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Surprise! Men falter against Washington

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After the 132-31 trouncing Washington suffered at the hands of Oregon last year, it looked like it would be an eternity before the Huskies would beat the Ducks in a men's track dual meet.

After all. Oregon hadn't lost a dual meet to Washington since 1974 and hadn't lost a dual meet to anyone since an 89-74 setback to California in 1985.

But the improbable, or maybe not so improbable, happened Saturday when the Huskies beat Oregon 84-79.

Although the Huskies had demonstrated they were a much-improved team by winning the Arizona State Invitational last week, few people actually believed Oregon coach Bill Dellinger when he said the Ducks would be in for a fight in Saturday's dual meet at Husky Stadium.

Washington was able to exploit Oregon's vulnerability in such events as the shot put, discus and high jump, and were also able to capture every close race along the way.

"We knew we were in for a battle when we went up there."

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Dellinger said. "The fact that we were vulnerable in certain events means we've got to pick up points in other events, but Washington was able to do that.

"I think they out-competed us. We had some close races, but they won all of those," Dellinger said.

Washington's close wins came in the 100- and 400-meter dashes and both hurdle races.

In the 100, the Huskies Dana Hall outleaned Oregon's Davon Russell to win in a time of 10.76, compared to Russell's 10.80.

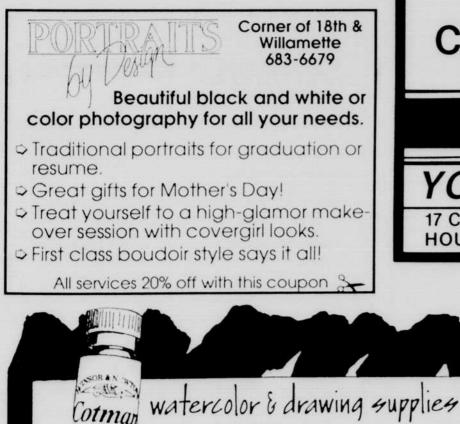
Hall was able to do the same in the 110-meter high hurdles, holding off Oregon's Bob Gray. Hall won in 14.02 while Gray clocked his second-fastest time ever in 14.07.

Ducks Curtis Wilson and Brian Wright suffered the same fate in the 400 dash and 400meter hurdles, respectively.

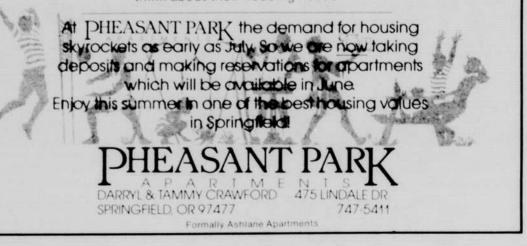
Wilson was second in 47.94 as Brent Merritt, a guard on the Husky basketball team, won the event in 47.88.

Washington didn't just get help from a player on the basketball team, but from the football team as well.

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