

Bengals Nab Track Title; Sojourner High Jumps 7'2"

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Idaho State University picked up all the marbles, but it was basketball star Willie Sojourner who stole the show Saturday

night in the finals of the Big Sky Conference track and field championships.

The Bengals won their seventh straight conference crown, but the treat for the fans on the weather-perfect evening was a

high jump of 7 ft. 2 in. by Sojourner to set all sorts of records.

In joining the elite group of high jumpers in the world who have cleared seven feet, Sojourner had to come back after a psychological letdown.

It happened this way: Willie had already won the meet at 6-9½. He asked for the bar to be placed at seven feet. He then cleared it on his third attempt, only to have a measurement show he had jumped only 6-11½. The bar was then placed at 7-½ and the distance measured before his attempt. He cleared the height on his first try. Three later attempts at 7-1½ failed.

Idaho State, which was expected to be pushed for the conference title by Montana University and Weber State, won the meet going away as it compiled 93 points. The Grizzlies edged out Weber for second place, 73 to 71½. Montana State trailed with 31 and the University of Idaho was last with 14½.

Randy Montgomery was the big point producer for the Wildcats, winning the triple jump and 220-yard dash, running on the winning 440-yard relay team and leading Weber to a second place in the mile relay. It was his great anchor leg effort that gave Weber its second in the mile relay.

His time in the 220 of 29.7 tied the conference record. But Montgomery had his disappointments earlier in the evening. After scratching in his three attempts in Friday's long jump trials, the speedster was scratched in Saturday's 100-yard dash after two false starts.

ANOTHER RECORD

In addition to Sojourner's breaking the conference high jump mark by an inch and a half, Montana's Roy Robinson set a new Big Sky standard in the 120-yard high hurdles with a clocking of 14 seconds flat. A number of stadium and school records were also set.

As expected, the Wildcats showed good power in the high jump, triple jump, javelin and shot put.

Following Sojourner in the high jump was Ron Johansen with a second place and Richard Spainhower with a fourth-place tie. Bard Ferrin was the runner-up in the javelin, while Werner Klotzer took a third.

In the shot put, Frank Reilly and Emmett White were second and third respectively, and Sam Gipson, Friday's winner in the long jump, was second behind Montgomery in the triple jump and Ben Farr was fifth in the same event.

DOUBLE WINNERS

There were two double winners in addition to Montgomery. Montana's Robinson took the 100-yard dash as well as the hurdles, and Jim Wharton of Idaho State captured the 440-

yard run and the 440-yard intermediate hurdles. Wharton also anchored the Bengals winning mile relay team.

Saturday's results were:

440 Relay — 1. Weber State (Sam Gipson, Randy Montgomery, Jerry Bond, Leonard Perdue), 49.7. 2. Idaho State (Turner, Wharton, Schell, Lewis), 47.2. 3. Idaho (Colins, Johnson, Wheeler, Moss), 47.3.

Shotput — 1. Mark Doane, M., 53-1½. 2. Frank Reilly, W., 52-7. 3. Emmett White, W., 52-8. 4. Gary Braden, MSU, 50-1½. 5. Clayton Vann, ISU, 48-11½.

Mile — 1. Mike Isola, ISU, 4:12.2. 2. Roy Jones, MSU, 4:16.1. 3. Jim Thompson, MSU, 4:17.8. 4. Nelson Karaga, ISU, 4:21.4. 5. Duane Spethman, M., 4:23.1. 6. 120 High Hurdles — 1. Roy Johansen, M., 14-0. 2. Jay Wheeler, I., 14-3. 3. John Turner, ISU, 14-7. 4. Bill Miner, ISU, 14-8. 5. Rick Kendall, M., 15-0.

440 — 1. Jim Wharton, ISU, 48-3. 2. Jim Thomas, ISU, 48-6. 3. Bob Zins, M., 48-9. 4. Dick Schroeder, MSU, 49-5. 5. Dave Vortice, MSU, 49-7.

Javelin — 1. Jack Anderson, ISU, 231-10. 2. Bard Ferrin, W., 216-2. 3. Werner Klotzer, W., 202-4. 4. John Sartin, MSU, 201-4. 5. Dave Gustafson, M., 184-5.

100 — 1. Roy Robinson, M., 9-5. 2. John Turner, ISU, 9-7. 3. Ed Edmon, MSU, 9-7. 4. Jerry Bond, W., 9-7. 5. Greg Schell, ISU, 9-7.

