



Muhammad Oliver cleared 7-0 $\frac{3}{4}$  to win the high jump for Oregon at the Pepsi Team Invitational.

Photo by Eric Evans

## SPORTS

### Relay team one of few Duck highlights in loss

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While one Oregon reign might have come to a crashing end at Saturday's Pepsi Team Invitational, perhaps a new one began.

As expected, Washington State easily ran away with the men's meet, the first time in the five-year history of the meet that the Ducks failed to win the team title. The Cougars tallied 223 $\frac{1}{2}$  points to 181 $\frac{1}{2}$  for Oregon with Indiana and Alabama rounding out the field.

But the one thing Oregon came away with in the meet was a new-found sprint excellence, something few Duck track teams have ever had.

Trying to stay with Washing-

ton State and Alabama's corps of national-caliber sprinters, the Ducks held their own in the 4 x 100-meter relay.

The race was between Alabama, the defending national champs, and Washington State, who won the event in a meet, school and Hayward Field record of 39.24. The Crimson Tide was right with the Cougars, finishing in 39.30 while Oregon was third in 39.88.

The Ducks broke the 40-second barrier for the first time in 1981 and just missed the 10-year-old school record of 39.84. The quartet of Devon Hosey, Mike McClendon, Bob Gray and Ronnie Harris also met the

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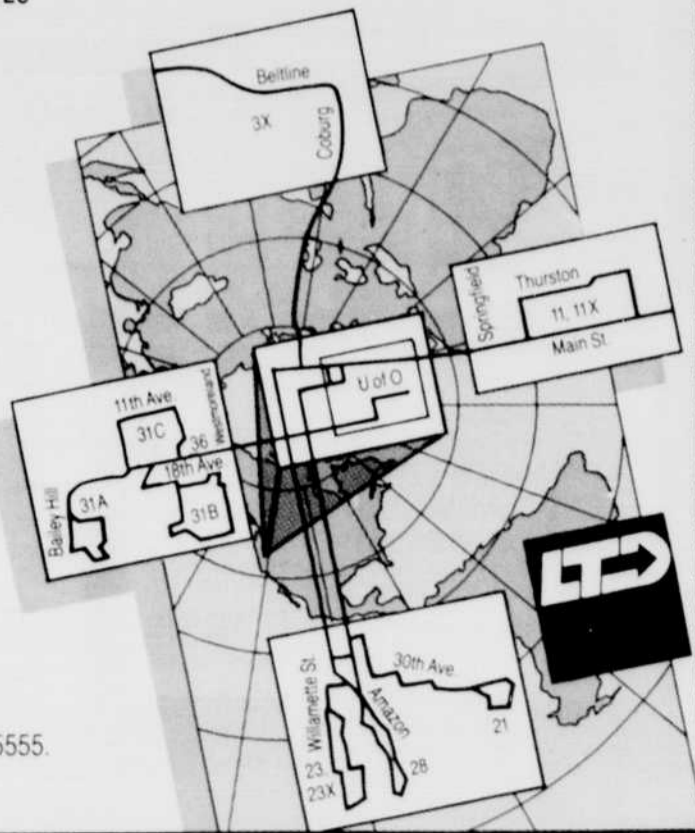
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