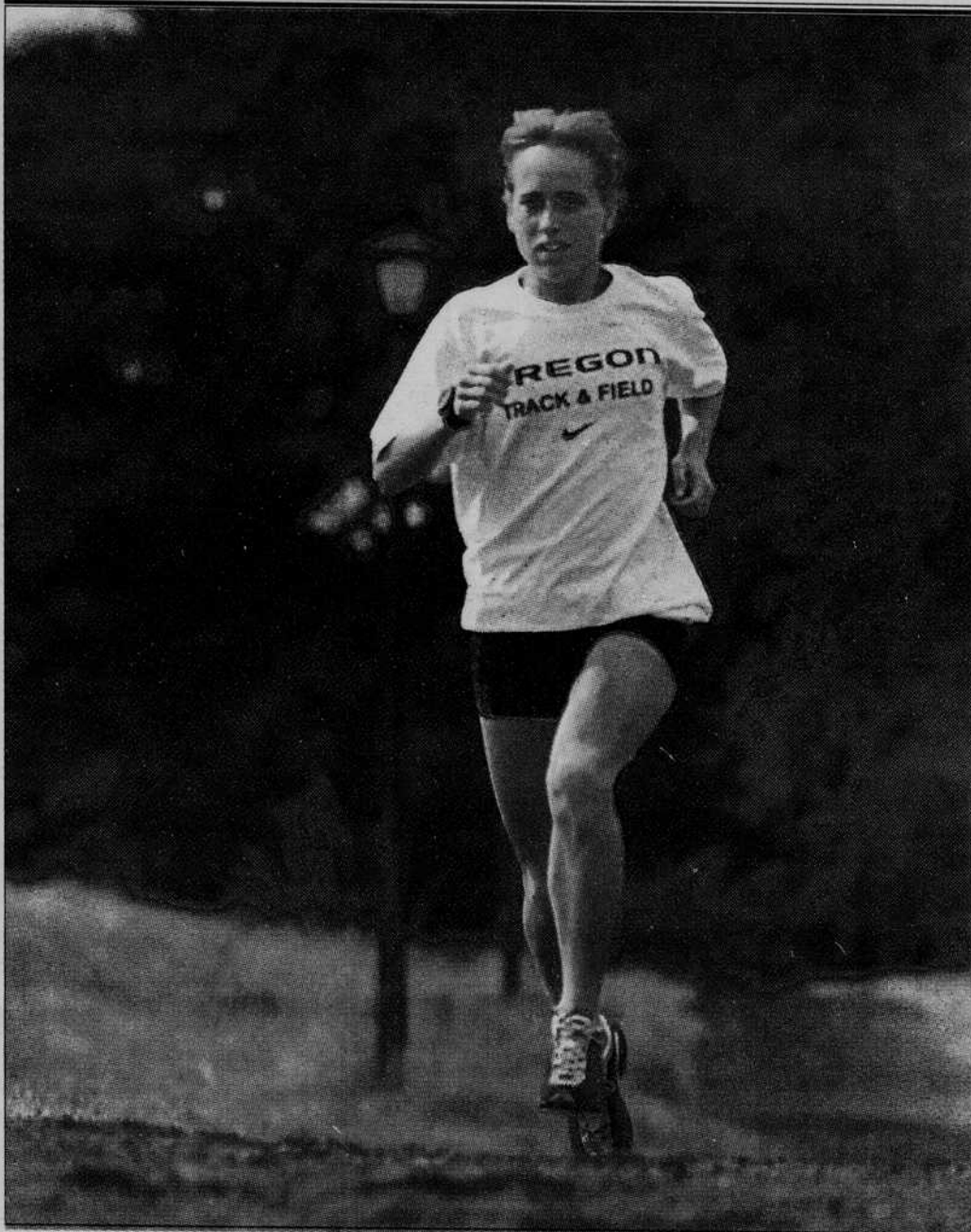


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Senior transfer Hanna Smedstad's path has gone from Sundsvall, Sweden, to Eugene and many other places in between.

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■ Oregon is the fifth home in as many years for roving distance runner Hanna Smedstad

By Robbie McCallum
Oregon Daily Emerald

By definition, the sport of cross country requires traveling long distances. Not only in terms of long mileage and late practices, but in going long distances to find meets.

But Oregon senior Hanna Smedstad has taken the traveling theme to an extreme. Over the years, the Swedish cross country runner has racked up many miles in her running shoes and on the road, traveling to different schools and races.

Smedstad has attended four different schools and run for four teams in the past eight years. Before transferring to Oregon this fall, Smedstad attended Oklahoma State, where she was an All-American three times.

The move to the west coast wasn't the first time she changed places. Because secondary schools in Sweden do not offer athletics along with academics, Smedstad had to attend a school 560 miles away because she wanted to run and study.

"It was a tremendous distance from home," Smedstad said. "But I still went because at home I was only running with nearby clubs and my high school didn't have a cross country team for me to join, like most high schools here do."

She spent three years at Kattgatt

Gymnasiet, where she developed her running. After placing fourth at the Swedish junior championships, people began to take notice of the up-and-coming star. But after high school, Smedstad still faced the same dilemma: European universities do not offer athletics. If she wanted to run and study in college, she had to go to America.

