

Freshman Phenom Edges Senior Dunbar in Battle of Ducks

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Kodiak's Trevor Dunbar competed for the first time in a year for the Oregon Ducks last week in the U-W Invitational in Seattle. He was the anchor on one of two teams the Ducks had in the finals of the distance medley relay.

The anchor on the other Duck squad was Edward Cheserek, a freshman phenom who is the reigning NCAA cross country champion. It was their first head-to-head matchup, since Dunbar hasn't raced for the Ducks since the 2012 cross country season.

Dunbar, a two-time NCAA All-American took the lead in the anchor leg over Cheserek about halfway through the mile-long last leg of the relay, but Oregon Live reported that Cheserek "had something left in the tank," and with a strong kick beat Dunbar to the finish like by almost three seconds.

The good news for the Oregon Ducks indoor track team was that the times for both of their squads in the medley relay were among the four fastest in the country this year.