

Tennis

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of the tournament, defeating Charlotte Vernaz of Pepperdine, 6-1, 6-4.



GEICZYS

"She had a real good second match," head coach Jack Griffin said. "She didn't play her best at first, but she learned from it. A lot of good players are here, so any time you're winning matches, it's good."

Geiczys was the only Duck to

participate in the prestigious tournament.

On Wednesday, Geiczys took on Stanford's No. 56-ranked Lauren

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Barnikow. The freshman from Woodbridge, N.J., is a top-ranked junior player and is Stanford's No. 5 player.

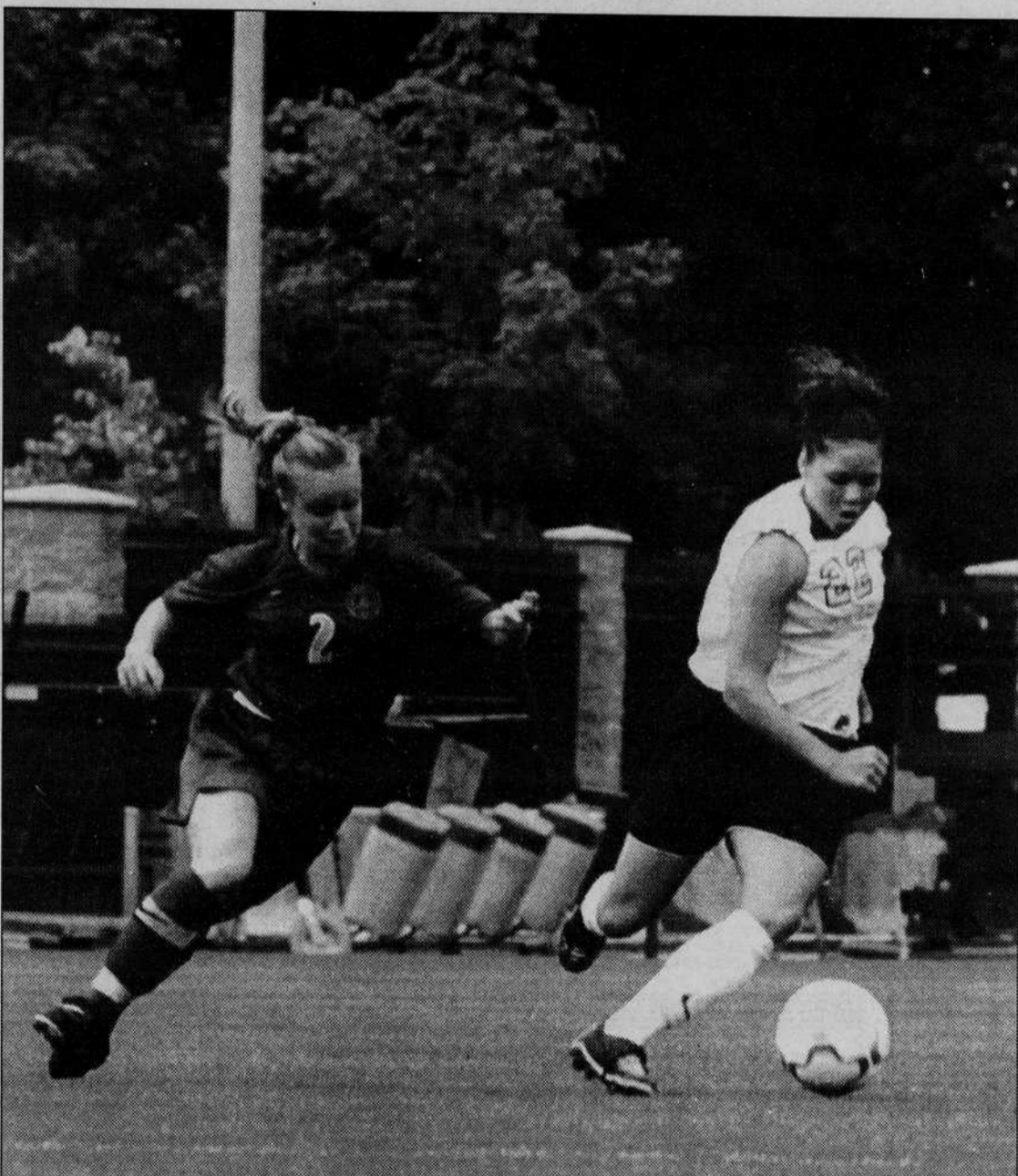
Stanford's top-ranked Laura

Granville is the favorite to win the competition. The defending NCAA champion should also get a challenge from Georgia's Aarthi Venkatesan and UCLA's Sara Walker.

Results from Wednesday's competition were unavailable at press time. The All-American tournament lasts until Sunday and has pushed Geiczys' overall season record up to 3-2.

Up next for the Ducks is the Stanford Rolex Regional Tournament in Palo Alto, Calif., on Oct. 28.

The Pacific-10 Conference dual match season begins Jan. 19 at home against California.



Dan Brunell Emerald

Julie McLellan (22) has had one goal and two assists this season. Her goal came in Oregon's first game against San Jose State.

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lan's scores have been few and far between. She had two more goals in the 1999 campaign after Oregon State, and started off 2000 with a goal against San Jose State. But the well ran dry for McLellan after that, and she hasn't scored in 14 games.

Nobody is more aware of her struggles than McLellan herself.

"I need to score more," she said. "I basically haven't done my job. I've played well on the field, but I'm a forward and I'm supposed to score."

McLellan is one of a trio of players that has had to fill gaps in the Oregon offense in recent games, as forwards Crystal David and Beth Bowler have sat out because of injuries.

"We're playing Chalise [Baysa] up front with us and Ann [Westmark] and I think that has helped a lot," McLellan said. "We're playing

well together, the three of us."

Forward has been a tough position to play for the Ducks this year. Most of the Ducks' goals have come from the midfield and Baysa's golden feet, and the two highest-scoring forwards — Bowler and David — have yet to play in a Pac-10 game because of their injuries.

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Beth Bowler
Oregon forward

"We have a lot to work on," Bowler said. "We're not getting the job done in the games."

But Bowler has kind words to say about the Ducks' British Columbian forward.

"Her speed is a really strong asset, along with her quickness to the ball," Bowler said. "Nobody really expects it, so it's kind of a secret weapon."

The secret weapon is surprisingly insightful, despite her scoring drought and her youth.

She is optimistic about her team, but at the same time she sees the reality of its 4-11-0 record. She knows her role in the Oregon offense and happily accepts it, but is hard on herself for not expanding that role.

Oh, and she's got a sense of humor, too. Ask her about the rest of the Ducks' Pac-10 games, which include powerhouses Washington, Stanford and California. You, with your hand in the air.

"We're going to win the rest of our games," McLellan says. "They're pushovers... just kidding!"

There are a lot of hands still raised. Is yours?

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