

Ryun Runs 1:46.8, but Villanova Wins

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FRESNO—Swirling winds and biting cold combined to brake the anticipated procession of records in the West Coast Relays here Saturday night.

"The weather threw us a curve," complained Dave Patrick after anchoring Villanova's two-mile relay team to an easy win over Kansas in 7:23.5, well over their best time of 7:21.8.

Patrick was staked to a 45-yard lead over Jim Ryun by his Villanova teammates and even a sizzling 1:46.8 half-mile by Ryun failed to threaten the Wildcats. Kansas, which also had run 7:21.8., was clocked in 7:26.8. Ryun picked up about 15 yards on Patrick, who was clocked in 1:48.8.

"Ryun's time was tremendous in this wind," said Patrick. "The wind was very detrimental."

Trojans Seek to Break Own Relay Record

BY PAUL ZIMMERMAN
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When the USC sprint relay team clipped a record off the world record of the NCAA championships last year, coach Vern Wolfe told himself he would never see anything like that again.

"Now he's not so sure. I looked at my stop watch after that one and when I saw 3:06 I shook my head and said 'Vern, you missed,' put the watch in my pocket and went back to my seat in the stands. I didn't believe it. I knew the time was fast, but not that fast."

Wolfe thinks there is a strong possibility the mark will be broken in the Modesto Relays late this month, if not in the Pacific Eight championships at Berkeley this weekend. The Trojan 440-yard team gets its final chance in the NCAA meet June 13-15.

"We're certain to find out at Modesto," says the Trojan coach, who still has the same combination that broke the record — Earl McCullough, Fred Kuller, O. J. Simpson and Lennox Miller.

Intensive Drills

"There's going to be real competition there in the Santa Clara Youth Village team. It already has a mark of 3:05 and if they put all their best sprinters together, John Carlos, Kirk Clayton, Bill Gaines and Tommie Smith, they probably have more raw speed than we do."

Wolfe admits his team might get beat, but is conducting intensive baton exchange drills in an attempt to cope with the situation.

"Right now we're operating three feet short on the run-down so the boys are running up on each other at the exchange. I expect to cut this to two feet for the conference meet and by the Modesto meet it will be cut to one, so the runners will be touching."

By the time the NCAA championships are held at Berkeley in mid-June, Vern plans to have the gap a foot longer than it was at Provo a year ago when the record was broken.

Wolfe realizes the longer run-downs increase the hazard of missing a baton pass. "You have to gamble to break the record," is his theory.

The Trojan coach considers the fast Modesto and Berkeley tracks ideal for record-breaking — if his men get off some good exchanges.

He also thinks his sprinters are ahead of last year's schedule when they ran 39 seconds flat at San Diego and shattered the world mark a week later.

O. J. is getting faster, as his 94 indicates. Kuller's 93 shows he's going faster. Miller probably is ahead of last year and even McCullough looks faster.

Seagren on Call

"If we can hit it right at Modesto, under that kind of competition, the record can go."

All this is predicated on the profound hope that none of the four is injured. If that happens, who will fill in?

"Hold your hat. This may startle you. My back-up men are Bob Seagren and Geoff Vanderstock, in that order."

Seagren is USC's 17-7 pole vaulter, and Vanderstock's best event is the 440-yard intermediate hurdles.

"I think Seagren can stay up with 97-second people and Geoff has run 47. I've worked both of them in practice so they can fit in at any moment. Bob would be my first choice because Vanderstock usually has to run several races and wouldn't be as fresh."

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Villanova's hopes for a second relay victory were dashed by the smoking strides of San Jose's Lee Evans, who comprehended sophomore sensation Larry James by five yards in 3:09.4. Evans, the national AAU 440 champion, was timed in 45.1, James in 45.7.

Villanova and San Jose started the final lap dead even, with Arizona State's Ron Freeman a yard ahead. James shot to the front and opened up a three-yard edge on Evans as Freeman fell behind. Down the long homestretch Evans struggled to catch the flying James, finally nailing him with 50 yards to go as the partisan crowd of 14,000 cheered on the former Fresno Central High prep star.

