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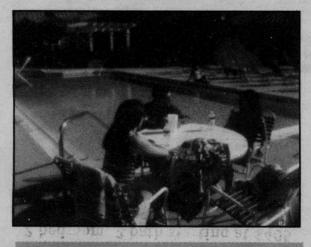
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Jason Hartmann is ranked 12th heading into the 10,000-meter race at the NCAA Championships, which are scheduled for June 11 in Sacramento, Calif.

### Ducks could score at NCAAs

In all, 14 Oregon men will try to score points for the Ducks at the last meet of the season

#### Men's track and field

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The dust has barely settled at Stanford after the West Regional meet last weekend, but it's already time to look ahead to the NCAA Championships.

The Ducks will send 14 athletes to the NCAA finale. Santiago Lorenzo, Jason Hartmann and Ryan Andrus all qualified before this weekend's meet, while 11 other Ducks ran or jumped into the NCAAs at the qualifying meet or earned wild cards.

But a large contingent at the NCAA Championships doesn't guarantee points. Only the top eight in each event score points for the

It doesn't take a lot of points to do well at NCAAs. Oregon finished third at the Pacific-10 Conference meet last month with 127 points. Meanwhile, Southern Methodist finished third at last year's NCAA Championships with 42 points. The difference is the number of teams at NCAAs, which has the same amount of points available, but the points are obviously spread out over a greater number of teams

Oregon scored 27 points and finished ninth at the NCAA Championships in 2001, when the event was held at Hayward Field. Two athletes were responsible for 20 of those points. Lorenzo won the NCAA decathlon title, while John Stiegeler took the javelin crown.

Both of those athletes redshirted last season with injuries and both are back this year, though neither is ranked as high as they were in 2001. Lorenzo is ranked third nationally heading into the NCAAs, while Stiegeler is ranked 19th in the na-

Based solely on current rankings, the Ducks would get 11 points out of their 14 competitors. Lorenzo would score six points, Samie Parker would score three points for a sixth-place

finish in the 100-meter dash, Adam Kriz would earn two points for his seventh-place standing in the hammer throw and that would end the Ducks' scoring.

But a handful of Oregon athletes sit close to the cusp of the scoring places. Eric Logsdon ranks ninth in the 5,000-meter run, Jason Hartmann is 12th in the 10,000, Trevor Woods is ranked 13th in pole vault and Eric Mitchum is 16th in the 110meter hurdles.

If any of those athletes can jump up some spots like many Ducks were able to do in 2001, Oregon could end up with more than those 11 points. Eleven points would have placed Oregon 23rd overall at last year's NCAA meet.

#### Jenkins, Akinradewo miss cut

Adam Jenkins and Foluso Akinradewo, two seniors who were consistent all season in the javelin and triple jump, respectively, officially missed the NCAAs. Both had a small chance at a wild card berth - the same berth that Trevor Woods earned — but missed the NCAA cut, which was announced on Monday. Akinradewo and Jenkins both finished seventh at the West Regional and needed to finish top 5 to make

### 4x400 madness

The Oregon relay teams have never been the strength of the squad, but on Saturday the 4x400 relay team pulled off an amazing performance at the West Regionals. After the team of Travis Anderson, Matt Scherer, Santiago Lorenzo and Brandon Holliday got the Ducks into the finals, Oregon switched out Lorenzo for Jordan Kent in the final. But the Ducks were scheduled to run in the slower of two heats, which usually means death to good times.

But right at the end, Oregon pulled out the second-fastest time of any team in the regionals, sending the team into NCAAs on a very high

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