

# Northwest Relays

## 5,000 record eludes McChesney

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EUGENE — Just about every time the sun sets on Hayward Field, track fans start looking for records in distance races.

The 4,066 attending Saturday's Northwest Relays nearly got their wish when Oregon red-shirt Bill McChesney blazed the 5,000 meters — a non-scoring event in this meet — in 13:15.77, a whisker shy of an American record, but the second fastest time ever by an American.

McChesney and everyone else in the stands thought he had bettered the mark of 13:15.06 set by Marty Liquori in 1977 when, after crossing the finish line, he gazed up at the scoreboard which flashed the time of 13:12.0. The clock, however, had stopped before he had broken the tape.

When the official time was announced, the crowd sighed. No way was McChesney disappointed.

"I'm stunned. I knew I had the ability, but my gosh..." said McChesney, who will return to the Ducks next season to finish his career. As a junior last season, he had posted a 13:18.6 for the second fastest time ever by an American.

"My plan was to run about 13:40 because it's been windy here this spring," he said. "But when I got here today, I found it calm. Perfect conditions, so I thought maybe the low 13:20s. I'm not that fit, I know I have to be careful because my season will probably go to September and the World Cup.

"Now I'm going to have to re-evaluate my goals. I've never been in this position so early in the season." While McChesney was in a state of shock, Oregon Coach Bill Dellinger wasn't.

"I'm not totally shocked that Bill ran that

fast," said the coach. "He's in good shape and mentally fit. The (weather) conditions were just about ideal for distance races and the crowd got behind him, so I knew it would be difficult for him to maintain his pre-meet plan.

"He ran the first seven or eight laps in 64, so why not go for it."

Added McChesney: "Something crazy was happening out there. I kept running 64, 64, 64 and I had to reassess what I was going to do as the race went along. I began to realize, 'Hey, I can get a PR (personal record) if I hustle.'

"I don't want to try and make something happen, but if that day comes along I want to be ready. I've got plenty of years left — I'm only 22 years old — and if you get in a hurry, you'll get wound up and won't run fast."

While McChesney was doing his thing, the Ducks were easily winning the team title with 79 points, a 38-point bulge over runner-up Washington at 41. Oregon State and Washington State tied for third at 39½ in this event that was scored for the first time since 1973.

Leading the way for Oregon were LaMar Hurd, who posted a PR in the long jump with a 24-5¾ effort, Jim Hill with a meet record and PR in the 1,500 at 3:41.54, plus the tandem of Parrish Nixon and Bart MacGillivray, who finished 1-2 in a class 200 field, Nixon winning in 21.47.

Hill, who likes to think of himself more of a longer distance runner, had planned to run his race "just to win." That was before he looked at the clock with a lap to go and noticed 2:39 on the board.

"I thought if I could do a 60 on the last

lap, I'd be right in there," he said. "I felt good when I accelerated, it felt more natural. I knew (Washington State's Omar) Ortega would take it out and (Duck) Graydon (Pihlaja) did a great job on the third lap. It just never slowed down."

**HAMMER** — Ralf Uebel, WSU, 197-5; Eric Hohn, UO, 175-9; Art Klosterman, OSU, 171-10; Kevin Cardiff, UW, 170-0.

**400 RELAY** — Washington (Marshall, Stankovic, Howell, Jackson) 39.91 (Meet record; old mark 39.94 by Washington, 1975); Oregon (James, Nixon, Bradley, Walker) 40.09; Oregon State (Fields, Scott, White, Hassan) 41.17; Washington State did not finish.

**JAVELIN** — Reidar Lorenzen, UO, 255-6; Mike Mahovich, UW, 249-9; Frode Stormyr, UO, 247-3; Tom Diehl, WSU, 229-6.

**SHOT** — Vince Goldsmith, UO, 62-3¾; Dean Crouser, UO, 61-8¼; Jeff Johnson, UW, 58-7½; Ron Schmidt, OSU, 55-10¾.

**LONG JUMP** — LaMar Hurd, UO, 24½¾; Peter Halson, WSU, 24-5¼; Gary Millon, WSU, 23-9¾; Jeff McGraw, OSU, 23-3½.

**3,000 STEEPLECHASE** — (Non-scoring event) Ken Martin, Athletics West, 8:26.43; Steve James, WSU, 8:36.72; John Underwood, Oregon Track Club, 8:42.95; Mike Smith, Club Northwest, 8:48.56.

**110 HIGH HURDLES** — Don Wright, UO, 14.04; Aaron Williams, UW, 14.11; Dwight Robertson, UO, 14.33; Mark White, OSU, 14.57.

**POLE VAULT** — Rick Anicker, UW, 17-2¼; (tie) Shannon Sullivan, OSU, and Greg Ernst, WSU, 16-6; Bob White, WSU, 16-0.

**1,500** — Jim Hill, UO, 3:41.54 (Meet record; old mark 3:43.2 by Joshua Kimeto, WSU, 1977); Omar Ortega, WSU, 3:44.91; Graydon Pihlaja, UO, 3:45.98; Nate Harrison, UO, 3:46.08.

**100** — LaNoris Marshall, UW, 10.51; Jerome Walker, UO, 10.77; Mark James, UO, 10.88; Brian Celestine, UW, 10.97.

**TWO-MILE RELAY** — Oregon (Hudson, Bufton, Brox, Mack) 7:31.36; Washington State (LaFond, Murphy, Theophylactou, Ramsey) 8:06.23.

**400 INTERMEDIATE HURDLES** — Mark White, OSU, 51.25; Ken Scott, OSU, 51.54; Mike Eldredge, UO, 52.26; Don Ward, UO, 52.53.

**TRIPLE JUMP** — Joseph Taiwo, WSU, 51-½; Jeff McGraw, OSU, 46-10; John Keisur, OSU, 46-9¼; Jeff Luty, UO, 46-6.

**HIGH JUMP** — Doug Nordquist, WSU, 7-0; Brent Harken, WSU, 6-10; Scott Walkins, OSU, 6-10; Eric King, OSU, 6-10.

**200** — Parrish Nixon, UO, 21.47; Bart MacGillivray, UO, 21.64; Kasheef Hassan, OSU, 21.71; Byron Howell, UW, 22.11.

**DISCUS** — Dean Crouser, UO, 189-10; Doug Wollan, UW, 181-3; Ron Schmidt, OSU, 173-8; Chris Waltman, OSU, 173-6.

**5,000** — (Non-scoring event) Bill McChesney, UO, 13:15.77 (Meet record; old mark 13:20.8 by Gerry Lindgren, WSU, 1966. Field record; old mark 13:19.22 by Rudy Chapa, UO, 1979); Mike Lohman, Oregon Track Club, 13:51.16; Ron Tabb, Oregon Track Club, 14:04.01; Pat Holleran, Oregon Track Club, 14:07.1.

**DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY** — Oregon (Friton, Eldredge, Simpson, Chapa) 9:44.70; Washington (Webster, Bredahl, DeGallier, Barnett) 10:08.44.

**MILE RELAY** — Oregon State (Hassan, White, Scott, Fields) 3:09.40; Washington (Kozol, DeRosans, Jackson, Stankovic) 3:09.57; Washington State (Ramsey, Ernst, Akieue, Henley-Smith) 3:14.18; Oregon disqualified.

**TEAM SCORES** — Oregon 79, Washington 41, Oregon State 39½, Washington State 39½.