

# Lorenzo, Malone honored

Two Ducks are recognized by the Pac-10 as Oregon's track and field teams earn Athlete of the Week honors

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For the fifth time this season, a member of the Oregon men's track and field team was selected as the Pacific-10 Conference Athlete of the Week.

And for the first time, an athlete from the women's team was awarded with the honor.

Oregon decathlete Santiago Lorenzo and javelin thrower Sarah Malone were two of the four honorees announced Monday by the Pac-10.

Lorenzo was recognized as the top men's field athlete after securing his first-ever Pac-10 Multi-Event Championship Sunday in

Berkeley, Calif. The junior from Buenos Aires, Argentina, scored 7,617 points in the 10-event competition to capture the crown.

En route to the victory, Lorenzo finished first in the long jump (22 feet, five 3/4 inches) and 400 meters (48.97 seconds), while he took second in the javelin, pole vault, shot put and 100 meters. Lorenzo is well on his way to a strong performance at the NCAAs May 30-June 2 at Hayward Field.

"I think my conditioning level is going up day by day, so I think I'm going to be ready to rock at nationals at home," Lorenzo said.

As for Malone, the freshman on the Oregon women's team has taken the conference and nation by storm. Malone was selected as the Pac-10's top women's field athlete

after heaving the javelin a personal-best 174 feet at Saturday's Oregon Twilight.

The 174-foot toss gave Malone an NCAA automatic qualifying mark and now has her ranked fifth on the U.S. list in 2001.

The freshman from Newburg also stands second nationally on the collegiate level and first among the American collegiate athletes.

Malone, who broke her own previous school record of 169-3 set earlier this year, should be one to watch at the NCAAs.

First things first, though, and that's the main portion of the Pac-10 Championships Saturday and Sunday in Berkeley, Calif. Malone will be the favorite to secure a crown on the women's side, while the men currently lead the Pac-10 with 16 points thanks to Lorenzo's performance, as well as the third-place showing from Oregon decathlete Billy Pappas.



## Golf

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team that graduated four seniors last year, and she used a variety of golfers to fill those positions all season. Next year, Rouillard said, she will have an older, more experienced team that should fill those holes themselves.

"We've got a lot of good returning players, and several recruits coming in," Rouillard said. "I don't want to say who my starting five will be; they're all going to have an equal and fair chance."

While Rouillard is excited for next season, it was hard for her to overlook the season's most obvious disappointment, the finish of star senior Jerilyn White.

White was the only holdover starter from last year's senior-laden team, and she led the team on and off

the course all season. White started the season slowly but heated up in the spring and carried that momentum into the Pacific-10 Conference Championships, where she finished ninth individually.



ROUILLARD

Then, at the NCAA regional, White's putter deserted her, and she finished third of all individuals whose teams did not advance. She missed making the NCAA Championships as an individual by a mere two strokes.

"If her putting had been anywhere near as good as the last two weeks, Jerilyn would be going to nationals," Rouillard said.

Rouillard said she will need to

replace White's leadership next year, but that she's sure "someone of Jerilyn's caliber will step up."

Among those who could make an impact on next year's team are junior Kathy Cho, who played in every tournament for the Ducks this year, freshman Lacy Erickson and sophomore Megan Heckerroth.

The Ducks will also receive an influx of recruits for next year's team, including two who Rouillard believes could make an immediate impact.

"I think things will work themselves out for next year," Rouillard said.

As for this season, Rouillard said all along that she wanted her golfers to put themselves in a position to win, and that's exactly what they did at the regionals.

"We worked hard this spring and did everything we could to prepare for the postseason," Rouillard said. "That's all I could ask."

## Tennis

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missed several matches. The Ducks' most improved player, sophomore Jeanette Mattsson, suffered from plantar fasciitis, a heel ailment.

"We had some unfortunate injuries that really cost us at the number one spot," Griffin said. "It's tough when you know you could be winning but aren't."

With eight teams ranked in the top 75 and six advancing to this year's NCAA Tournament, the Pac-10 Conference is one of the toughest in the nation. That, along with a challenging nonconference schedule, made Oregon's season a tough one to say the least. All of Oregon's 17 losses came against top-100 opponents. Seven of those losses were by only one point.

"That took its toll on us mentally," Griffin said. "We couldn't get over the hump."

If you turn Oregon's seven one-point losses into wins, the Ducks would have been 12-10 and easily qualified for the NCAAs.



GRIFFIN

The Ducks did have their moments in 2001, though. Oregon cozier up to the new Student Tennis Center Jan. 27 with a three-match sweep of UC-Santa Barbara, Boise State and Portland. The Ducks also routed Pacific and UC-Irvine in late April for two inspirational wins.

The future looks bright for the Ducks, who lose no seniors and

have four scholarships available for recruiting this summer.

Oregon's freshmen this season were two of the best in school history. Courtney Nagle finished the season with an 18-7 singles record, good enough for second on the all-time single-season record list. Fellow freshman Davina Mendiburu was not far behind in fifth place with a 16-7 record.

"I was really excited with how our freshmen played this season," Griffin said. "They were our bright spots this season."

Returning next season will be one of Oregon's largest recruiting classes in juniors Janice Nyland, Adeline Arnaud, Valerie Young and transfer Vickie Gunnarsson.

"I'm looking forward to next year because I'd love to see our seniors go out on a strong note," Griffin said. "It will be exciting to see."

### The tribe has spoken

No, not that Cleveland baseball team; we're talking about Peter Hockaday's Weekly Sports Poll, of course. Last week we asked you which Oregon athlete would have won "Survivor: the Australian Outback," had he or she competed.

Well, most of you "intelligent" people picked the name you recognized and said the Ducks' starting quarterback, Joey Harrington, would have won the \$1 million. Harrington received 45.8

percent of the vote, while other just-as-tough athletes such as women's basketball center Jenny Mowe (25.4 percent), distance runner Michael Kasahun (23.7) and soccer standout Chalise Baysa (5.1) lost out.

This week, use your heads to figure out who should coach the Portland Trail Blazers next year. When this season's coach, Mike Dunleavy, was fired last week, rumors flew about who should coach the tumultuous team next season.

Now, you make the call. Your choices are: Magic Johnson, Clyde "the Glide" Drexler (who has said he won't coach the Blazers next season, but we include him for fun), John Lucas, Chuck Daly or former Oregon women's basketball coach Jody Runge.

Again, you make the call. Go online to [www.dailyemerald.com](http://www.dailyemerald.com) and vote for your favorite candidate.

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