

## Sports brief

The Oregon track teams will swing into gear this weekend as both squads compete in their first events of the indoor season.

A handful of athletes, 42 total, from the teams will travel to Seattle for the Husky Indoor Preview on Saturday. It will be the first appearance for decathlon star Santiago Lorenzo since he suffered a quadricep injury last February that kept him out for

most of last season.

The women will also send a contingent of pole vaulters to the USATF Pole Vault Summit in Reno, Nev., today and Saturday.

— Peter Hockaday

## Men's

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past five games. The Ducks went down early in both their California losses, and never recuperated.

"Teams are coming after us this

year, and last year we were coming at teams," Ridnour said. "We've got to be ready to handle that, and so far we haven't done such a good job."

But Crosswhite, for one, is confident the Ducks can get back on track.

"I can tell you right now, we're going to be in sync for that game," he said in reference to the Civil War.

The game is, after all, at grandma's house.

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## Wrestling

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losses coming by decision. Five of his 16 wins have come from two falls, two technical falls and a major decision.

"Last year as a true freshman, Shane had a very good season," Kearney said. "I think this is going to be a breakthrough year for Shane."

Friday, the Ducks wrestled in the Redmond-hosted Oregon Classic. The Ducks went 2-2 in their four

matches, including a win over Pac-10 opponent California State-Fullerton. In Oregon's first home matches this season, it beat Oregon State in come-from-behind style to win 18-15 on Jan. 13, then followed with a 30-3 loss to Nebraska the next day.

The big loss to Nebraska came from a lot of little mistakes.

"We just have to step up as a team," Kearney said.

The team, however, lost one of their top wrestlers Monday. Senior Eric Webb, who finished third in the

Pac-10 at heavyweight last year, suffered his fourth concussion in less than two years at the first tournament of the season. After sitting out since, with freshman Neil Phillips filling in, he announced he was not going to continue competing with the team.

The rest of the Ducks take on the Cardinals and the Aggies today when they resume Pac-10 dual meets.

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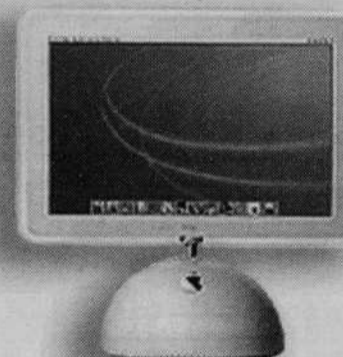
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