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Photo by Steve Card

Impressive performances by Brian Wright in the 400-meter hurdles and the 1,600-meter relay helped the Ducks clinch the win.

able to do different things. I feel a little bit like Bo Jackson."

Oregon coach Bill Dellinger, who knew the meet would be close, was extremely pleased with the performances of Taylor and Foster.

"It's a good thing Ron Foster came through and that our triple jumper got off a good jump," Dellinger said. "The biggest surprise, if you were doping the meet, is that no one expected Latin Berry to be last in the long jump.

"We did what we had to do, scraping up points here and there," he said. "I knew it would be close. To be honest, I don't think (Washington State coach) John (Chaplin) went at us like he could of."

It was better for the Ducks that he didn't.

Although Oregon staved off disaster in the long and triple jumps, it couldn't in the 400-meter relay.

The Ducks got an outstanding third leg from Davon Russell and were looking to win the event easily and break the meet record of 40:19, but anchorman Klaus Weigeldt reinjured his hamstring and came limping across the finish line behind Washington State.

Weigeldt had to forego the 400 meters and the 1,600-meter relay. After the meet, Dellinger said he expected Weigeldt to be out for at least two weeks.

Oregon javelin thrower Art Skipper, who came into the meet with a sore groin, contin-

ued to amaze with a throw of 246-5 on his fourth attempt to break his own school record of 243-1 set last week. Skipper also broke the meet record of 234-4.

"I didn't think I'd throw that far today," Skipper said. "When something hurts you're really babying it. The weather was great and I think that's one reason why the groin didn't rip apart.

"I'm shooting for a lot farther," he said. "(Throws coach) Stewart (Togher) tells me if I can get some height and get some lift I can throw a lot farther."

As expected, Georgetown's John Trautmann and Oregon's Eric Peterson battled it out in the 1,500 meters with Trautmann holding on to win. Trautmann set a meet record with a time of 3:45.52 while Peterson clocked 3:45.86.

There was a lot of jostling throughout the race and Peterson said a mistake he made proved costly.

"I made a tactical mistake with less than 400 meters to go," he said. "Trautmann jumped around me and I was trying to crowd the other Georgetown runner (Mike McCracken)."

But Peterson was still pleased with this performance.

"My focus today was to race him (Trautmann)," he said.

"As far as other runners in the nation, he's as good as it gets. I'm not trying for a time, because that's going to come in a more low-key meet that's not as tactical."

Danny Lopez added another win in the steeplechase and was never really pushed, winning in a time of 8:46.87.

The Ducks got a big boost in the 400 meters when Curtis Wilson held off the Cougars' William Knight in a time of 47.93 to Knight's 47.98. Oregon's Chris Thomason came in third to give Oregon some much-needed help.

Another big surprise for the Ducks came from Jason Walton in the high jump.

Walton, a redshirt freshman from Richland, Wash., came into the competition with a best of 6-8 3/4, but cleared 6-10 3/4 on his first attempt to finish third.

Brian Wright once again won the 400-meter hurdles and was third in the 110 hurdles. But his biggest role came in the last event — the 1,600-meter relay — when the meet was still there for Washington State. Wright's strong third leg on the relay clinched the win when the Ducks were second and the Cougars third in the event.

Oregon wouldn't have been in that position though if it hadn't been for a pair of unheralded jumpers.

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