



The 2007 NCAA Champions

UO Country: A Running Legacy

Unquestionably, Oregon and running are synonymous. The University on the banks of the Willamette River is where the best of the best come to run and take their place among legends like Prefontaine, Bowerman, Hayward, Salazar, Hand, Graves, McChesney, Cruz, Myers, Chapa, Hill, Knight...and now add Rupp, Wheating, Acosta and Blood to that endless list.

Oregon's legacy of cross country running is secure with seven NCAA championships, 31 conference titles and an amazing 96 All-America awards.

Yet Oregon's legacy is also on-going. The story will continue to unfold this fall.

The latest chapter began with Vin Lananna, Oregon's nationally renowned associate athletic director, who has built the Duck men's and women's programs into powerhouse cross country teams once again.

Oregon returns its top five men from the team that won the 2007 NCAA Championship, while the women bring back four of their top five.

The men will look to senior All-Americans Galen Rupp and Shadrack Kiptoo-Biwott, junior All-Americans Kenny Klotz and Diego Mercado and sophomores A.J. Acosta and Daniel Mercado. Rupp is the defending NCAA West Regional champion, while Kiptoo-Biwott won the Pac-10 race and was named the league's athlete of the year. Acosta garnered Pac-10 newcomer of the year honors.

All-America junior Nicole Blood leads a women's team that was the NCAA runner-up in 2007. Blood was the NCAA West Regional's second-place finisher and the Bill Dellinger Invitational champion. She will be joined by sophomores Zoe Buckman and Alexandra Kosinski, who was the 2007 Pac-10 newcomer of the year, and senior Zoe Nelson.

And both teams are blessed with great depth, which will help with a schedule that has the first five meets in the state of Oregon, including the Bill Dellinger Invitational and the Pacific-10 Championships, which the Ducks will host.

The opportunity to connect Oregon's legendary past with a tremendous future has never been better.

2008 Schedule

October 4	Bill Dellinger Invitational	Springfield, Ore.
October 18	Mike Hodges Invitational	Clackamas, Ore.
November 1	Pacific-10 Championships	Springfield, Ore.
November 15	NCAA West Regional	Stanford, Calif.
November 24	NCAA Championships	Terre Haute, Ind.

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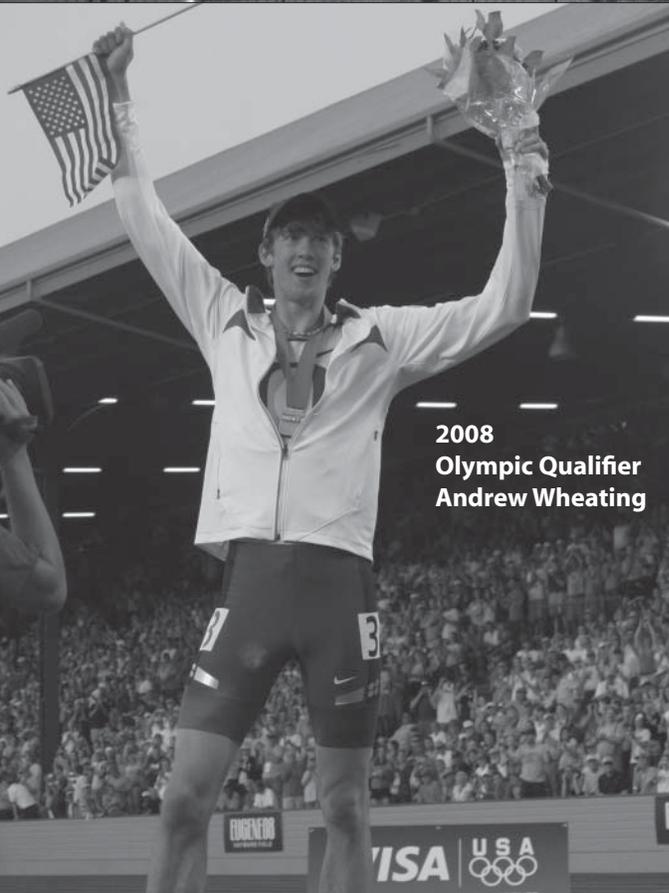
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Track Town, USA



2008
Olympic Qualifier
Andrew Wheating



Historic Hayward Field

2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials

2008 Pac-10 Cross Country Championships

2009 Pac-10 Track & Field Championships

2009 NCAA West Regional Track & Field Championships

2009 USA Outdoor Championships

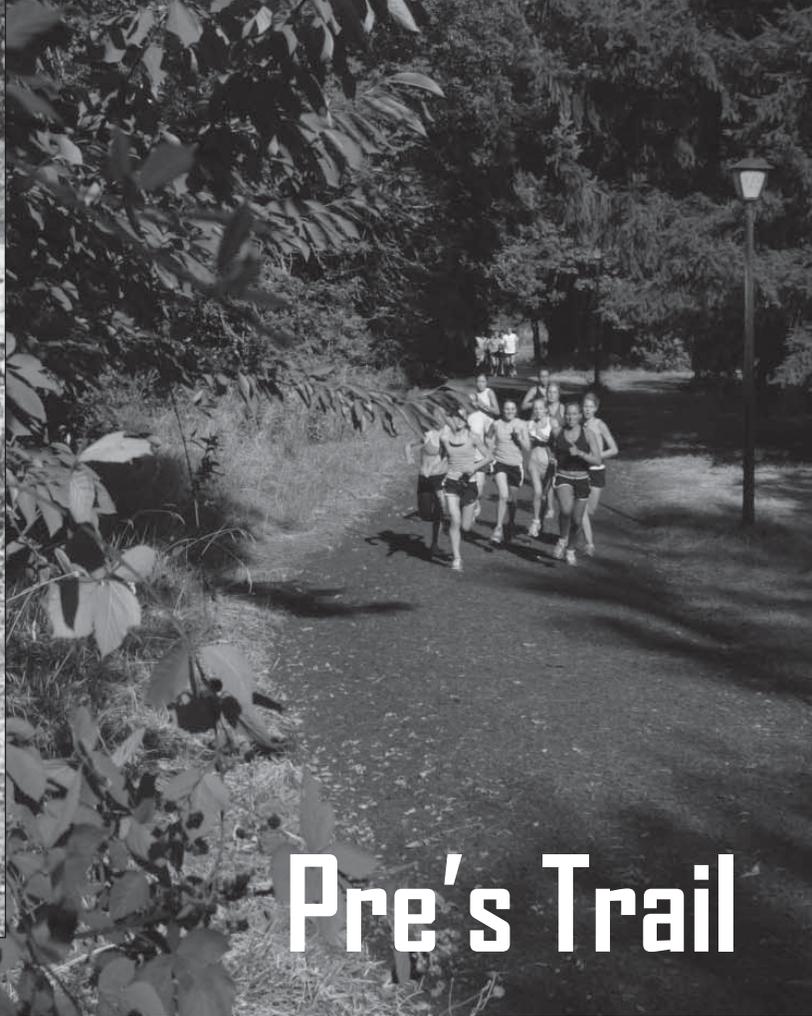
2010 NCAA Track & Field Championships

2011 USA Outdoor Championships

2012 U.S. Olympic Team Trials



This is Oregon



Pre's Trail



Bill Dellinger

Country



Pac-10 Championships



Invitational