

Club soccer season ends

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The Oregon men's club soccer team, fresh off a successful 7-2-1 campaign, hopes to repeat its success with a strong showing this spring.

The recently completed fall season began Sept. 22 with a 0-0 tie against George Fox College. Four days later Oregon began a six-game winning streak with a 3-0 win over the University of Portland junior varsity squad in Portland. Cliff DeGroot scored two goals to lead the Ducks.

With only one day's rest, the squad journeyed to Olympia, Wa. to take on Evergreen State College's varsity squad, and came away with a 2-1 win. Goals by Andy Gagnier and Sam Maccarrone, who doubles as one of the team's coaches and co-coordinators, assured the victory.

Oregon's first home match followed, and Portland's JV unit ventured to Southbank Field only to lose 2-1 to the streaking Oregon squad.

Ansel Evans, who, along with Maccarrone coordinates Oregon's team, was "very pleased" with the effort against Portland.

"Portland has one of the best collegiate soccer programs in the country," said Evans, "and for us to beat their junior varsity team was impressive."

Next up was Southern Oregon State College's club team and Oregon continued to baffle its opponent, this time taking a 2-1 victory in a game that saw the emergence of Skip Weintraub, who scored his first goal of the season.

Weintraub, who would finish the sea-

son as the team's leading scorer with eight goals and one assist, hit his stride in the next two home games, scoring two goals in a 3-0 shutout of Central Oregon Community College, and then driving home three scores in a 6-0 shelling of Western Oregon State College.

Also becoming more prominent in Oregon's attack was the work of goalie John "Bongo" Footman.

Although Footman sustained a broken arm midway through the season, and played the remainder of the year with a cast on his arm, his play around the goal was exceptional, Evans said.

A visit to Corvallis ended Oregon's win streak as the Beaver varsity squad blasted Oregon 5-0.

"They were just five times better than us," lamented Evans, who still sees the Beaver squad as the arch-rival for Oregon.

Seeking to return to their winning ways Oregon went to Bend, where they dropped a 3-2 decision to Central Oregon Community College. The season ended on a triumphant note with a 3-1 win at home against Southern Oregon.

Soccer might be the number one team sport in the world, but in this country soccer is still struggling to be accepted like other major sports and the men's team at Oregon suffers like all soccer teams throughout the nation do because of it.

The Oregon team has already started practice for spring term and anyone interested in participating in the Oregon men's soccer team may contact Ansel Evans at 485-1395, or may call the Club Sports office at 346-3733.



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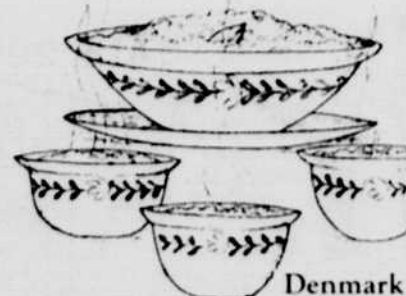
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