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The Ducks are already a leg up on the competition. Santiago Lorenzo won the Pac-10 decathlon title Sunday while Jason Slye finished fourth, and Andy Young finished fifth. The Ducks notched 19 points overall toward the team competition.

Those are real points, too, not just future points.

Speaking of Santi...

The senior decathlete earned Pac-10 Track and Field Athlete of the Week honors for his first-place performance in Los Angeles. It was the fourth such award for the Ducks this season.

It was Lorenzo's fourth athlete of the week honor in his career as a Duck. Lorenzo won the award twice in 2001 and once in 2000.

The real Deal

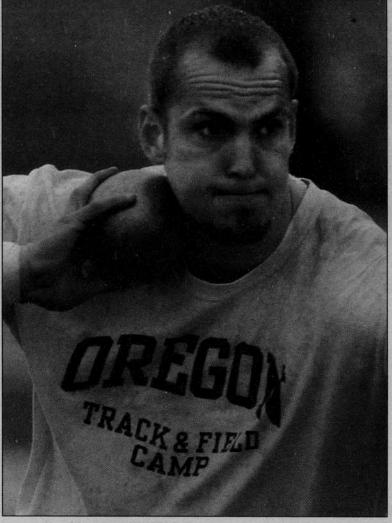
Just how good a hammer thrower was Lance Deal in his prime? This good: He won silver at the Olympics in Atlanta in 1996, his third of four Olympic appearances. His best year was 1996, when he finished first in the world, and he finished in the top 10 in the world after five other seasons.

Now, all that experience will come down on the track team with the weight of a shot put.

"There's a way to compete, and Lance has shown he can do that for a number of years," senior thrower James March said.

Deal, who has been an assistant with the men this season and a presence at Eugene meets for years, will officially coach the throws for the combined Duck program next year.

"When I look back on it, I think I wish he could've been my coach four



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James March said next year's Ducks will benefit from the tutelage of Lance Deal.

years ago," March said.

National rank

Not that anybody's thinking nationally with the conference meet fast approaching, but the Ducks once again stayed stagnant in this week's version of the Trackwire.com Top 25. Oregon is ranked No. 17 in the poll.

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Oregon days. She credits many improvements in the players to their hard work and the work of assistant coaches J Gaudreau and Mike White. She rarely says anything even slightly similar to "I think I called a great play there" or "I shouldn't have called that steal at-

tempt, the pickoff ended our rally."

Instead, Arendsen talks about how proud she is of the team, how hard they work and how well they play as a team.

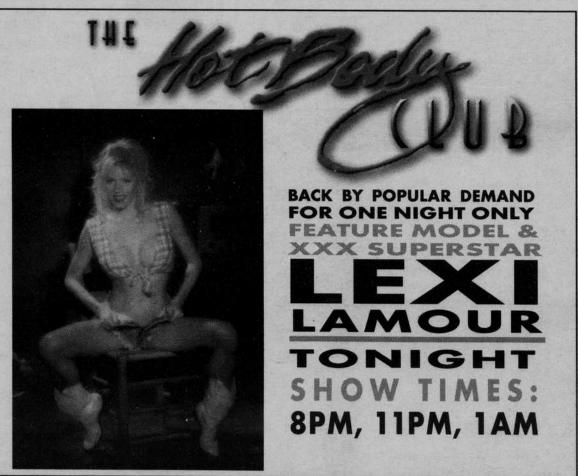
She also talks about the future. When they win their regional. When they make travel arrangements for the NCAA Women's College World Series.

She's an optimist and exactly the

kind of coach Oregon needs to turn around its softball program.

With all her experience and her winning record, "K.O. Kathy" is Oregon's 180-degree turn in the right direction.

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