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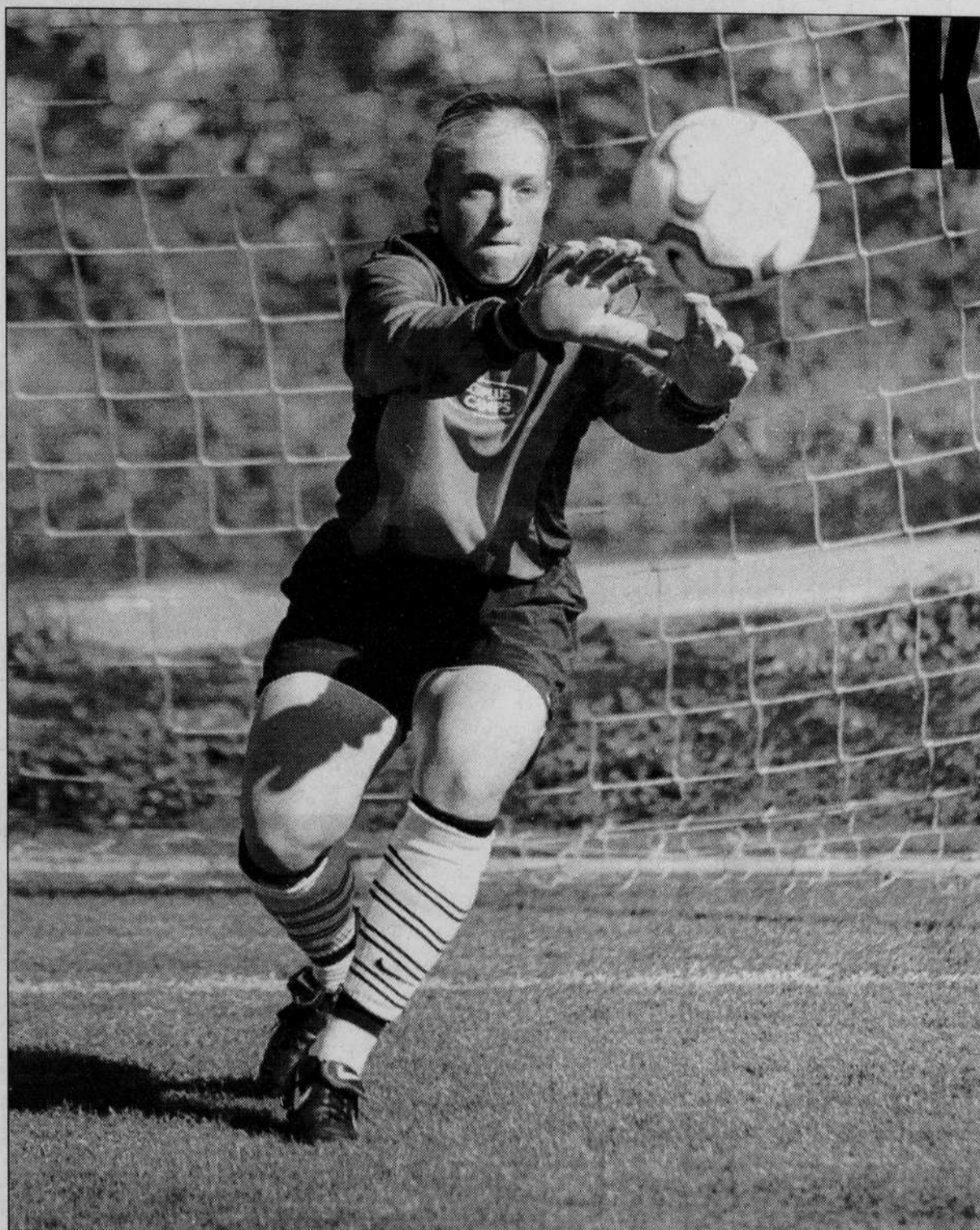
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Sophomore goalie Sarah Peters has stepped up for her injured teammate Jeanine Peters, and picked up her second win of the season last Sunday, a 3-2 victory over James Madison. Peters has developed this season, according to her coach, and now has more "presence" on the field.

# Keepin' it REAL

■ Sophomore goalies Sarah Peters and Jeanine Norstad may be competing for the starting job, but that competition is only making them better

By Peter Hockaday  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Sarah Peters describes it as a "keeper thing."

