

# Gusty winds make for dull event But Oregon wins, 88-75

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It was a dual meet win over California Saturday for the Oregon men's track team, but there was nothing particularly memorable about it — except for maybe the re-emergence of Latin Berry.

Oregon won the meet by an 88-75 count at Edwards Stadium, but swirling winds made for meet conditions that Duck coach Bill Dellinger couldn't call favorable in addition to Oregon's list of seven NCAA qualifiers. Still, the Ducks won and that was the most important thing, Dellinger said.

"We did the things we had to do to win," he said. "To be honest, the conditions weren't good. There was a strong wind in the face of the hurdlers and it made things tough."

Berry's winning performance in the long jump was as close as the Ducks came to gaining any additional qualifiers and Dellinger was happy to see his star finally break out of a season-long slump.

"It was definitely the highlight of the meet for us," Dellinger said of Berry's performance.

Berry, the defending Pacific-10 Conference champion in the long jump, showed some of his former self with a landing of 25-7½. For Berry, who was waiting to see where he would also land in Sunday's National Football League draft, it was the first time he had been over 25 feet this season.

Berry's performance was crucial for Oregon, which needed every win, second and third-place performance it could muster to defeat the Golden Bears.

As expected, the Ducks swept the pole vault, javelin, high hurdles and went 1-2 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and hammer. But unexpectedly, Cal won the three other distance races — the 800, 1,500 and 5,000 meters — that almost did Oregon in.



Photo by Andre Ramirez

Latin Berry couldn't get a leap of more than 25 feet against Washington State earlier this month, but he found himself and a 25-7½ mark Saturday against California at Berkeley.

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