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Itching for competition after last week's Occidental rainout, the USC track team can be expected to unleash its stored-up energies against the California Bear when the two schools meet in their 63rd dual meet Saturday in the Coliseum. The long jump, starting early under a new NCAA rule, opens competition at 1:15 p.m.

College track fans will catch their first local look at sprinter O. J. Simpson, who will have a week's spring football practice behind him when he takes the baton as No. 3 man on Troy's record-breaking 440-yard relay team. Simpson also figures in a couple of brisk sprint duels with Lennox Miller, 9.3-20.6 performer making his first 1967 appearance in the dashes.

But the day's best race figures in the 440 intermediate hurdles matching USC's world class hurdler, Geoff Vanderstock, and the Bears' Paddy McCrary. Vanderstock, ranked No. 5 in the world, boasted a best of 50.2 last year, while McCrary returned 51.3 for the demanding race and only last Saturday scored an impressive win over Brigham Young freshman Jaako Tuominen of Finland, fifth-placer in the 1966 European Championships.

Interesting competition also appears likely for the two mile in which Cal's Bob Price (8:54.2) faces Troy's Dennis Carr who will be making his first outdoor college start in that race. Indoors Carr had an encouraging 9:09.0.

The Bears present another high caliber athlete in halfmiler Devone Smith, injured much of his Cal career but who clocked 1:51.2 on a chilly Saturday at Berkeley last week. He'll be opposed by the Trojans' Dave Buck and Rich Joyce, the national prep record holder.

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Trojan entries with 1967 best marks:

440 relay--Earl McCullouch, Fred Kuller, O. J. Simpson, Lennox Miller. 40.0.
 Mile--John Link (4:08.6), Bruce Bowman (4:10.0n), Craig Grant (...).
 120 HH--McCullouch (13.7), Paul Kerry (14.2n).
 440--Rupert Hoilett (49.0n).
 100--Simpson (9.5), Kuller (9.6n), Miller (...).
 880--Dave Buck (1:50.5), Rich Joyce (1:50.9n), Grant (1:51.3n).
 440 IH--Geoff Vanderstock (51.2), Kerry (54.2n), Andy Buffmire (...).
 220--Simpson (21.2), Kuller (21.3n), Miller (...).
 Two mile--Link (9:10.6n), Chuck Schulz (9:12.5n), Dennis Carr (...).
 Mile relay--Hoilett (48.3), Joyce (47.9), Buck (47.5), Vanderstock (48.2).
 3:11.9n.
 High jump--Greg Heet (6-7 3/4), Dave Kendall (6-4 1/2), Max Lowe (...).
 Long jump--McCullouch (23-3/4), Steve Craig (22-8 1/2), Randy Beardslee (...),
 Mike Maggard (...).
 Pole vault--Bob Seagren (17-3 1/4), Paul Wilson (16-11 1/4), Bill Fosdick (15-6).
 Triple jump--John Armstrong (46-9 1/2), Craig (46-5 1/2), Bill Hewitt (...).
 Shot put--Steve Johnson (55-4), Rick Blakeley (52-9 1/2).
 Discus--Gary Carlsen (192-7 3/4), Johnson (155-6).
 Javelin--John FitzSimons (247-6), Bill Bonniksen (216-5).

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