

# SPORTS

## Decathletes eye NCAA, Olympics

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Not many people got to see Oregon's two decathletes compete this weekend at the Oregon Invitational at Hayward Field.

And that's a shame.

Pedro daSilva won the decathlon and qualified for the NCAA Championships with a score of 7,873. The decathlon was held on Thursday and Friday, when attendance was sparse.

daSilva said he reached his season's best mark with solid performances in all the events.

"I just took it easy," daSilva said. "I just wanted to qualify. I didn't set any personal records or anything."

daSilva is hopeful he will make the Brazilian Olympic team this summer, and qualifying for the NCAA meet gives him one more meet to prepare for it.

"I have two more meets — the NCAA's and the Pac-10 meet — to get ready for the Olympics," daSilva said. "Condition-wise, everything's great. Some events need a lot of work. There's a lot of room for improvement."

Muhammad Oliver, who qualified for the NCAA Championships in the decathlon earlier this season, did not compete in the event. Oliver instead opted to work on individual events.

The senior first ran a personal best in the 110 hurdles. Unfortunately, few fans remained in the stands as Oliver bounced back and forth from the high jump to the long jump.

As most of the crowd filed out of Hayward Field late in the evening, Oliver was busy matching his personal best in the high jump and just missing a career best in the long jump.

Oliver said he may have cost himself a personal best in the high jump by competing in two events at once.

"It could have cost me a few inches in the high jump," he said. "If I would have rested, I know I could have made seven feet in the high jump."

Oliver cleared 6-10 3/4 in the high jump for third place and reached 24-3 in the long jump for second place.

Lance Deal, another possible Olympian, heaved the hammer 257-2 to win the competition, breaking his meet record. Ex-Oregon star Scott McGee

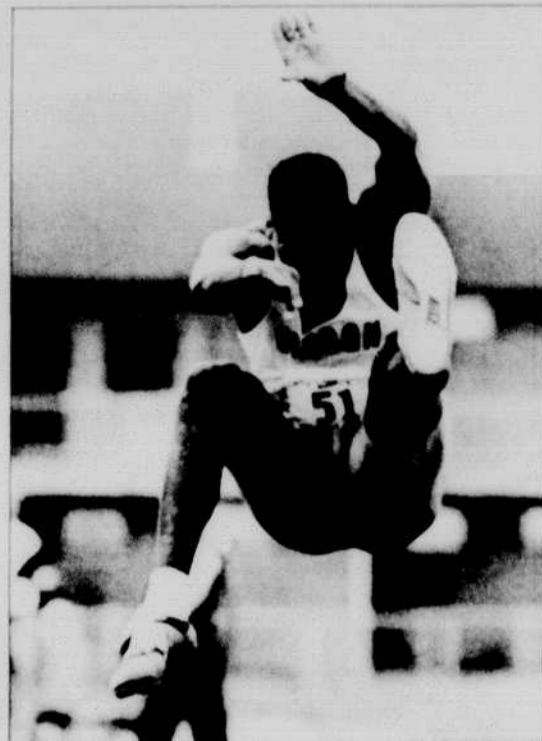


Photo by Jeff Paslay

**Muhammad Oliver was second in the long jump with a 24-3 at this weekend's meet.**

finished third with a throw of 235-11.

Oregon's Art Skipper easily surpassed his competition in the javelin as his throw of 245-10 was 25 feet farther than the second-place throw.

Decathlete Dan O'Brien competed in the morning developmental portion of the meet, depriving most from seeing the predicted favorite to win the gold medal in the decathlon at the Olympics. O'Brien competed in the 110 high hurdles, shot put and discus.

In other track action this weekend, Oregon's Bob Gray took fourth in the 110 hurdles at the Penn Relays, and Oregon's entry in the medley relay finished fifth.

The Ducks' biggest meet so far this season will happen this Saturday when they host Washington State.

## Future Duck throws javelin for big win

By Jake Berg  
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Ashley Selman won the battle of past, present and future Oregon javelin throwers Saturday at the Oregon Invitational track and field meet at Hayward Field.

Selman's best throw of 174-7 gave a glimpse of what Oregon fans can expect from her next season. Selman, a former national champ from USC who will compete for Oregon next spring, beat out former Duck NCAA champions Paula Berry and Jill Smith and collegiate leader Kim Hyatt.

Oregon's newest transfer was all smiles after winning her first competition in nearly a year.

"It's been a while since I won a meet," Selman said. "It's been a long time."

Selman was second at the NCAA Championships last year at none other than Hayward Field to no one other than Berry, now her roommate. Berry had to settle for third Saturday with a throw of 171-09, and Smith, the NCAA champ in 1988, was second with 173-11.

Oregon's Hyatt, who won the javelin competition at the Penn Relays on Thursday, took fifth with a 163-00 throw. The senior is the collegiate leader with her sea-

son-best throw of 172-08 at the Pepsi Team Invitational April 18.

Not too bad for a day's work for Selman.

"It's nice to get the confidence back," Selman said.

An Oregon school record-holder turned first-grade teacher and now Olympic hopeful provided another meet highlight.

Annette Peters, who has taken a leave of absence from teaching at a Springfield elementary school this year in hopes of making the Olympic team, won the 1,500-meter run in a blistering race.

The top five times in the run were all better than the former meet record of 4:29.37. Peters' was the top finisher with an Olympic Trials qualifying time of 4:14.33.

Peters said Saturday's race is her first "home" competition of the year and is one of many steps to the Trials, where she will compete in both the 1,500 and 3,000.

Peters, outfitted in a T-shirt with the words "Go Mrs. Peters" on the back, was not even challenged in the race but said she could have run better.

"It was a good time," Peters said, "but you always hope to run faster."

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