Eye-popping times and distances were recorded in the 100, high hurdles and jumps, but all were nullified by brisk breezes which ranged from 5 to 12 miles per hour.

Karl McCullough sailed over the high hurdles in 13.3 to beat Dale Fredericks and Erv Hall by three yards. McCullough was aided by a 5 m.p.h. wind.

Gayle Hopkins was pushed to 24-7/4 in the long jump by a 6 m.p.h. wind. His best non-wind-aided jump was 25-4/4.

Laney's Mickey Mathews and Arizona State's J. D. Hill ran 9.3 hundreds in separate races. Hill barely nipped USC freshman Rick Coohler in the open 100.

But in the longer races, the chilling wind on the backstretch slowed times perceptibly.

McGrady Wins

National champion Wade Bell and indoor king Martin McGrady put on a stirring 850 duel with McGrady ripping Bell in 1:49.1, just as he did in the Mt. San Antonio Relays.

Pacific Eight mile champion Roscoe Divine, making his first start of the year after suffering a leg fracture, was third in 1:50.5.

The Santa Clara Youth Village 440 relay team, which hopes to challenge USC's world record holders at Modesto in two weeks, ran 3:08 with Bill Gaines, Kirk Clayton, Jerry Williams and Tommie Smith.

Bob Seagren had a near miss at a world record height of 17-8 1/4 in the pole vault after winning at 17-6 1/4, the fourth best vault in history.

Veteran Olympian Jay Silvester spun the discus 304-9 for his best throw of the year, with the ageless wonder, Al Oerter, second at 185-10. Silvester, the one-time Utah State star, broke his own relays record of 260-3/4 set last year.

Oerter, who won the Penn Relays two weeks ago at 185-10, is launching a bid for an unprecedented fourth straight Olympic gold medal.

Whitney Breases

Ran Whitney of the Striders breezed to a 50.7 win in the 440 intermediate hurdles, leaving Tom Wyatt and California's Paddy McCrary well behind. USC's Geoff Vanderstock did not run, while UCLA freshman Wayne Collett shared fifth place with another freshman, Stanford's Randy White, in 52.4.

In the JC division, Compton's 440-yard relay team of John Neal, Thomas Lee, Charles Evans and Bobby Turner tipped to a 46.8 win, one-tenth off the national record, Hancock, which set the standard in 1967 and equaled it earlier this year, was third.

Invitationals

OSCEAL—1, Jay Silvester (Long, Long), 267; 2nd, Gary Jones (Long, Long), 265; 3rd, Al Oerter (Long, Long), 263; 4th, Gary Collins (Long, Long), 261; 5th, Dave Nash (Long, Long), 259; 6th, Larry Kinsey (Long, Long), 257.

JAVELIN—1, Tom Coker (Stanford), 267.1; 2, Tom Merritt (UC), 265.1; 3, John Burns (California), 263.1; 4, Bob Lander (Stanford), 261.1; 5, Lee Larson (Stanford), 259.1.

LONG JUMP—1, Jerry Joseph (California), 24.7; 2, John Joseph (California), 24.5; 3, John Joseph (California), 24.3; 4, Dave Nash (Long, Long), 24.1; 5, Dave Nash (Long, Long), 23.9.

4. Johnny (California), 23.4; 5, John (California), 23.2; 6, John (California), 23.0; 7, John (California), 22.8; 8, John (California), 22.6.

400 RELAY—1, Santa Clara Youth Village (Bill Gates, Kirk Clayton, Jerry Williams, Tommie Smith), 3:08.1; 2, San Jose State, 3:11; 3, Cal Poly (Bill Hill, Lee Evans, Lee, Lee), 3:14; 4, Cal State, 3:17.

TWO MILE RELAY—1, Villanova (Steve Nelson, Bill Hill, Andy P. Hill, Lee Evans, Lee, Lee), 13:48; 2, Santa Clara Youth Village (Bill Gates, Kirk Clayton, Jerry Williams, Tommie Smith), 13:52; 3, San Jose State, 13:56; 4, Cal Poly (Bill Hill, Lee Evans, Lee, Lee), 14:00; 5, Cal State, 14:04.

