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BATTLING FOR LEAD — Former Loara star Ralph Serna, left, battles for position as UC Irvine's leadoff runner in two-mile relay in Times

Indoor Games at Forum. He trails Occidental's Malcolm Cleary, right, and San Diego State's Paul Neven.

Long Beach State's Phil Wingard was well in front of trio and 49ers won event.

Stones sets mark ; Ripley misses indoor games

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INGLEWOOD — Highly animated and often outspoken Dwight Stones almost missed setting a new meet record and almost set a new world indoor high jump mark here at the Forum Friday night in the 18th annual Times Indoor Games, missed by Anaheim's ailing Dan Ripley.

Stones, who refused to be intimidated by a few of his loud-mouthed detractors, got an extra try that enabled him to clear 7-5 $\frac{3}{4}$ and better the meet mark of 7-5 $\frac{1}{4}$ he chalked up in 1975, but missed in his bid for a new 7-7 world indoor mark. He's the holder of the 7-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ world indoor mark set last year.

On his first attempt at 7-5 $\frac{3}{4}$, an onlooker made an ugly groaning sound while he was in flight and he took the crossbar down with him, then jumped to his feet in the pit to glare disgustedly in the direction of the seats from where the sound emanated.

High jump referee Dave Schwartz smoothed down his feathers a bit by informing him that he

would be awarded an extra try because of the noise. He missed in his next two attempts, almost making it on what would have been his final leap when the bar fell off after he landed in the pit.

However, he made a clean jump on his last try at that height and then asked that the bar be raised to 7-7. On his second attempt he almost had it, but wasn't close on his third.

Stones and Rosalyn Bryant of the Los Angeles Murcurettes were the only record breakers as Bryant smashed the world indoor mark of 1:12.1 in the women's 500 meter run with a blistering 1:11.8.

He was voted the outstanding male athlete of the meet and she

was named the outstanding female athlete.

Among those Stones edged for the honor were Irishman Eamonn Coghland, who nipped Gold Medal winner Johnny Walker of New Zealand at the tape in the mile run as both were clocked in 4:00; Stanford shotputter Terry Albritton; and sprinter Steve Riddick, who captured his seventh consecutive 60-yard dash by beating a top field with a 6.0 clocking.

Former world record holder Albritton stunned the 14,539 Forum crowd with the third longest indoor throw of all time, 70-6 $\frac{1}{2}$, and an earlier 70-5.

It was not a big night for Orange County athletes as former Loara star pole vaulter Dan Ripley, representing Pacific Coast Club, did not participate and Loara's Ralph Serna ran with the UC-Irvine two mile relay team that finished fourth at 7:52.8. Long Beach State won at 7:44.7, followed by UCLA (7:48.5) and Occidental (7:50.7).

UCLA's Mike Tully won the event by clearing 17-6.

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