“ So far so good. [Oregon is] a lot like Sweden — except for the rain. It's a lot easier to train here where it's not so hot. In Oklahoma we would have to train in the morning. It's better here.

Hanna Smedstad
Oregon senior

Since Sweden isn't known for its abundance in running talent, it isn't a place where American universities recruit heavily.

After Smedstad graduated from Kattgatt, her family moved from Sundsvall, Sweden, to Kent, England. For a while, Smedstad worked as a hotel receptionist in England.

In the meantime, an article about Smedstad's success at the Swedish junior level reached Oklahoma State coach Catrina Acosta.

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Oregon gets some rest after hot start in Pac-10 play

The Ducks are in the middle of their two-week rest as they prepare to tackle the second half of their season

By Scott Pesznecker
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Oh, what a week for a bye.

The Oregon football team rests this weekend after winning its first two conference games against UCLA and Washington — probably the toughest games on its conference schedule.

And the break comes not a moment too soon, as a few players were banged up while battling the Huskies. Among them was defensive tackle Walker Templeton, who will miss the rest of the season with a torn Achilles tendon.

"It's too bad for Walker to have to miss this season; he's one of our better players this year," said defensive end Saul Patu. "He's worked very hard over the off-season to make himself injury-free.

"I have total confidence in the guys that were playing alongside Walker and playing behind him. We have to have confidence in them and have faith that those guys are going to step it up."

Tailback Maurice Morris could use the extra week of rest as much as anyone. Morris, who has carried 122 times for 625 yards in his first five games as a Duck, sustained a toe injury against the Huskies and won't practice until next week.

Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said his star tailback didn't have turf toe and will be ready for Southern California, although team officials will be keeping a close eye on the injury.

Cornerback Rashad Bauman and offensive lineman Corey Chambers were among other lame Ducks after Saturday's game. However, Bellotti said he expects everyone, save Templeton, to be ready to play against Southern California on Oct. 14.

"It's a good time to have a bye," Bellotti said. "We've got a lot of nagging injuries that don't go away in three or four days and 10 days to two weeks will give us a better chance to get those healed."

Offensive errors

Against Wisconsin, it was dropped passes. Against Nevada and UCLA, it was sub-par passing. Most recently against the Huskies, it was a little bit of everything.

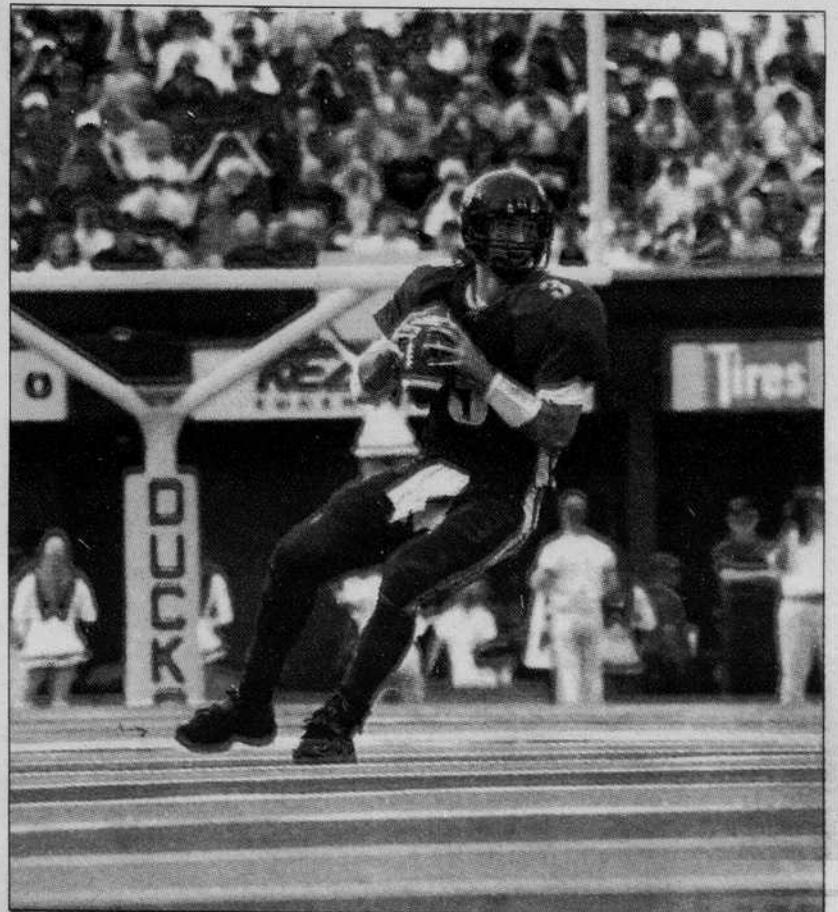
Oregon has climbed to a No. 9 ranking without much consistency in its offense. Against Washington last Saturday, quarterback Joey Harrington completed just nine of 22 passes, the receivers dropped some easy catches and place-kicker Josh Frankel missed three field goals and an extra point.

Harrington has connected on 47.3 percent of his passing attempts this season, down from last season's mark of 53.2 percent.

After the Washington game, Bellotti stood up for his starting quarterback.

"He made a couple of throws that he'd like to have back, there's no question about it," he said. "But on several throws, their defense did a very nice job

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Oregon quarterback Joey Harrington and the offense hope to reload during the bye week.