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Softball

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Vidlund earned her second-straight Pac-10 second-team honor. Laux earned her second-consecutive Pac-10 honorable mention.

Three Ducks joined Laux on the honorable mention list. Freshman right fielder Beth Boskovich, Haij and

Harris each earned their first honor.

Pac-10 Championship?

Four Pac-10 teams start play in the 2003 Women's College World Series on Thursday. Arizona earned the No. 1 seed overall and will play No. 8 Alabama. No. 2 UCLA faces No. 7 California in the only first round matchup featuring two Pac-10 teams.

No. 6 Louisiana-Lafayette will play No. 3 Texas, while No. 4 Oklahoma matches up against No. 5 Washington.

The Ducks beat UCLA, Washington, Louisiana-Lafayette and California at least once this season.

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of the world's 10 best milers will be in Saturday's field, with one notable absence in world record holder Hicham El Guerrouj, who raced at the last two Classics but will spend this month preparing to make an attempt at the 5,000 world record in June.

Jordan said that the tough field should actually benefit Webb in his first year as a professional.

"All the races he's had last year and this year, he's been expected to win," Jordan said. "It's an enormous amount of pressure. The great thing about the Pre is that he should be able to settle in, and the crowd won't pressure him into trying to win."

Webb's race at the Pre was, indeed, a memorable moment. Running in the same race but not exactly alongside El Guerrouj, Webb broke one of the oldest records in high

school sports, Jim Ryun's 37-year-old mile record. Webb ran the race in 3 minutes, 53.43 seconds, and Webb, who ran under four minutes twice last season, could do it again on Saturday.

Two other athletes will try to go under four minutes. The two high schoolers should battle for the under-four crown.

"They both have legitimate chances to do it," Jordan said.

Magness has a mile best of 4:01.58, while McGrath ran a personal-best 4:05.28 at the recent Oregon Twilight.

Mighty Micah returns for Pre

Micah Harris must be jealous of freshman Eric Mitchum, who's coming up on Harris' Oregon record in the 110-hurdles and stealing Harris' Duck headlines.

That could be why Harris, who

graduated last year, is coming back for Saturday's Pre to take on some of the world's best hurdlers.

Legendary hurdler Allen Johnson, the 1996 Olympic gold medalist who holds the Hayward Field record at 13.12 seconds, headlines the field. He's joined by Larry Wade, who holds the second-best time in the country this season and finished last season ranked third in the world.

But don't think Harris doesn't belong in the field. At the Modesto Relays on May 8, Harris finished second to Wade. Harris ran 13.43, his fastest time since he set the Oregon record last year at 13.67.

The Pre 110-hurdles field also includes Haiti's Dudley Dorival, who took bronze in the event at the 2001 World Championships, as well as Duane Ross, Ron Bramlett, Mark Crear and Robert Kronberg.

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Gordon/Julia Scaringe and San Diego State's Indra Erichsen/Silvia Tornier. Gordon/Scaringe are fresh off an upset win over Stanford in the National Team Championships.

In second-round singles action, Panova takes a 10-match tournament winning streak into her matchup with No. 25 Christina Fu-

sano of California. The streak dates back to the Pacific-10 Conference Indoor Championships in January.

Panova faced Fusano earlier this year in the quarterfinals of the ITA Regionals. Panova lost the match in straight sets at the preseason tourney. The loss was the last time Panova fell in tournament play before winning the Pac-10 indoor and outdoor championships.

The weather in Gainesville is expected to change slightly for the sec-

ond round with a forecast of temperatures in the 80s and a chance of light rain and thunder storms.

Barring an upset, Panova will take on the winner of the match between North Carolina's Marlene Mejia and Southern California's Jewel Peterson in the Sweet Sixteen.

Panova begins play at 9 a.m. EST this morning.

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national television market — an increase from the existing 35 percent cap — and allowing companies to own both a newspaper and a radio or TV station in the same market.

A bipartisan group of U.S. representatives and senators, including Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., are mobilizing in response to the increased concentration of media ownership and have introduced legislation in both houses of Congress to prevent television networks from owning television stations that reach more of the United States than law currently allows.

"Media concentration has been on the rise for some time as the big conglomerates grab up more and more of the television outlets Americans depend on for news and entertainment," Wyden said in an e-mail interview. "Some of these conglomerates have amassed large holdings of TV stations, and you can bet that if the Federal Communications Commission rolls back the caps on the number of stations a company can own, they will continue to gobble up more. The result would be that locally-owned broadcast television — with real owners who live in the communities they're serving — would all but disappear."

All but one of the six television broadcast stations in Eugene are owned by corporations outside of Eugene. Although KEZI is the only station with Eugene-based owners, the others are owned by media groups far smaller than giants such as Viacom or Walt Disney Co., and are still able to produce local programming.

Experts in the arena of politics speculate that members of Congress will be unable to push for the passage of legislation before the FCC votes on the rule changes on June 2.

The FCC's two Democrat commissioners have been critical of the proposed changes as well, and asked FCC Chairman Michael Powell to delay the vote by a month. FCC Commissioners Jonathan Adelstein and Michael Copps argued for the postponement, contending that the commission needed to set aside time to better examine the public interest implications of loosening ownership regulations by publicly airing the proposed rule changes.

"The commission is considering significant changes that could unalterably remake our media landscape for years to come," Adelstein and Copps said in a statement. "We believe it is prudent to have a transparent process that ensures we understand the full implications of our decision."

But Powell dismissed their request for a delay, siding with the commission's two Republican members, by saying that the FCC must follow the directive to revise its media ownership regulations in a timely manner.

"What all of this could translate to is less local control in broadcasting and more dominance by the networks who make their programming and scheduling decisions on a nationwide basis," Wyden said. "That's the wrong path to go down, and it's why I'm pushing legislation to prohibit any company from owning broadcast stations reaching more than 35 percent of the viewing population nationwide. This approach would effectively prohibit the big media conglomerates from snapping up all of the small television broadcast stations and completely dominating programming and news coverage with a monolithic, one-size-fits-all approach."

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