440 Hurdles — 1. Jim Wharton, ISU, 52-4. 2. Dick Koppie, M., 52-3. 3. Rick Hultner, ISU, 52-5. 4. Bill Trasper, M., 54-3. 5. Bill Nebel, M., 54-4.

800 — 1. Ron Walker, ISU, 1:53. 2. Al Jonckheyn, M., 1:54. 3. Dick Miller, M., 1:55.3. 4. Bob Rancilio, ISU, 1:56.3. 5. Gary Johnson, I., 1:56-4.

220 — 1. Randy Montgomery, W., 29.7 (ties conference record set by Willie Jones, Montana, 1968). 2. John Turner, ISU, and Ed Edmon, MSU, 29.3. 3. 110 — 1. Greg Schell, ISU, 21.3. 2. Jerry Bond, W., 21-5.

Three Mile — 1. Wade Jacobson, M., 14:34.2. 2. George Cook, M., 14:37.5. 3. Nelson Karaga, ISU, 14:57-3. 4. John Hayti, MSU, 15:36-9. 5. Bob Hamilton, I., 15-0.

High Jump — 1. Willie Sojourner, W., 7-2½ (conference record, beats old record of 6-11 set by Steve Brown, Idaho, 1968). 2. Ron Johansen, W., 6-8. 3. Greg Olson, M., 6-4. 4. Richard Spainhower, W., and Dave Vortice, MSU, 6-3 (tie).

Pole Vault — 1. Bill Isley, ISU, 15-0. 2. Greg Smithy, ISU, 15-8. 3. Bob Robinson, I., and Steve Houtsham, ISU, 14-6 (tie). 4. Carl Page, W., 14-6.

Mile Relay — 1. Idaho State (Jim Wharton, Jack LaRuy, Jim Thomas, Larry Lewis), 3:14-4. 2. Weber State (Bard, Reilly, Gray, Montgomery), 3:18. 3. Montana (Bill Zins, Bob Zins, Coby, Jochimsen), 3:28. 4. Montana (Brown, Ulrich, Patenaude, Schroeder), 3:27-6. 5. Idaho (unavailable), 3:44.

Triple Jump — Randy Montgomery, W., 42-0. 3. Sam Gipson, W., 40-10½. 3. John Turner, ISU, 40-½. 4. Stan Borchert, M., 40-11. 5. Ben Farr, W., 40-8.

Team Scores: Idaho State 93, Montana 73, Weber State 71½, Montana State 31, Idaho 14½.

'Pokes Score Double Win

LARAMIE, Wyo. (UPI)—The Wyoming Cowboys swept a double-header against Utah Saturday, but lost a bid to force a tie in the northern division Western Athletic Conference race.

Brigham Young University clinched the division title Saturday with two wins over Colorado State University. The Pokes finished second with a 12-6 conference record.

Matt Sterling pitched a one-hitter as the Pokes pounded Utah for a 16-2 win in the second game. Roger Teat won the opener 11-10 in a 12 inning game.

Second baseman Bob Peters had two triples in the nightcap, setting a Wyoming record of nine in one season. The Pokes had 19 hits.

Rick O'Dahiels doubled in the bottom of the 12th inning to score the winning run against Utah in the opener.

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IDAHO STATE'S Greg Smithy floats over the bar at 15 feet in Saturday's Big Sky pole vault event. Smithy's teammate, Bill Isley, won first place over Smithy on fewer misses. Staff photo by Dave Farr.

Big Sky track summaries

OGDEN (AP) — Here are the summaries of Friday's finals in the Big Sky Conference Track and Field Championships:

Discus — 1, Bob Workman, MSU, 162-9. 2, Rob Andrew, M, 157-11. 3, Frank Reilly, W, 149-8. 4, Rick Bean MSU, 149.4. 5, Albin Carlson, I, 148-2.

Long Jump — 1, Sam Glipson, W, 23-4. 2, Ben Farr, W, 22-3/4. 3, Stan Buresh, M, 21-9 3/4. 4, Jim Jones, ISU, 21-9 1/2. 5, Jim Gunlikson, MSU, 21-2 1/4.

Steeplechase — 1, George Cook, M, 9:26.5. (Stadium record; old record 9:39.8, Dale Drennen, Arlington (Tex.) State, 1967). 2, Mike Isola, ISU, 9:44. 3, Tony Rodriguez, ISU, 9:56.3. 4, Brian Hansen, W, 10:01. 5, Craig Anderson MSU, 10:02.

Teams scores: Weber State 15, Montana 13, Montana State 10, Idaho State 9, Idaho 1.