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NCAA champion in the decathlon — will return to action after red-shirting this season. Doug Sells, a perpetually-injured sophomore who could be a force if he stays healthy, could also add to next year's decathlon crew.

And then there's Gabriel LeMay, the ninth member of Oregon's 2002-03 recruiting class. LeMay, a sophomore junior-college transfer from Lane Community College,

won the NWAACC decathlon this year and has Oregon head coach Martin Smith thinking about a Duck sweep at the conference championships next season.

"His presence softens the loss of Billy Pappas," Smith said. "He's a great student with a 4.0 GPA, and on the track his versatility will boost us in other areas besides the decathlon."

LeMay's personal best of 6,832 points would have been good enough for sixth at the conference championships this season.

Powerful silliness

Another week, another check-in with the eggheads at www.team-power.org. This week we'll use the dual-meet simulator to figure out the Pac-10 champion.

The Ducks are ranked 10th in the country by the Web site, third among Pac-10 teams. But what would hap-

pen if Oregon took on the top seven other Pac-10 teams in a tournament setting, playing each of the squads in one-and-done dual meets? Sort of like basketball's version of the conference championship.

In the first round, UCLA, Oregon and Arizona State advance by goose-egging USC, Stanford and Arizona, respectively. Washington State struggles against Washington, edging the Huskies 104-99. In the Final Four, UCLA kills Washington State 119-84, while Arizona State ends Oregon's season 109-93.

In an anti-climactic finale, UCLA proves why it's the second-best team in the country by handling Arizona State, 110-93.

Ah, if only Pac-10 track was run by hoops fans.

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Sports brief

Football ticket sales increase

Season ticket sales for Oregon's 2002 football campaign have reached a school record 38,400, leaving approximately 500 season tickets available for purchase by the general public in the expanded Autzen Stadium.

The mark surpasses the school's previous season-ticket record of 30,365 from a year ago, with the Ducks forced to curtail ticket sales before July 1 each of the past two seasons.

Included among this year's sales has been the purchase of 35,200 reserved seats, compared with the sale of 26,600 reserved season tickets all of last year. The remainder of this year's 3,000 tickets sold have been general admission and family plan packages.

The supply of general admission and family plan tickets has since been exhausted, leaving only reserved seat tickets remaining on a season basis for the cost of \$253 for Oregon's eight-game schedule.

The Ducks have averaged crowds in excess of the previous stadium capacity of 41,698 each of the past four seasons, led by last year's school record of 45,926 spectators per game. The current Autzen Stadium expansion is expected to push the facility's capacity to nearly 54,000.

Additional single-game tickets are currently available to Oregon football season-ticket holders only, with reserved seats for the game against the Huskies costing \$50 and each of the remaining seven games selling for \$29. All remaining home single-game tickets will go on sale to the general public beginning July 1.

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Linnen immediately comes to mind. The collegiate record holder — albeit in the indoor season — is currently No. 3 on national outdoor lists; however, that doesn't take away from her accomplishment earlier this season.

"I felt like I had it in me, but I didn't think it would happen so soon," Linnen told the Arizona Daily Wildcat.

Not to be undersold, Brianna Glenn, a participant in the 100, could give Williams something to think about.

California — This may be a low ranking for the Bay Area

squad, especially with discus and hammer throw specialist Jennifer Joyce occupying a spot on the Berkeley roster.

"I want to see the team succeed, but we knew we weren't going to threaten to win the Pac-10 Championships this year," Joyce told the Daily Californian. "So I've been focusing on trying to go out with a bang."

Another squad that could finish as high as third, the Golden Bears already had a good start in the Pac-10s with the performance of Missy Vanek in the heptathlon. The senior finished second, giving the Bears 13 points — good enough for second place entering this weekend.

Arizona State — Lisa Aguilera is

the Sun Devil to watch in the Northwest as the junior will attempt to vault Arizona State from its fifth place finish this past season.

Aguilera has the second-best time in the 5,000 in the Pac-10 this season but is far behind Stanford's Freshman overall.

Washington — Simply a case of being grouped in one of the top conferences in the nation, the Huskies look to a disappointing finish for the second straight season.

Ranked in the top 25 in the nation and led by Kate Soma in the pole vault, the Huskies just do not have enough firepower to stay with some of the nation's best.

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