

# Lorenzo joins Stiegeler as casualty of 2002

■ Decathlon champion Santiago Lorenzo will sit out the rest of this season

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The Hayward Field sidelines are starting to resemble a very talented emergency room.

Oregon defending national decathlon champion Santiago Lorenzo has decided to redshirt the 2002 season after a quadricep injury kept him from training for much of this year, Lorenzo said Tuesday. The decision came two weeks after defending national javelin champion John Stiegeler announced he would sit out the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

"It wouldn't be a smart idea (to keep competing) because it's the type of injury you don't want to be chronic," Lorenzo said. "Plus I never redshirted, I have one more year of school anyway, so I can come back next year. It's not the best decision, but with the limited choices that we have it's the smartest."

Lorenzo has not competed yet this season, so he is eligible to redshirt. He will likely return next season with Stiegeler, if Stiegeler can successfully petition for a medical redshirt.

"John's injury helped to make the decision, not for me but for the whole coaching staff," Lorenzo said. "When you have two national champions injured for the season, it's much easier to make the choice than just having one. It wasn't the determining factor, but it did influence the decision."

Lorenzo, who is currently going through rehabilitation, said he's going to spend as much time at the track as possible.

"Oh, I'm going to be the No. 1 cheerleader," Lorenzo said with a smile Tuesday.

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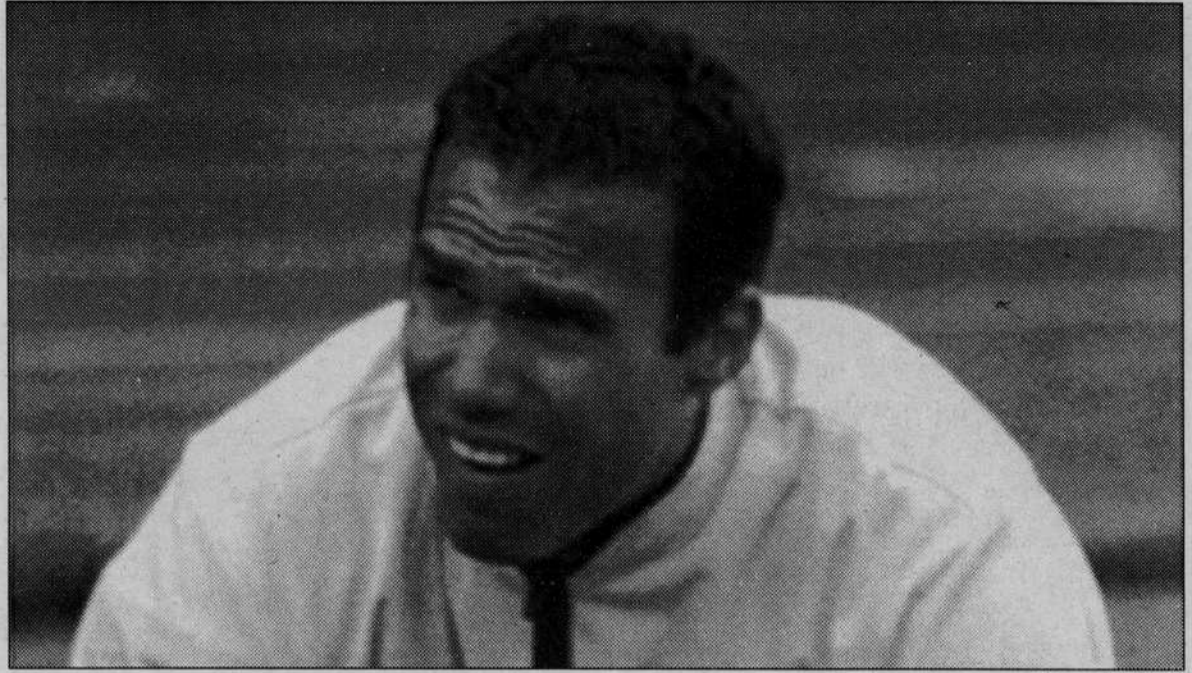
**Santiago Lorenzo**  
Oregon track and field

onships last season in front of his home crowd, injured his quadricep in February and said he reinjured it slightly several weeks later, which led to his decision to redshirt the season.

