas State, 50.9. 5. Ron Rondeau, UTEP. Bob Casleman, Michigan; Jim Bolding, Oklahoma State; and Chris Adsit, Colorado State, all disqualified.

200 Meters

ALL TIMES WIND-AIDED

1. Lawrence Burton, Purdue, 20.5. 2 (tie), Mark Lutz, Kansas, and Richard Hardware, Adelphi, 20.5. 4. Leon Brown, USC, 20.5. 5. Willie Deckard, USC, 20.6. 6. Dennis Walker, Adelphi, 20.7. 7. Warren Edmonson, UCLA, 20.8. Harold Williams, UTEP, disqualified.

Triple Jump

1. James Butts, UCLA, 53-2 1/4. 2. Barry McClure, Middle Tennessee State, 52-1 1/2. 3. Harry Freeman, UCLA, 52-10 1/4. 4. Milan Tiff, UCLA, 52-9 1/2. 5. Keith Witherspoon, Virginia, 51-9 1/2. 6. Charles Steffes, New Mexico, 50-11 1/4. 7. Henry Jackson, USC, 50-9 1/2. 8. Sigurd Langeland, Brigham Young, 50-8 1/4. 9. James Harris, Southern Illinois, 50-2 3/4. 10. Trevor Hall, UTEP, 49-5 3/4. 11. Darryl Kelly, North Carolina, 47-8 3/4.

Mile Relay

RAN IN TWO HEATS

1. UCLA (Reggie Echols, Ron Gaddis, Bennie Brown, John Smith), 3:05.3 (Beaters

Hayward Field record of 3:07.4 set by California in 1964). 2. Oregon (Vince Buford, Craig Blackman, Doug Chapman, Weldon Vance), 3:06.4. 3. Michigan (Kim Rowe, Eric Chapman, Reggie Bradford, Greg Syphax), 3:07.8. 4. Southern Illinois (Gerald Smith, Lonnie Brown, Terry Erickson, Eddie Sutton), 3:09.8. 5. Oklahoma State (Stan Stolpe, James Kurasch, Jim Bolding, Dennis Schultz), 3:10.0. 6. USC (Tony Krzysosiak, Earl Richardson, Leon Brown, Edsel Garrison), 3:10.3. 7. Texas, 3:10.7. 8. Abilene Christian, 3:11.7. 9. Oklahoma, 3:12.0. 10. Indiana, 3:12.1. 11. South Carolina, 3:12.4.

Team

UCLA 82, USC 49, UTEP 45, Oregon 32, Kansas 25, Kent State 18, Washington 18, Rice 18, Kansas State 17, Tennessee 16, Purdue 16, Oklahoma State 12, Villanova 12, Oregon State 10, Georgetown 10, Connecticut 10, Pennsylvania 10, Ohio 10, Bowling Green 10, Southern Illinois 9 1/2, Illinois 9, Penn State 8, Southwest Louisiana 8, Wisconsin 8, Arizona 8, Arkansas State 8, Oklahoma 8, Alabama 8, Cincinnati 8, Michigan 8, Duke 8, Richmond 8, Pittsburgh 6, North Carolina 6, Brigham Young 5, Fresno State 4, Southern Methodist 4, Louisiana Tech 4, Manhattan 4, Northwestern 4, Colgate 4, Lamar Tech 2, NYU 2, Colorado 2, Nevada-Reno 2, Arizona State 2, Fordham 2, Virginia 2, Washington State 1 1/2, Baylor 1, Minnesota 1, Texas 1, East Tennessee State 1, Michigan State 1, Maryland 1, New Mexico 1.

Semifinals

200 Meters

FIRST HEAT (Four qualify for finals)
1. Warren Edmonson, UCLA, 20.7. 2. Mark Lutz, Kansas, 20.8. 3. Willie Deckard, USC, 20.8. 4. Dennis Walker, Adelphi, 20.9. 5. Albert Hearvey, Oregon, 20.9. 6. James Rudasill, Brown, 20.9. 7. Harrington Jackson, UTEP, 21.2.

SECOND HEAT (Four qualify for finals)
1. Lawrence Burton, Purdue, 20.6. 2. Leon Brown, USC, 20.7. 3. Richard Hardware, Adelphi, 20.7. 4. Harold Williams, UTEP, 20.8. 5. Ivory Crockett, Southern Illinois, 20.8. 6. Gordon Peppers, UCLA, 21.0.



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