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Photo by Michael Templeton

Members of the Club Sports soccer team, including Bill Ullman (second from left), Pat Uhtoff, Steve Anderson, and Dan Smith (fourth, fifth and sixth from left), play hard in one of their many home victories.

Club soccer team vies for league title, tries to keep undefeated record intact

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If hindsight were foresight, first year Oregon men's soccer coach Greg Freuler would have scheduled some competition for his players this fall.

However, since he didn't make the schedule and can't change it, his team must settle for its Northwest Intercollegiate Soccer League schedule and an undefeated record of 8-0-2.

Freuler's team is loaded with talent and hard-bent to find competition in the NISL, which includes club teams from around the Northwest like Oregon State and the University of Idaho.

"In this league, there's no doubt we're the best team, player for player. On paper nobody can touch us and I don't think anybody can on the field either," said Freuler, who played at Oregon from 1980 to 1983. Nine of his starters are former high school state select

team members.

"It's just a shame there aren't better teams in the league because you don't get challenged," said senior goalkeeper

flicts and they're working against each other instead of with each other during the games," he said.

With a strong midfield, the team plays a possession game by keeping the ball at their feet and moving up field with short passes. The offense is designed so that the halfbacks do most of the scoring.

"Our transition game is real good; we're good shooters and we're not really a long-ball team," said sophomore fullback Josh Miller. "We work it up pass by pass."

Johnson believes the team's best attribute is its ability to capitalize on opportunities.

"We can finish well. We create opportunities and put (the ball) in the back of the net," he said.

Maybe the best aspect of Oregon soccer is its youth. Johnson is the only senior starter, and the team's talent runs deep.

"I think maybe we have more

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Dwayne Johnson.

The Ducks latest victory was a 6-2 drubbing of SOSU Sunday at the Southbank field.

Beside talent, Freuler credits the team's attitude for much of its success.

"It's real easy on a club team to get a lot of personalities in the way and I don't think that's our problem. I see a lot of other teams that have personality con-

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