

# Oregon men edge out WSU in invitational win

## Taylor, Foster help lift Ducks to victory

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Two unlikely heroes literally jumped into the limelight at Saturday's Pepsi Team Invitational and helped Oregon squeak by Washington State in the men's portion of the meet.

Johnny Taylor and Ron Foster surprised all of the 3,283 in attendance at Hayward Field by pulling out victories in the triple jump and the long jump, respectively, to lead the Ducks past the Cougars, 208-202.

Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo was a distant third with 113 points and Georgetown finished fourth with 110 points.

Taylor, better known as a reserve cornerback on the football team, leaped a wind-aided

50-5¼ in the triple jump, and Foster, a freshman from Lakeview, went a wind-aided 24-4½ in the long jump.

Their points were desperately needed on a day when Latin Berry and Spencer Williams, Oregon's top horizontal jumpers, were far from their best.

Berry competed in just the long jump but fouled on five of his six jumps and finished in eighth place. Williams, nursing a previous groin injury, took only one try in the triple jump because the Ducks needed the points.

It was the first time Taylor had ever been over the 50-foot mark. His best before the season was 48-10, but with the football team going through spring drills, Taylor had barely

practiced the triple jump since spring break.

"I guess I always work well under pressure," Taylor said. "There's only one way out and that's right through everything."

Earlier in the week Taylor didn't expect to compete in the meet, but because the football team had its weekend scrimmage a day early, and Oregon assistant coach John Gillespie called Taylor on Tuesday to ask if he could compete since Berry couldn't.

"To tell you the truth, I came out here completely clueless today," Taylor said. "I'm usually trying to chase 'Rock' (Berry). It's fun to come out here and be

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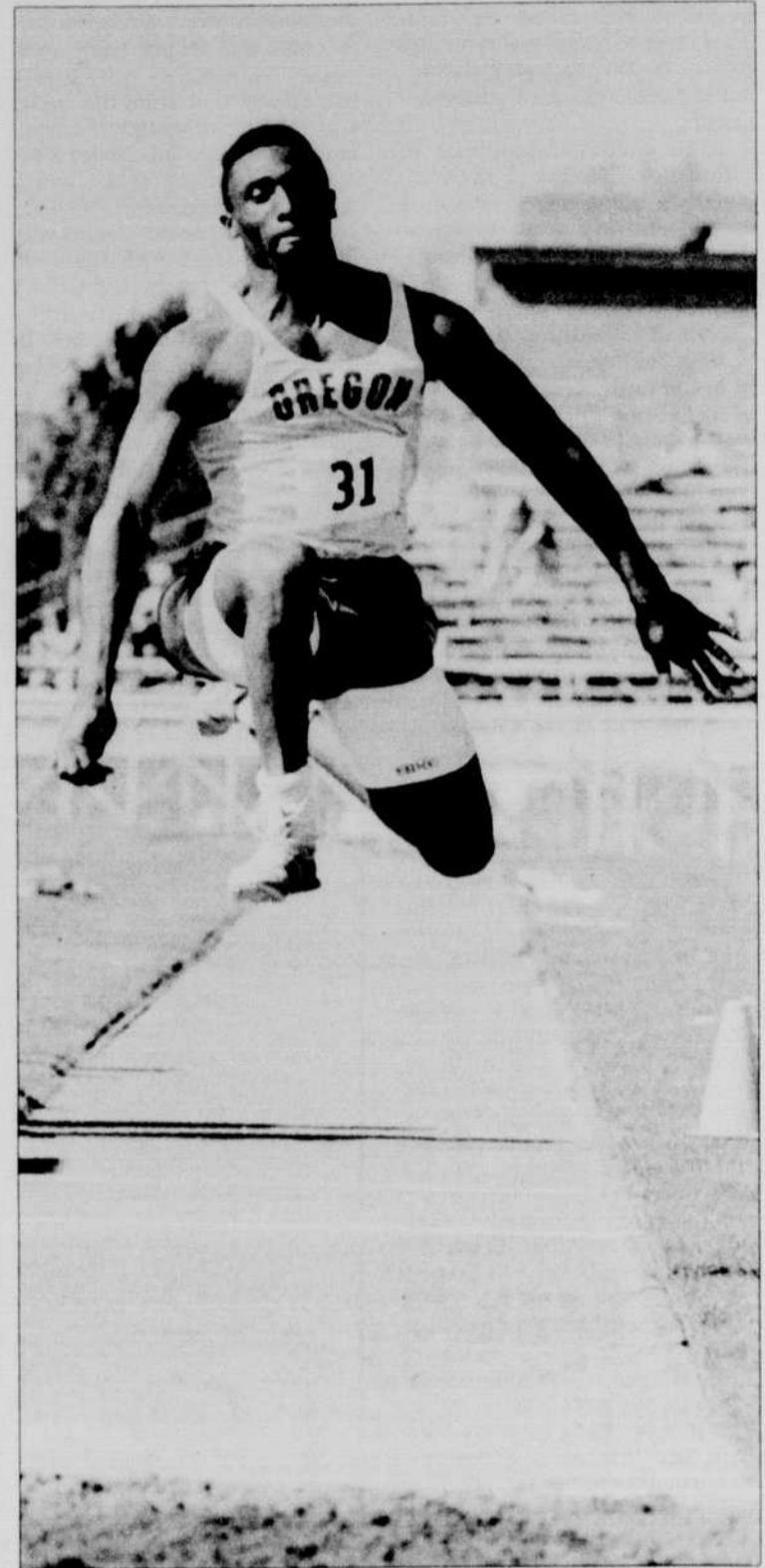


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Oregon's Johnny Taylor turned in a spectacular performance in the triple jump to help lead the Ducks to a 208-202 victory over the WSU Cougars at Saturday's invitational.

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