

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.--UCLA's defending NCAA track and field champions, who breezed to an opening 111-32 dual meet victory over San Diego State last week, will enter full varsity and frosh teams in the Long Beach Relays in the beach city's Veterans' Memorial Stadium this Saturday (March 4). This traditional day-long cinderfest gets under way at 10 a.m.

Coach Jim Bush was satisfied with the overall performances of his Bruins but was really encouraged with the races turned in by his three milers in their 1967 outdoor debut. Rich Romero, diminutive 5-6, 125-lb. junior, sped to the fastest winning time of his career of 4:09.4. It was his second fastest clocking, behind only a 4:07.1 non-winning effort last season.

After a two-year layoff, Bob Goodson impressed with a smooth 4:11.6 to place third. Finishing fourth was senior Kurt Klein in 4:12.2 in his first Bruin four-lapper. His only previous best mile was 4:19.8 back in 1963 at El Camino JC. This erstwhile half-miler, off a fine cross country season, could be a most pleasant surprise in the mile and, perhaps, the two-mile.

"With Bob Day graduated and Geoff Pyne out for the season, the mile is one of our big problems this season," Bush admits. "However, I'm really encouraged now with the opening races turned in by Romero, Goodson and Klein."

Easily the best performance of the day at San Diego was co-captain Roger Johnson's speedy early-season clocking of 51.5 in winning the 440 intermediate hurdles. Always a slow starter each year, this senior from New Zealand was only six tenths of a second off his Bruin record of 50.9 set in 1965.

Other solid winning performances were registered by pole vaulter Dick Railsback (16-0), sprinter Norman Jackson (9.7), quarter-miler Don Domansky (48.0), two-miler George Husaruk (9:05.7), high jumper Larry Fischer (6-8 1/8) and shot putter Jack Hale (56-9). Railsback, who is still recovering from bruises received in a recent indoor meet, was a surprise entry and called it a day after clearing 16 feet.

UCLA's new javelin star, Vic Grady, got off his all-time best throw of 217-4 in placing second to Bruin record-holder Dick Selby, who won with a toss of 221-11.

Co-Captain Ron Copeland, the Bruins' NCAA high hurdles champion, was held out of all competition last Saturday but is expected to be ready to go in his specialty at Long Beach and also run on two speedy relay teams. He's recovering from a pulled leg muscle.

He'll team with such other speedsters as Jackson, Domansky and Harold Busby in the 880 relay and co-captain Tom Jones, Domansky and Paul Hoyt in the mile relay. Gene Gall, the No. 2 Bruin 440 star, is still sidelined with a hamstring injury. He may go in 2-mile relay.

Busby, the sensational soph sprinter with 1966 bests of 9.4 and 20.6, ran only in the 440 relay last week. Jones, the NCAA 220 champion with bests of 9.4 and 20.6, is still hampered by a sore foot and ran only a 48.8 leg on the mile relay team at San Diego. He'll go in both

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sprint relays Saturday. The 440 combo of Jones, Busby, Copeland and Domansky should be tough to beat Saturday.

UCLA's frosh track also won handily, 94-39, over the San Diego State yearlings last Saturday. Brubabe Dave Bogard, former Simi High star, stole the show with an impressive "double," winning the 880 in 1:55.6 and the mile in 4:19.8.

Here are UCLA's varsity and frosh entries for Saturday's Long Beach Relays, with all-time and 1967 bests listed where available for each entry:

VARSITY

100--Barry Ford (9.8, -), Bernard Okoye (9.7, -). Three-Mile--George Husaruk (13:47.8, -), Bob Branch (-), Rick Romero (-). 440 Relay--Don Domansky, Tom Jones, Harold Busby, Norman Jackson. 880 Relay--Domansky, Ron Copeland, Busby, Jackson. Alternate--Roger Johnson. Mile Relay--Jones, Domansky, Copeland, Busby. 2-Mile Relay--Kurt Klein, Gene Gall, Les Fendia, Arnd Kruger. Distance Medley Relay--To be named.

PV--No entries. HJ--Larry Fischer (6-9, 6-8 1/8), Rick Sloan (6-9 3/4, 6-6), Mike Weinreich (6-9 1/2, 6-6). SP--Jack Hale (56-9, 56-9), Steve Marcus (56-2 3/4, 55-4 3/4). DT--Doug Bagby (165-1, 157-7 1/2), Hale (164-2, 153-8 1/2), Mike Pringle (148-1, 144-9 1/2), Marcus (147-9, -). JT--Dick Selby (249-6, 221-11), Vic Grady (217-4, 217-4). LJ--Jeff Patterson (23-5 1/2, 22-8 1/4). Gerald Lee (23-8, 21-9 1/4), Alan Bergman (23-6 1/2, -). TJ--Lee (50-0 1/4, 46-10), Doug Ford (47-0 1/2, 46-9 3/4).

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3-Mile--Jim Duarte (-), John Isen (-). 440 Relay--John Light, Bill Chapman, Randy Bass, Dean Lazzerini. (1967, 43.1). Mile Relay--Jim Sullivan, Dave Bogard, Light, Chapman.

PV--No entry. HJ--Pete Hidas (6-4, 6-2). SP--Mike Garratt (49-0 1/2, 49-0 1/2). DT--Jim Peters (158-10, 155-0 1/2), Garrett (125-3 1/2, 125-3 1/2). JT--Garratt (175-4, 175-4), Bill Reilly (168-10). LJ--Denny Rogers (24-5, 21-8 1/2), Wendell Wharton (22-4, 21-8 3/4). TJ--Rogers (48-7 1/2, 44-6), Wharton (44-11 1/2, 44-11 1/2).

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