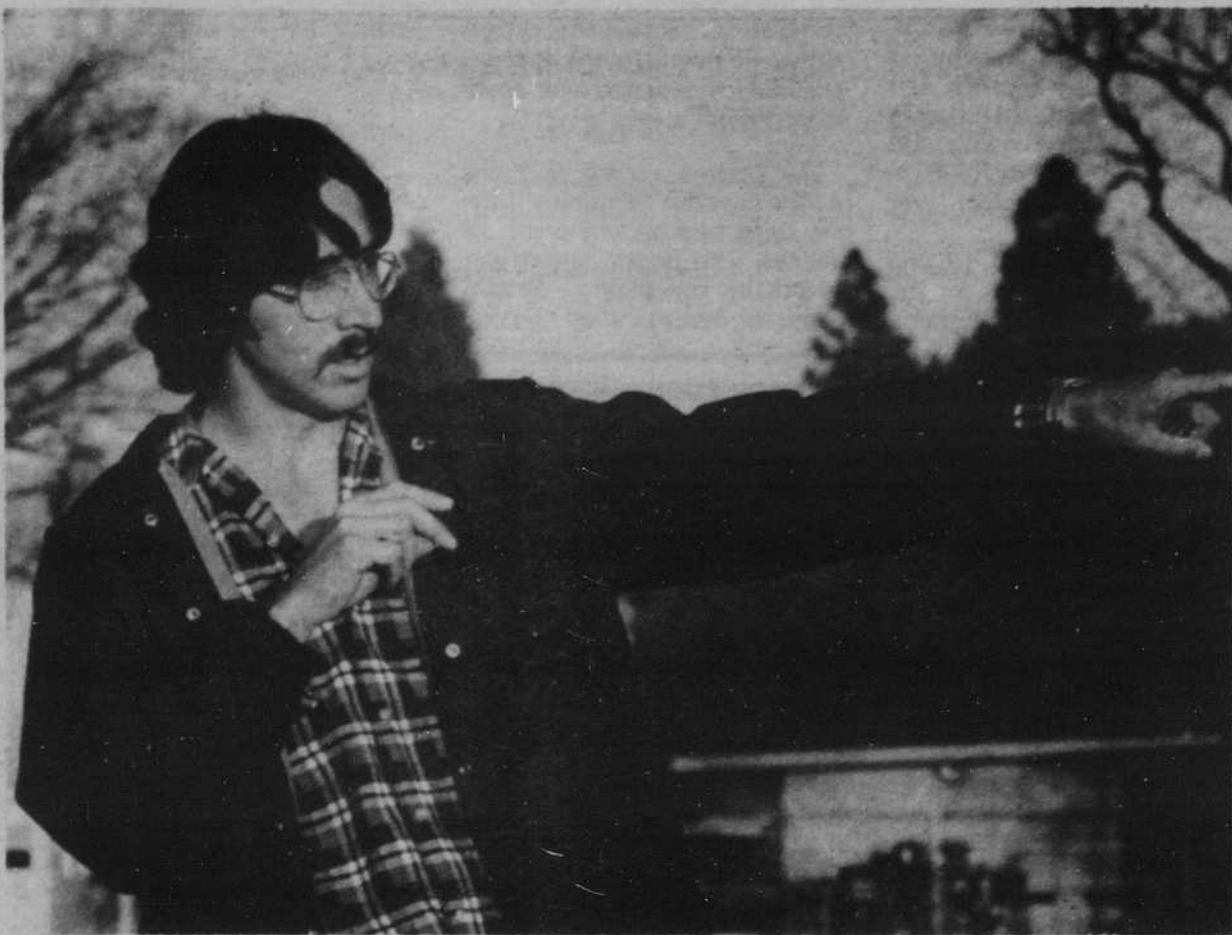




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Women's soccer coach Jim Sernoffsky:
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Women's soccer coach Jeff Sernoffsky says the team could have had a better season if the team could have coordinated getting a practice field with the players' schedules.

'Disappointing' fall season ends

By NICK DAWSON
Of the Emerald

There's an adage that claims "practice makes perfect."

Jim Sernoffsky most certainly agrees.

Sernoffsky is the coach of Oregon's women's club sports soccer team that wrapped up its season Saturday by tying Oregon State, 1-10.

The women compiled a 5-5-2 overall record, and a 3-5-2 mark in Northwest Collegiate Soccer Conference competition.

That record, Sernoffsky says, could have been better. The problem in attaining perfection is based on practices, of which the

"I was getting a time and place to practice," Sernoffsky says. "It was hard to get the whole team together to practice at one time. We couldn't develop as a team."

Sernoffsky explained that getting practice fields and coordinating practice times so the entire squad could work out together

was nearly impossible. Since they couldn't practice together, playing together against tough competition was demanding, he says.

"We looked just as good, if not better, than every other team we played," the first-year coach says. "I would have liked to have done better. We should have lost maybe three. Two of them we played poorly."

Oregon was hurt by the loss of goalie Leilani Luke, who was injured in the first loss to Washington State. With Luke out of the line-up for three games, Sernoffsky was forced to make several adjustments. Oregon lost the all three games before the players became familiar with their new positions.

Sernoffsky's experience, his first ever coaching a women's soccer team, was rewarding and for the most part satisfying, he says.

However, for four-year veteran forward

Lisa Wilson, the season didn't develop as she had hoped.

"Personally, it was disappointing," she says. "Our first couple games were really good, then we just kind of fell apart. The skill level didn't develop that I thought was going to this fall."

Fortunately for Wilson and the other women, there is a spring soccer season.

"It's a little different in that there's no league," says Wilson. She said Oregon will play many of the same teams it played this fall, but most of the competition will come from teams in the state.

There are two features of spring soccer, according to Wilson.

Pacific University, in Forest Grove, annually holds an indoor invitational tournament with Oregon, Oregon State and several Portland schools competing. The matches are played in a gymnasium slightly larger than a basketball court with seven players on each team and smaller goals.

The other feature of the spring season is the team's trip to play in Stanford's annual invitational tournament.

Oregon has made the California trip the past two years. Two seasons ago, the women finished third with a 2-2 mark.

"It's (Oregon women's soccer program) fairly competitive to the collegiate programs they've got going (in California)," Wilson remarks. "We've got two girls on our team from California that say the really good competition comes from the city league teams."

At this stage, Wilson is unsure if Oregon will be invited to next spring's Stanford tournament. Wilson says if the team has a chance to go, the opportunity will not be passed up.

"Most girls prefer the spring and most of it is because we all like to go to California," she says. "We like the sunshine down there."

Club Sports round-up



Skiing

If there is enough snow the ski team will be training at Willamette Pass Ski Area over the Thanksgiving holiday.



Fencing

The fencing club travels to Portland's Mt. Scott Community Center Saturday and Sunday for the Salle Auriol Tournament.

In a senior progressive tournament held November 11 and 12, Kurt Septon placed second and Paul MacNamara third.



Sailing

The club sport's and Oregon State's sailing teams practice Sunday at Dexter Lake. "Practice promises to be lively," says James Taylor, Oregon team spokesman.

A car pool leaves Gerlinger turnaround for the lake at 12:30 p.m.



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