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season, had another sub-par performance and connected just nine of 22 passes.

"Every time we beat Washington it's a great feeling, especially for a native Oregonian," Harrington said after the game. "But there is a sense of dissatisfaction because we feel like we missed a lot of opportunities."

Those missed opportunities turned a should-have-been route into a nail-biting fourth quarter, with Husky quarterback and Heisman Trophy candidate Marques Tuiasosopo leading his team within one score of tying the game. The obvious scapegoat for the score's closeness would be Josh Frankel, who missed three field goals and an extra point.

However, Frankel is not the only Duck to blame. Looking at the play-by-play, the Oregon offense failed to score on drives starting at their own 43, 46, 48, and Washington's 41 and 17.

"The score just disgusts me; the score should not have been so close," defensive end Jason Nikolao said. "The offense has got to put points on the board."

Harsh words from Nikolao, considering that Oregon is now in the driver's seat in the race for the Rose

Bowl, but he has every right to be upset. After all, it was the Ducks' magnificent defense, not the offense, that is largely responsible for the team's first two conference victories.

But the defense could use some improvements of its own. Opponents have tormented Oregon with big plays this season, starting with long runs by Wisconsin's Michael Bennett and most recently, by an airborne fourth-quarter assault from Tuiasosopo.

"It feels great when the defense does the job," linebacker Matt Smith said. "We gave up a couple of touchdowns in the second half, so we probably won't be too happy when we watch film."

The line that "defense wins championships" is more than a cliché in the world of sports — it is a sacred truth, a mantra and a solid foundation on which to build success.

So far, the Ducks are living, running, hard-hitting evidence that the popular motto is true.

But defense is just a foundation, and Maurice Morris can only carry the ball so far before opponents begin to catch on that the passing game is struggling. What then?

Harrington hasn't regained his last-season form, and his receivers aren't catching the ball consistently. The one game in which Harrington and his receivers did click was

against Idaho, and Oregon lit up the Vandals for 35 first-half points.

And in clutch situations, Frankel has to put the ball through the uprights, at least in the easy attempts. One of his missed field goals was from a mere 28 yards out, and scoring the extra point is critical — his missed extra point allowed Washington a chance to win.

Fortunately for the Ducks, the defense muscled them past another tough opponent. Unfortunately, no matter how good a defense is, a game can't be won if the score is 0-0.

But Oregon fans shouldn't worry. Harrington is a seasoned veteran. He accomplished a major feat last season, taking control of the Ducks midway through the season and leading them to victory in the Sun Bowl.

Soon, Harrington will be forced to step it up a notch. Opponents will begin focusing their defenses on stopping Morris' runs. When that happens — when there is less pressure on the quarterback and the pass routes — expect Harrington to make opponents pay dearly for it.

With only the running game intact and the rest of the offense sputtering, the Ducks remain the top contender for the Rose Bowl. If the rest of the offense would fall into place, they'd be a sure-fire bet.

These Ducks clicking on all cylinders? The Pacific-10 should be scared.

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for much of the first half.

"They've got the ability to knock the ball around," Baker said about Oregon's keep-away skills. "I thought they did a better job of possession than we did."

Florida State didn't have an offensive chance until seven minutes had ticked by in the first half, and its first shot came 15 minutes into the game.

"We were passing the ball well," Baysa said. "We were keeping possession and moving the ball well."

Another bright spot for Oregon was the play of the defense and sophomore goalie Peters. The net-minder made key saves on three corner kicks in the second half,

stepping up to take the ball from the Florida State forwards in each instance.

But Peters' most stunning save came in the middle of the first half. After a Florida State cross went untouched by Oregon players, Peters had to fight a diving Florida State forward for possession. The ball then trickled past her and rolled towards the open goal. After an Oregon defender cleared the ball to the edge of the 18-yard box to Brelan, Peters dove back into position and saved Brelan's ensuing shot.

With Peters playing at that level, Oregon's defense stepped up to match her. Junior sweeper Starr Johnson was formidable anchoring the defense, while sophomore Lindsey Peterson and junior transfer Angela Romero joined her, and even

threatened offensively in the game's final minutes.

"We were fortunate to get one goal," Baker said.

The worst news on the day for the Ducks wasn't even the loss to Florida State. With 10 minutes to go in the game, David went down to the ground after tangling with a Florida State midfielder. After struggling to get up, David found that she couldn't stand and had to be helped off the field. She did not return to the game. David is the Ducks' leading scorer this year with eight points.

Oregon will open up its Pacific-10 Conference schedule at home next Friday against Arizona. The Wildcats are the only Pac-10 team with a worse record than the Ducks. They are 1-6 overall, while Oregon is now 3-8.




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