Peters and Norway native Jeanine Norstad have been splitting time for the Oregon soccer team this season, whether it's in net, during drills or off the field.

"It's just awesome to have someone at the same level to push you," Peters said. "And encourage you as well."

Peters has spent the most minutes in goal this season, partly because Norstad hyper-extended her elbow warming up for a game against Montana at Papé Field. Peters will most likely start this Sunday against No. 21 Florida State. But Peters is just along for the ride.

"I'm having a blast," the Woodinville, Wash., native said. "It's exciting to go out there knowing that I'm going to play a whole game."

Both sophomore goalies have stepped into the spot four-year starter Amanda Fox vacated. Fox played all but 60 minutes last season and got every decision of the Ducks' 7-11-1 record. Fox holds Oregon records for career saves (434), shutouts (11.5) and games played (75).

But Oregon head coach Bill Steffen is happy with the way his young goalies have developed on and off the field.

"Sarah has become more of a presence," Steffen said. "She's learned to play off her line a little more, and that's a big part of a goalkeeper's development. Jeanine's been injured, so it's been difficult to try and figure out what the exact depth chart is because of the injury."

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## No more Dawgin' us: UW fans will learn to respect the Ducks



### Out in left field

ADAM JUDE

OK, I admit it. I used to be a Husky fan. But don't hate me for it. I have learned from the mistakes of my youth.

Growing up in Seattle, the Huskies were everywhere — it was hard not to be a fan. When it came time for me to make a decision about school, however, I knew that the University of Washington was not the place for me. So now I'm here, quacking away, and proud of it.

And being a Duck isn't easy when you're from Seattle, the home of the purple and gold dynasty. While I was home this past summer, I couldn't go a day without someone telling me that they hated the Ducks.

"You're a Duck?" they'd say. "You guys

suck."

I'd even have to listen to the Duck-bashing constantly on Seattle's main sports radio station, KJR 950 AM. Those guys can't stand Eugene or anything remotely associated with the Ducks.

So I decided to give my favorite radio station a call earlier this week and see what they were up to. After I was put on hold for about a half-hour, a live feed was sent through the phone line and I immediately heard some quacks about the ducks.

"Duck fans are stupid," one of the radio's promotions screamed. "Just think how bad it would be to be a Duck fan, and live in a trailer park, inbreeding, and have Tonya Harding as a role model."

Ouch.

"How do you get an Oregon graduate off your front porch?" one of the show's hosts squealed. "Pay him for the pizza delivery."

I tried my best to tell those narrow-minded radio guys that they should respect the Ducks, although I'm not sure they got the message.

Sports radio host Dave Mahler was the

man on the other end of the line. His nickname is "Softy," but he's anything but that when speaking of the Ducks.

"You're from Seattle and you're a Duck, huh Adam?" he asked me on-air. "You must have done really bad on your SATs."

I didn't take the insult personally, but, to play along with the joke, I told him I was too busy smoking weed to care about that kind of stuff. Believe me, I've heard a lot worse from that guy through the years.

A ring in the background caught my attention: It was the sound of a gun shot, drilling an innocent duck. The wounded duck squealed to its apparent death. It's easy to see that Seattle has no respect for anything that represents the University of Oregon.

Seattle's perception of Eugene may not be totally inaccurate (cough, cough), but when it comes to football at Autzen Stadium, those Husky fans have quite a surprise in store.

Hopefully they'll get the point on Saturday.

I don't really know how the rivalry start-

ed, but man, it is definitely a passionate hatred from both ends. The big-city Huskies and their huge donors sure do like to pick on the small-town Ducks. Perhaps Husky fans are a little bitter about losing four of the last six meetings against Oregon. Or, more likely, the Huskies are just scared — scared of what a smaller school can do to them.

Without a doubt, Husky fans will be sitting on the edges of their seats Saturday as they watch the game on television, or in person. No. 6 Washington saw Oregon's shellacking of UCLA, a team also ranked sixth at the time. The Huskies know what the Ducks can do, especially at Autzen, where the Ducks haven't lost since Oct. 11, 1997.

"It will take the entire week of practice to get ready for [the Autzen crowd] and even then I am not sure we'll be ready for the power, saw or jet engine that they say is created there," said Rick Neuheisel, the UW million dollar man, who will make his first Autzen appearance as a coach.

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