

# Kasahun, Harris outmatched in NCAA races

■ The Oregon men's contingent closes out its action with the efforts of Harris and Kasahun

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Both used the phrase, "a great learning experience."

Both spoke of great admiration for the athletes they competed with.

And both talked of the thrill they experienced from competing before the faithful Hayward Field crowd.

But both Micah Harris and Michael Kasahun of the Oregon men's track and field team also expressed disappointment in the way they performed at the NCAA Track and Field Championships Friday.

Harris and Kasahun closed out the Ducks' season when they failed to score any points in their events. Oregon still ended the NCAAs with 27 points overall and finished in ninth-place as a team.

Harris came in sixth-place in the semifinals of the men's 110-meter hurdles with a time of 13.99 seconds. It wasn't fast enough to ad-

vance him on to Saturday's finals. "I had a lot of fun, and I gave it everything I had," Harris said. "But I felt bad about not getting into the finals."

The junior transfer from Tempe, Ariz., reached the semifinals after a school- and personal-record time of 13.73 in the preliminaries Thursday.

"To get the school record, that was one of the goals," Harris said. "Now I'll come back next year and give it my all."

Kasahun, on the other hand, won't have such an opportunity. The senior closed out his collegiate career with a 16th-place finish in

the final of the men's 5,000 meters.

Kasahun began the race with some good steam, but as the laps progressed, he ended up dropping like a brick down to the back of the pack. His time of 14:25.69 was nowhere near his personal record of 13:56.04.

"I'd like to have finished higher, and was hoping for a top-10 finish," said Kasahun, who was seeded 17th on the pre-meet list. "When you are in the championship level, it's more of a tactical race. This is my first time at this level and people had more experience than I had."

When the race came down to the

final few laps, many of the runners went for their "kick," or a sprint to the finish. Kasahun said he tried, but found the tank to be empty.

"There was nothing left at all for those last two-and-a-half laps," he said. "I pushed it a little bit too early and that caught up at the end."

The race capped a solid two-year Oregon career for Kasahun, who transferred to Oregon from Fresno City College. While at Oregon, he has lowered his personal bests in the 5,000 (from 15:06.51 to 13:56.04) and in the 10,000 (from 30:35.07 to 29:51.62).

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**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 4).** You'll learn to go against your nature this year, but that won't inhibit you. Instead of speaking freely, as you always have, you'll learn to choose your words. The job requires discretion and careful planning. You'll have an advantage if your strategy is private. A partnership develops with someone you can trust completely. You'll know who it is by the candor.  
To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 9 — You've broken into the clear again. The action to take should be obvious. Don't launch a new adventure before you've taken care of business at home. A friend's advice is pertinent. Slow down and do it right so that you won't have to do it over.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 5 — It's time to start getting practical again, so set your fantasies aside. But before you do, choose which one you're going for next. That one has a new status, especially if you and your partner agree on it. It isn't a fantasy any longer; it's an achievable goal — even if you're not yet sure how to reach it.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 7 — There's more to do than you're capable of doing, but it may be hard to let go. You have your ideas, so convey them to a person whose skills you admire. The end result may be better than you could have produced on your own.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** — Today is a 5 — There's a mountain of work, and more coming in every minute. There will be changes, errors and snafus — bet on it. Planning ahead catches some of the problems, but not all. It's not your fault, so relax.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is a 9 — You're so cute, nobody can resist your charms. And you're not the only one. If you're not in love already, odds are good that you will be by nightfall. If you're already in love, let your soul mate set the agenda. This will be fun!

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 6 — Keep studying! You'll need all the ammunition, er, information you can get. You're about to be queried on your theory, your methods and your reasons for being. Nobody said this was going to be easy. Be prepared!

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct 22)** — Today is an 8 — If you want a raise, how about learning new skills? How hard can it be? For you, not very. Your mind is now ravenous for new knowledge. Limit yourself to the stuff that's most marketable.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 7 — You've got the charisma, now go get the cash. Not anything illegal, of course. But if you suspect you're worth more than you've been getting, do something about it. Put more of what you do get into savings. Benefits count as cash.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 7 — You're about ready to burst by now. Schedule a meeting with your most trusted confidant and advisor. Together, sort through the data you've collected. As you put the puzzle together, a picture will start to emerge. Hint: It isn't what you thought it would be.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 6 — Friends are there to help, but don't let them be a distraction. Mercury is going retrograde, and that usually means confusion. Slow down, take your time, do things right. There'll still be mistakes, but they won't be yours.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 7 — Don't take any risks with communication. If you say you'll be home for dinner at a certain time and don't follow through, there'll be trouble. Call and let people know where you are.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 6 — An argument between two other people could give you an advantage. Let them battle it out while you keep a low profile. It's going to get worse before it gets better, by the way. Around Thursday, the smoke will start to clear.

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