

Time schedule

8:30 Decathlon

Qualifying standard—7,100 points. World record, 8,417 held by Bill Toomey of SC Striders, set in 1969. NCAA meet record, 7,456 set by Ray Hupp of Ohio State in 1971.

Last year Hupp won over Fred Samara of Penn, 7456 to 7322. Hupp is gone, but Samara returns as the favorite with a 1972 season total of 7669. Mike Hill and Mike Wedman of Colorado are next, with 7470 and 7447 points.

2:30 Javelin, Pole vault

Javelin qualifying standard—235-0. World record, 304-1 1/2, by Jorma Kinnunen of Finland in 1969. NCAA meet record is 273-3, set by Bill Skinner of N.Y. AC in 1971. Last year Cary Feldman won with a 259-0 heave.

Pole vault qualifying standard—16-3. World record—18-1/4 by Chris Papanicolaou of Greece in 1970. (Bob Seagren and Kjell Isaksson have broken that, but their mark is pending). NCAA meet record, 17-7 by Bob Seagren in 1969.

3 p.m. Long jump

Long jump qualifying standard—24-8. World record, 29-2 1/2 by Bob Beamon in 1968. NCAA meet record, 26-9 1/4 by Gail Hopkins of Arizona in 1964. Last year's champ, Bouncy Moore, returns. He's third among the national leaders coming into this year's meet. Bouncy's best is 26-1 3/4, behind Bill Rea of Pittsburgh (26-7 1/2) and Jeff Bolin of Purdue (26-2 1/4).

3:30 440 relay trials

Qualifying standard—41.1. World record, 38.6, set by USC in 1967. NCAA meet record, 38.6, USC, 1967.

USC (season best 39.1) UTEP, (season best 39.2) and Southwest Louisiana (39.6) are the favorites. UCLA is fast (39.8), but can't hold on to the baton.

4:00 3,000 steeplechase

Qualifying standard—9:05.0. World record, 8:22.0 by Kerry O'Brien of Australia in 1970. NCAA record, 8:31.0, by Sid Sink of Bowling Green in 1971. Steve Savage of Oregon was the national runner-up last year with an 8:34.0. This year Joseph Lucas (8:35.0) of Georgetown, Bill Koss of Washington (8:42.0) and Steve Kelley (8:42.2) of Indiana are the leaders.

4:30 1,500 meter trials

Qualifying standard—4:05.0 (one mile). World record, 3:33.1 by Jim Ryun in 1967. NCAA record, 3:39.9 by Dave Patrick of Villanova in 1968.

5 p.m. High jump

Qualifying standard—6-10. World record, 7-6 1/4, by Pat Matzdorf in 1971. NCAA meet record, 7-3, by Reynold Brown of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 1971.

5:30 400 meter trials

Qualifying standard—46-9 (440 yards). World record, 43.8 by Lee Evans in 1968. NCAA meet record, Lee Evans in 1968 with 45.0. Last year John Smith of UCLA won in 45.3. Edesel Garrison was second with a 45.4. Both are back as contenders, along with UTEP's Steve Williams (45.2 best this year). Benny Brown (45.8) of UCLA is a longshot.

6 p.m. 100 meter trials

Qualifying standard—9.5 for 100 yards. World record, 9.9 by Jim Hines in 1968, Ronnie Ray Smith in 1968, Charles Green in 1968, NCAA meet record, 10.1 held by Harry Jerome of Oregon, set in 1964; and Lennox Miller of USC, set in 1968.

6:20 800 meter trials

Qualifying standard—1:50.0 (800 yards). World record, 1:44.3 by Peter Snell of New Zealand in 1962, and Ralph Doubell of Australia in 1968. NCAA record, 1:46.4 by George Kerr of Illinois in 1960.

Bob Smith of LSU (1:47.6) is the national leader. Oregon's Steve Bence has the fifth best time, with 1:48.6.

6:40 200 meter trials

Qualifying standard—21.2 (220 yards, curve). World record, Tommie Smith, 19.8, 1968. 19.8 by Don Quarrie of USC pending. NCAA record, 20.5, by Henry Carr of Arizona State in 1963.

A wide-open race. Larry Burton, Ivory Crockett, are in 20.3 class, Don Quarrie of SC (20.4) is also a contender.



UTEP Muscleman Fred DeBernardi

NCAA: a tossup

Miles of paperwork went out the window last night.

Because today the predictions, the week-long build-up, the careful analyses; the second and the third thoughts are forgotten. The REAL thing begins this morning at 8:30.

That's when the decathlon competition opens the NCAA track meet at Hayward Field this morning. This afternoon at 2:30 qualifying for other events begins.

And any experienced track buff knows records are worthless when the action starts. He needs only remember Oregon's dismal showing in the Pacific-8 track meet two weeks ago to realize how much records mean in a big meet.

"On paper," though, it would appear a four team catfight among USC, UCLA, Oregon and Texas at El Paso will develop. Only Oregon won't be depending heavily on sprint points for the team title (which may, by the way, be the Ducks greatest strength). The sprint points will be bitterly contested, not only by the three team powers, but also by little Norfolk State, Colorado, and various contending individuals from Purdue to Oklahoma State. Such is the crowded but fast sprint lineup.

A recovered Bouncy Moore appears ready to defend his NCAA long jump crown. Pete Shmock feels he can put the shot 68 feet which would put him into contention for the blue ribbon with UTEP's Fred DeBernardi (68-7 1/2) and UCS's Doug Lane (66-11 1/2).

Points in these two events could be very telling for Oregon, but also important points could be mustered in the discus where Gary Wolf and Mac Wilkins sport marks of 193-2 and 192-5, respectively, both easily within range of scoring places behind Arizona's Steve Gunzel (203-8) and DeBernardi (201-8).

If there is such a thing as "sure-points," they would come from Prefontaine, Moore, Shmock and Wolf and-or Wilkins, but the meet title will hinge on surprises like javelin throwers Bob Daniel and disappointing Russ Francis who feels confident he can throw like he did a year ago in setting a national prep record, or the mile relay team with Vincent Buford and Weldon Vance concentrating on the relays rather than the 440, in which both qualified, or freshman Steve Bence in the 800 meters, and the list goes on.



Photo by Phil Waldstein

Brown takes baton in mile relay

UCLA's Benny Brown gets anchor pass in the Pacific-8 mile relay final. The Bruins have the top time in the field with North Carolina Central gone, with a 3:04.4. Oklahoma State and UTEP are also favored to get points in the event. Oregon isn't among the leaders in time, but expects to have four fresh quartermilers in the meet's final race.