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OU athlete signs with professional team

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Rapp was a member of the Norwegian National Team that won the gold medal at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

This past season at OU, she was named Mid-Continent Women's Soccer Tournament MVP after helping the Golden Grizzlies to their first-ever NCAA Division I Tournament appearance in any sport. She was twice named Mid-Continent Co-Player of the Year (2001, 1999) after red shirting the 2000 season to compete in the 2000 Olympics.

Rapp has played in the Norwegian Premier Division for the past three years, scoring 23 total goals for her club team, Asker. During her tenure in the Norwegian Premier Division, two of the three teams she played for finished in the top three, receiving medals. She helped the 1999 Asker club to the gold medal, while her 2000 team claimed the silver medal.

Although Rapp has signed a player contract with the WUSA, her signing is contingent on the finalization of her official work visa. The process is expected to be completed soon.

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