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Boness and Santiago Lorenzo.

Lorenzo has already won the Pac-10 decathlon title and is ranked fourth nationally. The Buenos Aires, Argentina, native placed fifth at last year's NCAA Championships and looks to improve on that mark this year at the NCAAs at Hayward.

"I'm really happy," Lorenzo said of his decathlon win. "It was something I had to win because I was number one in the Pac-10. 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 will compete in the long jump, 400 hurdles and relays Saturday.

Boness is the defending Pac-10 champion in the high jump, although he is seeded third this year.

"I'm looking to jump 7-2 and then go for the win," Boness said. "It's all about the win. I'm not too worried. The conference meet is something else. When you walk out on the high jump apron, it's a whole new ballgame."

2. Oregon's junior college transfers are two of the best recruits in the nation.

It took Micah Harris only six competitions to match the school record in the 110 hurdles. The transfer from Central Arizona JC hopes to break the school record of 13.79 this weekend.

"I'm looking forward to the competition," Harris said. "It's all about the competition. That's what makes me run fast. I definitely want to get a fast time down there."

Junior 800-meter runner Simon Kimata is one of Oregon's biggest surprises, especially considering he is recovering from a stress fracture. The Kenya native has improved by an average of two seconds at each competition of the season, which began for Kimata in a boot cast. Kimata now has the third-best mark in the Pac-10 and ranks eighth on the school's all-time list.

"At the beginning of the season, I was still concerned with my Achilles," Kimata said. "I was not able to push myself all of the way. But I have been improving. At my first meet, the goal was to break two minutes. Then it was to break 1 minute, 57 seconds, 1:55 and 1:53. I did it."

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Both are NCAA provisional qualifiers who are in good position to automatically qualify.

3. John Stiegeler is the most improved track athlete at Oregon, and possibly in the nation.

In one year, redshirt sophomore John Stiegeler went from a Pac-10 non-factor to the nation's top javelin thrower. In only three competitions spanning nine months, Stiegeler improved his personal best by nine feet, 13 feet and six feet.

The Coos Bay native is now the favorite to win the NCAA javelin title with a personal best 245-9. That mark puts Stiegeler second on the school's all-time list.

4. Oregon has the top freshmen in the nation in two events.

Redshirt freshman Jason Hartmann posted an NCAA automatic qualifying mark in the 10,000 meters with a time of 28 minutes, 56 seconds at his second performance of the season and now ranks eighth nationally and third in the Pac-10.

The two-time All-American in cross country will run the 5,000 and 10,000 meters this weekend and is a contender in both races.

True freshman Trevor Woods is an NCAA provisional qualifier in the pole vault, although he will need a better mark to ensure a nationals bid. Woods has posted the best vault by a Duck freshman (17-4 1/2) since All-American Piotr Buckiarski in 1996. The Coos Bay native is tied for the fourth-best mark in the conference.

5. Strength and speed on the football field equals strength and speed on the oval.

Now that spring football drills are over, sophomore wide receiver Samie Parker can focus on the 100 meters for the track team. The team's top sprinter has a wind-aided personal best of 10.59

seconds, the 13th best in the conference. Parker has improved greatly since joining the team mid-season.

Another football player expected to be a factor at the Pac-10 meet is junior John Bello. The former lineman is seeded sixth in both the shot put and discus with personal bests of 59-9 3/4 and 180-1, respectively. Bello is an NCAA provisional qualifier in the shot put.

6. Hard work by Oregon's role players is paying off.

They have gone an entire season without winning a meet or seeing their names on the NCAA qualifying list, but come conference championships time, these athletes will have an impact.

Sophomore Foluso Akinradewo is seeded fourth in the triple jump with his personal best mark of 50-6. The Fresno, Calif., native snuck onto the school recordbooks this spring despite a hamstring injury.

Sophomore Adam Kriz is another unexpected scorer. The Toledo native has the fifth-best conference mark in the hammer throw and has steadily improved all season long.

7. Oregon's veterans are knocking on the Pac-10 scoring door.

Although they are not expected to score, a handful of Duck veterans could cause some commotion in some key events.

Redshirt junior Cody Howell is seeded eighth in the pole vault, but with a personal best he could find himself among the leaders.

Junior Ross Krempley has yet to break the 1:50 barrier in the 800 this season, but if he does, he could easily be a Pac-10 finalist.

Senior Rian Ingrim is having his best season at Oregon following a rough three years. It could get even better if he improves on his seeding of ninth place in the shot put.

Junior Tim Overfield is a contender in the 400 hurdles following a breakthrough season as well.

Competition begins Saturday at 10 a.m. with half of all field events and running event preliminaries and concludes Sunday with running event finals and the other half of the field events.

Expect a tight race between UCLA, Stanford and Southern California for the team title.

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They are the #1 Asian pop group that has had several #1 hits. Their shows have always been sold out. So, come and hear their sweet voices. Opening act: from California. They are a hip hop group who will be opening for the night's show. The band Kai got their name from the word kaibigan of the Tagalog (Filipino) language that signifies brotherhood. This San Francisco-based R&B quartet, whose members have been friends since they were children. Composed of singers AC Lorenzo, Leo Chan, Errol Virray, Andrew Gapuz and Andrey Silva, the group debuted in 1997 with their first single, "Say You'll Stay." Their full-length, self-titled album is slated for a May 1998 release on Geffen Records.

Henry Cho is a Korean/American, born and raised in Knoxville, Tennessee. Cho's in contrast with his unexpected "southern boy" speech and mannerisms, he has audiences laughing at him the minute he opens his mouth on stage. He keeps them laughing with his unique perspective on the stories he tells. He's a Korean/American Hollywood comedian actor from Tennessee. Cho has been on Friday Night (NBC), 1/2 Hour Comedy Hour (MTV), Blockbuster movies (latest with Heather Grahm), and several nationally known comedy clubs in N.Y.C., Innovation, and many others. He has also opened for Reba and Brooks and Dunn.

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Sports brief

San Diego pours on 15 runs to beat the Mets

NEW YORK — Bobby Valentine was pleased with one thing — his shortstop pitched well.

"Things could have been worse if Desi Relaford didn't have his good stuff," the Mets manager said Thursday night after the San Diego Padres pounded New York 15-3.

Relaford pitched a perfect ninth after the Padres raked five pitchers for 17 hits in the first eight innings — including a four-homer outburst that keyed a seven-run third inning.

Former Mets Rickey Henderson and Bubba Trammell hit two of the four homers in that inning, Trammel applying the crusher with a three-run shot off Steve Trachsel (1-6).

"I was just thinking I wanted to see the ball well and hit it hard someplace," said Trammell, who later added an RBI double.

"I just got the good part of the bat on it," Henderson said after his second homer in two nights. "I think he was just trying to get it over the plate."

Valentine was much less charita-

ble about his pitcher.

"You can't pitch like that, that's for sure," the manager said. "He had a plan, he agreed to the plan like we talked about in here and he just didn't execute. If he had made the pitches he was supposed to to Bubba, I thought he had a pretty good chance of getting out of the inning."

Alex Arias and Ryan Klesko also homered in the inning off Trachsel, who became the first Mets pitcher ever and the 19th in major league history to allow four homers in an inning.

New York (15-25) has lost eight of nine games, dropping 10 games under .500 for the first time since finishing the 1996 season 71-91.

While working the ninth, Relaford mixed a 91-mph fastball with offspeed pitches to strike out reliever Jose Nunez and get Trammell and Adam Riggs to fly out. It was Relaford's first career pitching appearance.

Woody Williams (4-3) allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings to win his third straight decision. He was also 2 for 4 with a run scored and an RBI.

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