

Laurie Duhrkoop, right, fights for possession with Portland State. Duhrkoop scored the Duck's only goal in the second half of the 1-1 tie against Portland

# Soccer

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Portland State answered two minutes later. Mary Cascio drove home leading-scorer Joanna Bowns' cross, which trickled by goalkeeper Amanda Fox and several other Ducks.

For the rest of the half, and the two 15-minute overtime periods that followed, Oregon looked on the verge of taking the lead again.

But it never happened. Although the Ducks outshot the Vikings 19-7 and had 15 corner kicks to the Vikings' two, the score remained deadlocked. Baysa and the rest of the team mounted numerous challenges, but Street kept her net clean with nine saves for the game.

You don't keep shooting percentages in soccer," Steffen said. "It's just how many you put away, and that's what goes on the scoreboard. It's frustrating.'

Forward Erin Anderson, Oregon's all-time leading scorer, shared Steffen's sentiments.

"It was pretty frustrating because I think we're a better team than them," Anderson said. "We couldn't put the ball away. We weren't playing as well as we could.'

On Friday, the Ducks suffered through the same kind of overtime and scoring agony in their draw with the Dons (1-7-1).

Oregon was sluggish at the start of the game, allowing San Francisco to take control early

That control paid off for the Dons at the 32:03 mark, when freshman Shawni Flint chipped a free kick to the front of Fox's goal from the right of the Ducks' 18yard box. Freshman Crystal David got on the end of the pass and



Allyssa White gets taken down by a Portland State defender.

flicked it past Fox with the back of her head.

Being behind awoke the slumbering Öregon team. The Ducks challenged for sever-

al minutes before getting the equalizing goal with just more than two minutes until halftime. Freshman forward Beth Bowler stripped fullback Emma Green of the ball near the left sideline, dribbled toward the Don goal and then sent a crossing pass to the far post. Anderson was rewarded for her sprint by getting her 14th career goal - and first of the season - on a textbook header to San Francisco goalkeeper Amy Voiland's left.

The Dons and the Ducks combined for just 15 shots during the second half and two overtimes.

Still, Fox preserved the tie only by making two sprawling saves. First, the Dons' most dangerous

player, senior midfielder Kishandee Green, beat two Ducks on the left sideline with about 19 minutes left in the second half to gain a one-on-one with Fox. Green's shot toward the left post was kicked away by a sliding Fox. Then Fox used her gloves to deflect forward Heidi Prestegard's right-footed laser in the first overtime

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Steffen had mixed feelings on Oregon's performance.

"San Francisco's record isn't great, but you can't judge a team solely on its record," Steffen said, noting that the Dons have played powerhouses such as No. 1 North Carolina and No. 15 Stanford. "At the same time, this was a game I felt we could have won.'

Oregon begins Pacific-10 Conference play on Friday with a home match against Civil War rival Oregon State.

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Their presence was a bright spot in an otherwise dreary

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distant future where teams that

Saturday's 1-1 tie with Portland State was a great example. The game itself was a yawner for anyone who doesn't rigorously follow collegiate women's soccer. In 120 minutes game time, just two goals were scored, both within seconds of each other midway through the second half.

Remarkably, the fans did not flee. They remained, most of them standing the entire three hours enduring gale-force winds and a deluge at the start the second half. They remained, more than 500 of them, clad in rain ponchos and fleece coats, forming a tight, colorful wall around Papé Field that cheered each Oregon advance.

weekend for the Ducks, who saw their record drop to 3-3-2 following 1-1 ties with both San Francisco on Friday and the Vikings on Saturday.

"The support here has been unbelievable," Steffen said. "Considering the weather we've had, we've been able to draw very large crowds. It kind of makes it more frustrating that we can't give them a better show.'

But with the kind of support Steffen has seen from the community since women's soccer was added as a varsity sport in 1996, he said it's only a matter of time before this program can compete with the powerhouses of the sport. "I can see a time in the not-too-

to contend with two nationally ranked teams in Portland and us," Steffen said.

Having an in-state rival like Portland, which made successive NCAA Final Four appearances in 1995 and 1996, will help take Oregon to the next level, Steffen said.

'With Portland having such a national profile, it's a big boost for this program," he said. "That's what we aspire to be. That's where we want this pro-

gram to go.'

If Saturday is any indication, Duck fans will happily join Oregon at the top.

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