

# Men's track

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Which left the relays. Oregon finished a close second in the 4x100 and wrapped up the meet with its first track victory of the day in the 4x400.

However, it was Jennings in the 4x800, taking the baton with his team in fourth place. It was Jennings, surging up through the ranks to take the lead.

It was Stanford-led Jennings that stole the show.

"I was looking at the finish line before I even started — I was like, that's where I'm gonna be," said Jennings, pausing to hand water to his teammates. "We weren't going for time, we were going to put on a show here and get excited."

"Right now we're about compe-

titution. We're about being mean out there when we need to be mean, but mean in a good way, mean in a positive way."

Not to say the Ducks didn't have their moments. Oregon's three-second victory in the 4x400 was an emotional feat, fueled by the efforts of Jermaine Hanspard, Nat Johnson, Ross Krempley and Howard Moore.

"It feels great to finish the meet on a high note like that," Johnson said. "We all ran pretty well. That's about as good as I've felt all year. It was the first time I've run the second leg of a [4x400], but it felt awesome."

Johnson was Oregon's top finisher of the meet, also winning the long jump with a leap of 24 feet, 1/4 inches, just 1/2 an inch shy of his personal best.

Freshman Foluso Akinradewo

won the triple jump with a mark of 48-7 1/2. Sophomore high jumper Jason Boness scored another NCAA provisional mark of 7-1 3/4 to win his event, but he failed to clear the bar at 7-3.

"I got the crowd into me, but [I] forgot my technique, pretty much," Boness said. "I didn't hit the positions that I needed to jump high. I still jumped high, but it wasn't based on technique, it was based on energy I was getting."

In the throws, freshman John Stiegeler finished second in the javelin with an eight-foot personal-best toss of 215-10. Sophomore John Bello upped his personal best in the discus to 177-3 en route to a third-place finish, and freshman Adam Kriz also set a new best with a 185-6 hammer throw.



Kevin Calame Emerald

Senior Nat Johnson wins the long jump with a leap of 24 1/4. The meet's top finisher, Johnson also helped the Ducks to a first-place finish in the 4x400 relay.



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Competing in four events, Hilary Holly has a busy, successful day. The senior leader wins the long jump with a 19-2 mark, the best of her season so far.

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"I really enjoyed this meet," 23rd-year assistant coach Mark Stream said. "Anytime people can come to Eugene for a quality meet, they will. This may be a real good weekend for us to hold this meet."

It was, and it also turned out to be a great weekend for Morrison. The junior used her strength and determination to give her a final tally of 185-9, the best ever by an Oregon hammer thrower.

The score also marked Morrison's personal record and met the NCAA provisional standard of 183-9. The win was especially sweet for her since she broke former teammate — and friend — Heidi Fisk's Oregon record of 183-6.

"It's been building all week in practice, and it wasn't raining, so

that was a good element," Morrison said. "The record was especially special because my old teammate Heidi and I are really close. So next time I see her, which I always do, it'll be fun."

One Duck who was certainly enjoying herself on Saturday was Holly. The senior leader kept herself mighty busy throughout the day by competing in four events.

She was a part of the fourth place 4x100 team, and then ten minutes later, went out and won the long jump with her best wind-legal jump of the season (19-2). She then recorded a personal record in the 200 meter dash with a seventh-place time of 25:31. Her long day was completed when she battled through a sore body to achieve a personal record with her third-place triple-jump (38-5).

"I had great support today," Holly said. "The fans get excited

and they clap, and [that] gets you psyched up. I'm tired, but it was a lot of fun."

In the javelin, it was Howell's second throw that won the event. With her right arm extended back, the All-American unleashed a heave that sailed beyond the 160-foot mark for the event-winning length of 162-1.

The day was completed with the competitive pole vault, in which Oregon's Howell edged Stanford's Kathleen Donoghue with a NCAA Provisional clearance of 12-5 1/2.

Afterwards, the Duck men and women signed trading cards of themselves for kids. One boy's face was one of pure joy when he showed his dad his autograph from Karis Howell that read, "Keep Smiling!"

It was a fitting end to a day that did indeed produce many grins.



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