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gon Twilight on May 15.

The growing process

This season has been shaped by the likes of Davis, Knudson and Elstrom. However, the Ducks have a wealth of talent who are gaining valuable experience.

Perhaps the most potent of Oregon's young weapons is pole vaulter Niki Reed. Reed, who was an Oregon state champion in her prep years, set a new personal best at Mt. SAC with a vault of 12-3 3/4.

Two freshmen sprinters were also recruited to help anchor the Ducks. But Alexis Yeater has yet to find her stride in the 100 and 200, and Endia Abrante has been out most of the season with a pulled hamstring.

Abrante returned to competition last weekend but aggravated the injury in the 400. She may be faced with more time away from competition.

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Men

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Just how serious is Bellotti about making room for track?

"We had [last] Friday, Saturday and Sunday off from football because there was a big track meet," Bellotti said. "Our only rule for the players is that during their first year they go through spring football first."

The final day of spring football is May 1, when Oregon plays its last scrimmage, and then Bello and Hanspard have some big meets to look forward to. Oregon hosts the annual Prefontaine

Classic on Memorial Day weekend, and Hayward Field will also be the site of the 1999 U.S. Track and Field Championships.

Oregon men take a rest

Hanspard and Bello get a break from track this weekend as the men's track team will not travel to Des Moines, Iowa, with the women to compete in the Drake Relays.

But the two will be hard at work when the Oregon football team finishes this week's workouts with a scrimmage on Saturday.

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Sports Brief

Exclusive rookie vote includes Akili Smith

In accordance with becoming the Cincinnati Bengals' No. 3 overall pick in the NFL Draft last

weekend, former Oregon quarterback Akili Smith has been included in an MSNBC on-line poll that aims to forecast which rookie will make the biggest pro impact next season.

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