

SPORTS BRIEFS

Oregon beats Cal twice in Pac-8 hockey

The Oregon Club Sports hockey team outscored California 17-4 over the weekend while winning its first two games against the Golden Bears at the Lane County Ice Arena.

The Ducks demolished the

Bears 10-1 on Friday night behind a balanced scoring attack that included a stingy defense led by goalkeeper Keith Barbato.

On Saturday night, the Ducks trailed 3-2 after the opening period before skating past the Bears 7-3.

Oregon travels next week for games against USC and UCLA.

— Tim Pyle

Oregon still winless in the Pac-10

Second-half lapses hurt the Ducks as they drop two over the weekend

Alex Pond

Sports reporter

Inconsistency again plagued the Oregon Ducks this weekend.

As has often been the case throughout the season, the Oregon women's soccer team failed to capitalize on scoring opportunities and suffered several key defensive lapses in home games against UCLA and Southern California on Friday and Sunday.

As a result, the Ducks were shutout 6-0 by

the Bruins and beaten 5-1 by the Trojans to remain winless in the Pacific-10 Conference.

Lapses by Oregon (3-11-1 overall, 0-4 Pac-10) early in the second half made the difference in both games.

Against the Bruins, the Ducks trailed 3-0 at halftime, then gave up three goals in the first five minutes of the second half that put the game out of reach.

"When you do something like that it really lets the wind out of your sails," Oregon head coach Bill Steffen said. "Granted, they got three goals in the first half, but we played well, we did some good things. It's tough enough to maintain the intensity when you're down 3-0, but after [the three second-half goals] it was kind of difficult for us to maintain our focus."

Sarah Miller scored her second goal of the game just 25 seconds into the second half to begin the barrage. Rochelle Ouchi and Venus



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Oregon defender Stacy Hebert tries to cut off Southern California's Courtney Barham during the Trojans' 5-1 victory Sunday.

James added the next two goals.

Oregon had a chance to get the early lead against the Bruins, but Carrie McLanahan couldn't convert on a direct kick about 12 minutes into the game.

The Bruins then converted on a direct kick of their own by Traci Arkenberg to take the 1-0 lead about four minutes later.

"If we convert a couple of those chances, all of the sudden they're under the gun," Steffen said. "Especially for kind of an upstart team like us, to go down 1-0 is difficult."

Breakdowns early in the first and second halves again cost the Ducks on Sunday against Southern California.

Megan Orach scored less than

one minute into the game to put the Trojans up 1-0.

Thanks to some good defense by the Ducks, they were able to hang around at halftime, trailing just 2-0.

But Oregon again fell apart early in the second half. The Trojans' Kim Clark beat Oregon goalkeeper Amanda Fox for her second goal about one minute into the half. Orach then followed with her second goal of the afternoon about seven minutes into the half, and the Trojans had an insurmountable 4-0 lead.

"We need to come out with more intensity in the first five minutes," Fox said. "We seem to not get into it for the first five minutes. After [that] we come back and fight."

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