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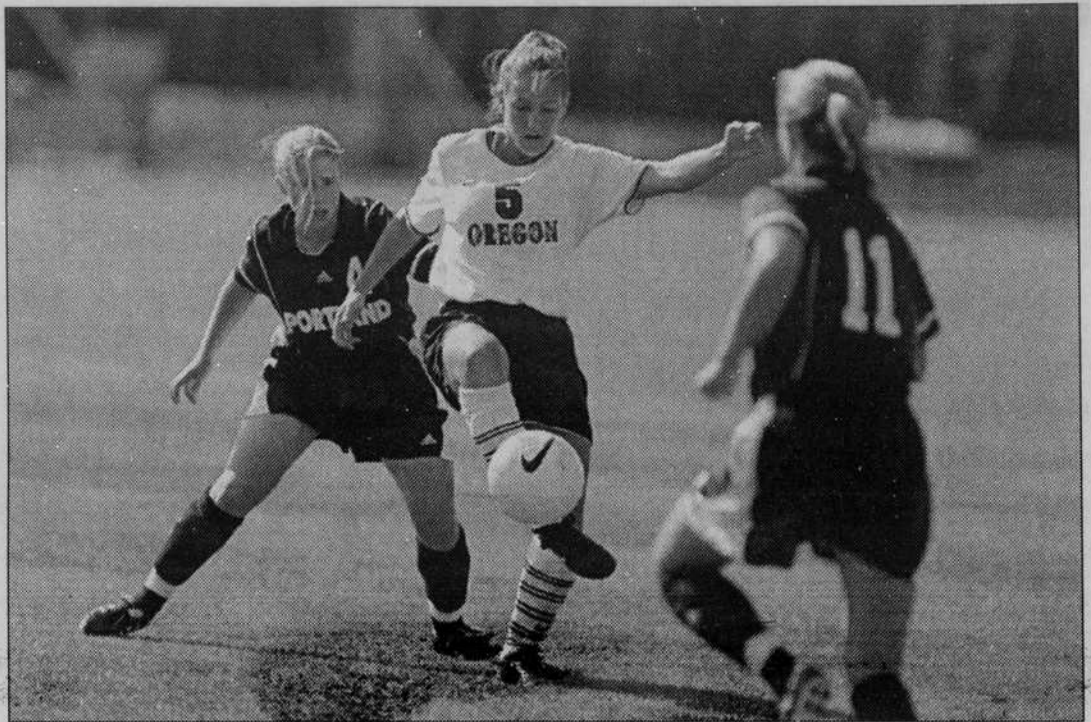
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Oregon forward Erin Anderson controls the ball between the defense of Portland's Erin Goodling (4) and Emily Patterson (11).

Pilots finally kick stubborn UO

In Portland's first appearance in Eugene, the Ducks play tough but come up short in upset bid

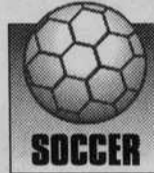
By Brett Williams Oregon Daily Emerald

Portland, one of the marquee women's soccer programs in the country, won a close fight with Oregon 2-0 Wednesday at Papé Field.

The contest was much closer than the final score indicated, as the Pilots added a goal with 20 seconds remaining in the game.

Oregon (3-5 overall) was aggressive early, threatening to take the lead with just less than 20 minutes left in the first half and the game

scoreless. But Oregon freshman Julie McLellan couldn't connect, and the Ducks missed a golden opportunity to gain momentum early.



The Ducks were outshot by the Pilots 12-7,

but had far more opportunities to score than in last season's 1-0 Portland win.

The Ducks could have used the services of midfielder Sierra Marsh. Oregon's all-time assists and shots leader was sidelined with a hamstring injury.

Oregon's inability to capitalize in scoring situations was a major

factor in the loss.

"Portland took care of details — they finished and we didn't," said Oregon head coach Bill Steffen, in his fourth year with the Ducks. "If McLellan doesn't hit the goalkeeper in the chest and she scores, it makes it a different game."

"That put the pressure on us instead of them."

Following the McLellan miss, Portland began putting intense pressure on the Ducks. Pilot midfielder Erin Misaki had two shots on separate occasions, but the goal was well-defended by Oregon goalkeeper Amanda Fox.

The Pilots were unable to get another good look at the goal until

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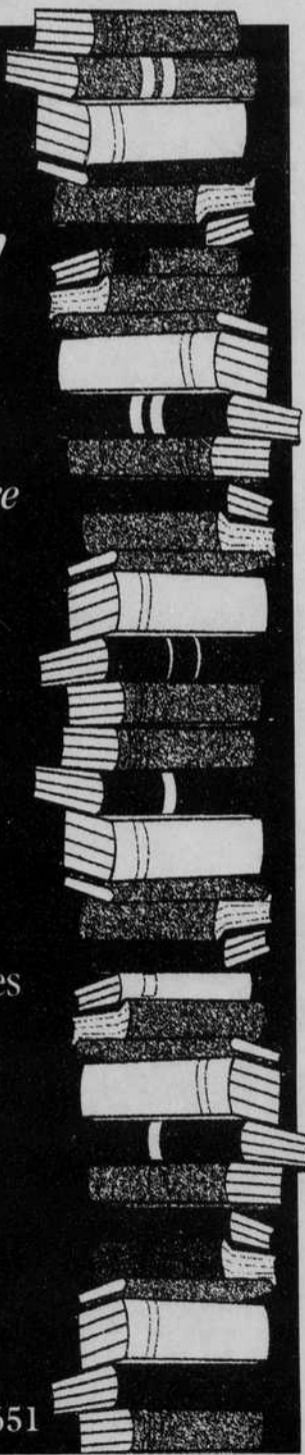
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