

SPORTS

Oliver leaps 7-5, Ducks second at Pac-10 meet

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Muhammad Oliver went up and up and up and ... won the Pacific-10 Conference high jump Sunday night with a leap of 7-5 in Tempe, Ariz.

Seven feet, five inches, a height no Oregon athlete has ever come close to clearing, including Oliver.

Oliver broke Andy Young's 1989 school record of 7-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ and shattered his old personal record of 7-0 $\frac{1}{2}$ set at last year's Oregon Invitational. The jump was also an automatic NCAA qualifier and one of the top five collegiate jumps this season.

California's Kevin Keane also went 7-5, but Oliver won on fewer misses.

But even with Oliver's winning jump, the Ducks finished second in the team race with 96 points as Washington State won as expected with 135 $\frac{1}{2}$ points. It was the Cougars' first team title since 1985.

Oregon Coach Bill Dellinger was unavailable for comment late Sunday night.

Oregon also had individual winners in hammer thrower Scott McGee (214-7), who won for the second straight year, and Pat Haller in the 10,000 meters (29:48.75) to go along with Oliver and decathlete Pedro daSilva, who won that title earlier in the week.

Bob Gray set two PRs in Sunday's hurdle races, finishing second in the 110-meter highs in 13.79 and fifth in the 400-meter intermediates in 50.92.

Gray missed the automatic NCAA qualifying standard of 13.72 in the high hurdles, but only lost to NCAA favorite Tony Li of Washington State by 14-hundredths of a second.

Gray's time was also the second-fastest in school history and further enhanced his chances of getting to the NCAA meet on the provisional list, bettering his wind-aided best of 13.83.

In the 400 hurdles, Gray's time is the fifth-fastest in school history and a provisional NCAA qualifier.

Gray also teamed with Devon Hosey, Michael McClendon and Ronnie Harris on the 4x100-meter relay team that was third in 40.15.

The Cougars won only the short relay, the high hurdles and the 1,500 meters — with Samuel Kibiri clocking 3:43.59 — on Sunday, but had so much talent and depth it was too much for the Ducks, or anybody else to overcome.

In the 1,500, Kibiri held off Oregon's Colin Dalton who was second in 3:44.09. Duck teammate Alan Foster was sixth in 3:50.19.

Oregon also had a 2-6 finish in the 3,000-meter steeplechase Saturday with Rick Mestler clocking 8:46.34 for second and Tye Van Schoiack sixth in 9:02.30.

Mestler did get some satisfaction in finishing ahead of Washington State's Robert Price and John Hill, two runners that had beaten Mestler twice earlier this season.

Arizona's Marc Davis turned in an impressive distance double in the Arizona heat, winning the steeplechase and then coming back to take the 5,000

on Sunday in a time of 14:00.75.

Freshman Todd Bleakney became the only Duck to surpass the 50-foot barrier in the triple

jump this season, as he finished fourth with a leap of 50-4.

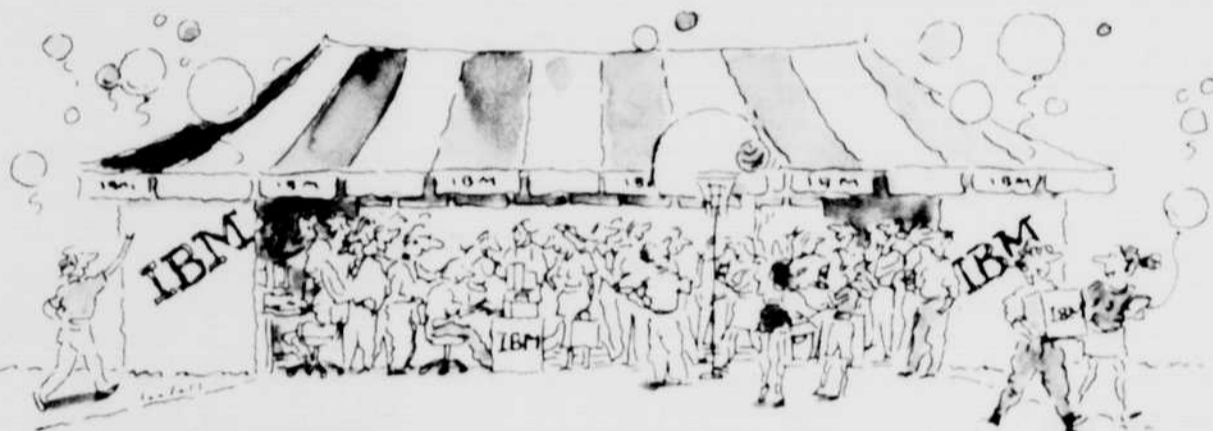
Oregon's Art Skipper tossed

the javelin 229-8 for third and Nick Anastassiades was fourth in the hammer at 192-11.

One of the Ducks' biggest

disappointments came in the 800 meters where Coley Candaele failed to make Sunday's finals and teammate Shannon Lemora finished sixth in

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