

Southern California Touted To Retain Title In National Collegiate Track Contests

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 16—(AP)—A record-menacing field of 280 athletes from 77 far-flung schools today whirled into the 10-event trials of the 29th National Collegiate Athletic association track and field meet.

At least six marks may crumble in the two-day meet under the speed and brawn of an array led by six individual champions and heavily favored defending team tillist Southern California.

Finals in all 14 events will be held tomorrow afternoon at the University of Minnesota's memorial stadium where a well-groomed track is fast and favorable weather has been forecast.

The University of Washington has three entries. Jack Henney in the 880, Capt. Jack Burke in the hurdles, and Craig Weisman in the sprints.

Barring a jack-pot performance by some small, but select entry like Yale, the 16-man Southern California squad was expected to roll to the 14th Trojan triumph in this blue-ribbon showdown of the cinderpaths.

The Trojans, who won last year at Los Angeles with 55 2-5 points, have quality to go with their depth, even though Jesse Hill's nine points may stem mainly from hurdler Dick Attlesley and distance ace Jim Newcomb, the rambling full-blooded Shawnee-Delaware Indian.

Yale conceivably can muscle its way, literally and figuratively, to the first Eli triumph and only the second eastern victory (Navy's 1945 conquest; in NCAA history).

The four-man bulldog team is anchored by two defending cham-

pions and potential record-breakers — phenomenal shot-putter Jim Fuchs and dandy discus-flinger Vic Frank.

Fuchs, claimant of a world record with a 58-foot, 5 1/2-inch toss, figures to loft the iron ball beyond his own 1949 NCAA record of 56-1 1/2.

His muscular mate, Frank, has sailed the discus 176 feet, 2 inches. The NCAA record is 174 feet, 8 3/4 inches.

Another Yale first, good for a fat 10-point total, might pop in either the mile or half-mile with able George Wade entered in both.

Wade's 4:10.3 mile and 1:52.3 half-mile are third best for the season in both grinds.