



## Lorenzo wins Pac-10 decathlon championship

Lorenzo captures his first Pac-10 decathlon crown after back-to-back runner-up finishes in 1999 and 2000

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For two years in a row, Oregon's Santiago Lorenzo stood on the second tier of the Pacific-10 Conference podium, one step lower than California's Bevan Hart. Despite Lorenzo having one of the best marks in the decathlon nationwide, Hart was always a little better. No longer. On Sunday, Lorenzo climbed

to the top of the podium to accept his gold medal in the Pac-10 Decathlon Championships after scoring 7,617 points to win the meet.

"This year was my turn," Lorenzo said. "Bevan Hart graduated and left the field open. I'm really happy. It was something I had to win because I was number one in the Pac-10." The Buenos Aires, Argentina,

native jumped out to an early lead on Saturday, winning the 400 meters in 48.97 seconds and recorded personal bests in the high jump (six feet, four inches) and shot put (44-0).

"Everything just felt right," Lorenzo said. "It was one of those days. Having a good start like [Saturday] relieves a lot of pressure." A slim Saturday lead of 150

points over Washington State's Steve Dwyer increased for Lorenzo to almost 200 points on Sunday despite winning zero events.

Lorenzo placed second in the pole vault with a personal best 15-7 and in the javelin with a toss of 186-7. His third-place finishes in the 110 hurdles and dis-



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Stanford's Jenni Shideler slides safely into second base as shortstop Kate Peterson awaits the throw Saturday.

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## UO softball loses three more to finish season

■ 'What might have been': The Ducks drop their last three Pac-10 games, ending a season of misery and disappointment

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The emotion Rick Gamez hid behind his reflective Oakley sunglasses was openly expressed by senior Tri-awn Custer after the Oregon softball team lost the final two games of the season Saturday.

Wiping away the tears of an up-and-down four-years, Custer hugged her family and smiled for snapshots and a video camera, trying to make the best of a tumultuous season.

Custer and the Ducks ended the season Saturday by dropping both games of a doubleheader to No. 4 Stanford at Howe Field.

"I didn't start getting emotional until the senior ceremony beforehand,"

said Custer, the Ducks' all-time home run leader who was beamed in her final plate appearance. "I've been waiting for this day for a long time, so it was nice to have it

get here and play respectable, especially after the season we've had. It was a good way to go out regret-free.

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Junior Jason Boness (left) cleared an NCAA provisional mark of seven feet, one and a half inches to win the Oregon Twilight meet.

Freshman Sarah Malone (right) tossed what could be the nation's top mark in the javelin at 174 feet.

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## Cold weather hurts some, helps others at Twilight

■ Unorthodox chilly May weather hampers marks at the annual Oregon Twilight meet

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What appeared to be a laid-back Saturday evening track meet was actually a last-chance, desperation meet for the Oregon men's track and field team.

With those athletes who have already qualified for the Pacific-10 Conference and NCAA Championships resting up for next week, the Ducks that were on the verge of a qualifying mark had one last chance to prove themselves at the Oregon Twilight at Hayward Field Saturday.

Unfortunately, qualifying marks didn't come easy at the chilly and windy meet.

Junior Jason Boness was unable to clear an NCAA automatic bar of seven feet, two and 1/4 inches in the high jump.

"The 2.20 [meters] is what I wanted to get but it was pretty cold and windy," Boness said. "I'm not too worried about getting into nationals. At the conference meet, it's a whole new ballgame."

Boness, who ranks 16th in the nation, won the high jump on Saturday with a leap of 7-1 1/2, barely missing on his last at-

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■ Sarah Malone could rank first nationally after her best throw of the year, while Clare Taylor puts on a show for the crowd

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After three hours of competition at the Oregon Twilight meet Saturday, the crowd at Hayward Field was thirsty for some real competition, after most of the Oregon athletes blew away theirs.

As the crowd clapped rhythmically for the racers of the 5,000, Eugene-native Clare Taylor decided to give her hometown crowd a free show. Taylor went neck-and-neck with Courtney Babcock of the

Mountain West Track Club and ended up with the fastest American time this year, and second-fastest in the world.

"I felt confident in my kick," Taylor said. "The conditions were optimal for running well."

Taylor beat out a field that included former Olympian and ex-Duck Annette Peters, 2000 Olympian Michiki Shimizu of Japan and Jenny Crain, who had America's best time in 2001 heading into Saturday's meet, which was held in cool, windy conditions.

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