### Fun with computers

A national Web site, [www.team-power.org](http://www.team-power.org), lets users pit teams against each other in head-to-head action. The Ducks are seventh on the site's national rankings, which are formulated by taking each individual's best mark and assigning points on a decathlon-like scale.

Want to know who would win a clash between Oregon and UCLA? The Bruins would win a squeaker, 105-96. But Oregon would take out Stanford with a



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Oregon decathlete Santiago Lorenzo will not return to the track this season, but will use his redshirt year instead.

landslide 140-0 victory. In fact, according to the site, Oregon could beat any other team in the Pacific-10 Conference in a dual-meet setting except Arizona State.

Want to know how accurate the site is? When Oregon and Washington met on April 13, the Ducks blew out the Huskies 117-81. The brains at [www.team-power.org](http://www.team-power.org) have Oregon winning 113-88.

### Updating the list

With the relative complacency of the Oregon squad last weekend — the Ducks sent only a handful

of athletes to the Mt. San Antonio College Relays in California — some of Oregon's athletes moved around the national lists without even competing.

Simon Kimata, who had held the national lead in the 800-meter race until recently, saw that lead fall to Otukile Lekote of South Carolina. Jason Hartmann moved to eighth on the national list in the 5,000, and Adam Kriz moved to 13th in the hammer.

Micah Harris jumped into the national rankings with a school-

record in the 110 hurdles Sunday. Harris now ranks seventh nationally in the event. Billy Pappas also jumped into the national decathlon rankings — at No. 12 — after his first decathlon of the season.

But some athletes stayed put. Trevor Woods' 18-foot jump was fourth-best in the nation when it happened, and it still is. Stiegeler still leads the nation in the javelin, even though he won't throw again this season.

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## Sports briefs

### UO golfers move up to ninth

The Oregon women's golf team found their game Tuesday and moved into ninth place after the second round of the 2002 Pac-10 Championships at the Walla Walla Country Club.

The Ducks improved by 12 strokes in the second round with a 317 to lead Oregon State by one stroke.

Senior Kathy Cho was much improved in her second day, shooting a plus-one 73 to stand tied for 18th at 154. Cho improved eight strokes

in the second round and moved up 22 places, after being in a tie for 40th after the first round.

Sophomore Lacy Erickson and freshman Johnna Nealy both tied for 45th at 163. Freshmen Jaime Seefried shot 83 for 168 and sits 54th.

Arizona, the defending champion, maintained the lead after shooting 304 for a 36-hole total of 597. UCLA fired off 299 for the second round's lowest score to sit in second place but, stills trail the Wildcats by three strokes.

USC did not have a solid second round with 308 and fell to third at 605, followed by top-seeded Ari-

zona State who improved to fourth at 606.

As with first round play only two players were able to shoot par. UCLA's Yvonne Cho and Washington's Lindsay Morgan were the two golfers in the second round to shoot par-72. Defending individual champion Lorena Ochoa of Arizona is just two strokes back from UCLA's Cho who leads with 143.

— Jesse Thomas  
for the Emerald

### Knight drops out of luncheon

FORT WORTH, Texas (KRT) — Texas Tech men's basketball coach Bobby Knight has opted

out of a book-signing luncheon co-sponsored by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram because he did not like a newspaper article that scrutinized his older son's business practices.

The April 12 article, which ran on the front page of the Star-Telegram, stated that records showed that Tim Knight, an assistant athletic director at the school, had shipped school merchandise to an Indianapolis store operated by his mother without the university receiving payment. Bobby Knight was a long-time coach at Indiana University.

"I was notified by St. Martin's

Press, Bob Knight's publisher, that he didn't like the story in the Star-Telegram, and that because of that, he is refusing to honor his commitment to the Book and Author program," said Jeff Guinn, the newspaper's books editor.

The controversial coach, who is the author of "Knight: A Coach's Life," was scheduled to be one of six at the event, which will benefit the Fort Worth Public Library. It is scheduled for noon May 1 at the Will Rogers Memorial Center.

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