800 YD—1, Dave Hayward (OSU), 2:11.2; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 2:12.5; 3, Jim Vandenberg (Pacific Coast Univ.), 2:13.8; 4, Bob Matthews (California), 2:15.1; 5, John Collins (California), 2:16.4.

ENTHUSE ACADEMY RELAY—1, San Jose State (Bill Hill, Lee Evans, Lee, Lee), 3:11.2; 2, San Jose State, 3:14.5; 3, Cal Poly (Bill Hill, Lee Evans, Lee, Lee), 3:17.8; 4, California, 3:21.1; 5, Villanova (Steve Nelson, Bill Hill, Andy P. Hill, Lee Evans, Lee, Lee), 3:24.4.

50-1, Steve (California), 2:11.2; 2, Steve (California), 2:12.5; 3, Steve (California), 2:13.8; 4, Steve (California), 2:15.1; 5, Steve (California), 2:16.4.

100-YARD HURDLES—1, Karl McCullough (USC), 13.3; 2, Dale Fredericks (California), 13.4; 3, Erv Hall (California), 13.5; 4, Lee (California), 13.6; 5, Lee (California), 13.7.

440 RELAY—1, San Jose State (Bill Hill, Lee Evans, Lee, Lee), 3:08.1; 2, Santa Clara Youth Village (Bill Gates, Kirk Clayton, Jerry Williams, Tommie Smith), 3:11.2; 3, Cal Poly (Bill Hill, Lee Evans, Lee, Lee), 3:14.5; 4, California, 3:17.8; 5, Villanova (Steve Nelson, Bill Hill, Andy P. Hill, Lee Evans, Lee, Lee), 3:21.1.

100-1, Bob Seagren (USC), 17-8 1/4; 2, Wade Bell (California), 17-7 3/4; 3, Steve (California), 17-7; 4, Lee (California), 17-6 1/4; 5, Lee (California), 17-6; 6, Lee (California), 17-5 1/2.

TWO MILE—1, Pat Turner (California), 13:48; 2, Tom Merritt (UC), 13:52; 3, Lee (California), 13:56; 4, Lee (California), 14:00; 5, Lee (California), 14:04.

1000 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 2:11.2; 2, Jim Vandenberg (Pacific Coast Univ.), 2:13.8; 3, Bob Matthews (California), 2:15.1; 4, John Collins (California), 2:16.4; 5, John Collins (California), 2:17.7.

50 METERS—1, Dave Hayward (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Jim Vandenberg (Pacific Coast Univ.), 1:06.4; 4, Bob Matthews (California), 1:06.7; 5, John Collins (California), 1:07.0.

TRIPLE JUMP—1, Karl McCullough (USC), 36.7; 2nd, Steve (California), 36.5; 3rd, Steve (California), 36.3; 4th, Steve (California), 36.1; 5th, Steve (California), 35.9.

400 YARD—1, Ed Hayes (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Jim Vandenberg (Pacific Coast Univ.), 1:06.1; 3, Dave Hayward (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, John Collins (California), 1:06.7; 5, John Collins (California), 1:07.0.

500 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.7; 5, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:07.0.

100 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.7; 5, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:07.0.

200 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.7; 5, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:07.0.

300 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.7; 5, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:07.0.

400 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.7; 5, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:07.0.

500 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.7; 5, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:07.0.

600 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.7; 5, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:07.0.

700 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.7; 5, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:07.0.

800 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.7; 5, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:07.0.

900 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.7; 5, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:07.0.

1000 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.7; 5, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:07.0.

1100 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.7; 5, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:07.0.

1200 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.7; 5, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:07.0.

1300 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.7; 5, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:07.0.

1400 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.7; 5, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:07.0.

1500 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.7; 5, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:07.0.

1600 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.7; 5, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:07.0.

1700 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.7; 5, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:07.0.

1800 YARD—1, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:05.8; 2, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.1; 3, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.4; 4, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:06.7; 5, Steve Martin (OSU), 1:07.0.

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