

# SPORTS

## Ducks run for pride in relay win

By Dave Charbonneau  
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By watching one event of Saturday's track meet between Oregon and Washington State, it was easy to tell that these teams don't like each other too much.

The Cougars defeated the Oregon men's track team 85-78, but the surprisingly small crowd at Hayward Field witnessed quite a show, which culminated with a wild 4X400 relay race.

The Cougars had already clinched the team victory, so the race meant nothing as far as points went, but it seemed like the most important event of the day.

On the anchor leg of the race, Washington State's Michael Joubert held a slight lead over Ronnie Harris. As the runners passed the Cougars' cheering section, Joubert held the baton high and saluted the crowd. Needless to say, neither Harris nor the Oregon fans were amused.

Harris passed Joubert on the final turn and held on for the win. The crowd cheered and the team celebrated as if it had won the entire meet.

Joubert and the rest of the Washington State relay team were later disqualified because during the race Joubert had tried to cut off Harris.

After the race, Cougar coach John Chaplin let Joubert know he didn't appreciate his antics. The Oregon crowd let Chaplin know they didn't appreciate his.

As Chaplin walked along the track, Duck fans yelled, commenting on what they saw as Chaplin's lack of class and his inability to coach.

Chaplin, who has been known to have quite a temper, blurted back at one fan, "Check the score, a-----"  
Oregon coach Bill Dellinger



Photo by Sol Neeman

Steeplechaser Tye Van Schoiack heads for victory in Saturday's meet against Washington State. Schoiack's time qualified him for the NCAA Championships.

said he believed Joubert acted a little too cocky.

"I think he thought he was going to win," Dellinger said. "It made him look a little silly in the end."

The Ducks looked dead in the water with seven events remaining, but two sophomores — Heath Howington and Todd Bleakney — set personal bests to give Oregon a shot at the victory.

Howington used his second-to-last attempt in the discus to pass Washington State's Jason Baskett by three inches and win the competition.

Howington said he knew he had the throw in him.

"I knew it was there," he said. "I threw it that far last week, but I fouled."

Seconds after Howington set his mark, the crowd erupted again as Bleakney, on the final jump of the triple jump competition, outleaped leader Chris Cook by nearly two feet.

Bleakney then went into a victory celebration that lasted a good 30 seconds.

"It's nice to see an athlete get that excited," Dellinger said.

The excitement for Oregon died down in a hurry as Washington State claimed victories in the 5,000 and in the 400 hurdles to put Oregon away.

Bob Gray, Oregon's top hurdler, placed second behind the Cougars' Mark MacDonald in the race, but he set a personal best in the race. Quite a feat,

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## Women's track wins N.M. meet

By Jake Berg  
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Oregon's victory came as fast as Camara Jones' sprint in the 100 meters.

The Duck women's track and field team took first in nine of the 16 events Saturday at the Don Kirby Memorial Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M., for a win at the four-team meet.

Oregon's first-place score of 190 topped San Diego State (108), Texas-El Paso (89) and New Mexico (74).

"We got a number of really good performances," Duck coach Tom Heinonen said, "and everybody got the experience we needed outside of the Hayward Field womb."

Jones, the school record-holder in the 400-meter run, ran the third-fastest 100 time in school history at the meet. The sophomore's 11.73 was only second in the event, but it did earn her a spot on the NCAA provisional list.

"Camara Jones ran a great 100," Heinonen said. "That's way faster than she's ever run before."

Along with teammates LaReina Woods, Lisa Bedwell and Regina Warren, Jones also ran a leg on the winning 4X100-relay team. Woods also won the 200.

Heinonen said the "high, dry and hot" New Mexico weather was especially conducive to great performances

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