

# Soccer can't overcome errors in final home games

■ The Oregon kickers drop their last two home games of the season, 2-1 to Washington State and 6-1 to Washington

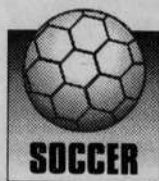
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Mistakes cost the Oregon soccer team two games this weekend as Washington State and No. 2 Washington came to Papé Field and handed the Ducks two losses.

It was an emotional send-off for four Oregon seniors, but the emotion on the Ducks' faces Sunday was disappointment.

The Ducks — now 4-13-1 overall and 1-5-1 in the Pacific-10 Conference — faced the Cougars on Friday, and Washington State scored two

goals in the first 15 minutes of the second half to take the win 2-1. Sunday, Washington blew out Oregon 6-1, despite the fact that the Ducks out-shot the Huskies 20-15.



Friday, Oregon outplayed Washington State in the first half, taking eight shots to the Cougars' three and constantly pressuring Washington State goalie Lindsey Jorgensen. But the Cougars came out strong in the second frame and scored their goals on similar corner-kick situations. Freshman Rachel Rodrick had both goals, on corner-kicks that junior Beth Childs sent into the 18-yard box. Childs broke Washington State's ca-

reer assist record with her second assist Friday.

The Ducks did come back to put a goal on the board Friday, with 11 minutes left in the game. Senior Allyssa White scored her second goal of the season, after a cross from junior Beth Bowler slipped through the Washington State defense and found White with only the goalkeeper to beat. The Ducks continued to pressure the Cougars in the final 10 minutes, but came up empty on several attempts.

"We felt like we played well enough to win," Oregon coach Bill Steffen said. "We gave them two fluke goals, and didn't finish our chances."

Washington also scored one or two "fluke" goals on the Ducks Sunday.

The first goal of the game came only 2:47 into the match, when Oregon sophomore goalkeeper Jeanine Norstad misplayed Theresa Wagner's shot from 20 yards out and the ball slipped into the back of the net. It was the first of a record nine points that Wagner, a senior midfielder, would rack up in the first half.

"Today we were penalized for mistakes that really tore our hearts out of the game," Steffen said. "It's an odd thing when you can outshoot a team and lose 6-1."

Wagner scored the first two goals of the game, assisted on the next one, then netted the next two as the Huskies jumped out to a 6-0 lead with 10 minutes to play in the first half. Wagner could have had more, but was taken out of the game right

before Washington got its sixth. Her four goals tied the Washington record for goals in a single game.

"Within the penalty boxes, they finished their chances where we didn't finish ours," Steffen said.

The one chance that Oregon did finish came mid-way through the second half, when Crystal David drove down the center of the field and dished the ball to Bowler, who turned and shot from the edge of the 18-yard box. Her shot went under the outstretched arms of goalie Leslie Weeks, and ended the scoring in the match.

The Ducks will travel to the Bay Area next weekend to take on No. 18 Stanford Friday and No. 6 California Sunday. The two matches will be Oregon's last of the season.

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the team standings and improving Oregon's chances of receiving an NCAA meet bid.

Hartmann put in arguably his best performance as a Duck, finishing second individually in a personal best 23 minutes, 47 seconds over the 8,000-meter course.

"I tried to grind it out from the start," Hartmann said. "I got in good position early and wanted to be ready to move with the leaders. I'm happy with the place and I hope it's just the start, and I can move up from here."

Hartmann, last season's Pac-10 Newcomer of the Year, trailed only Jonathon Riley of Stanford (23:39). The first five finishers eclipsed the course's old record of 23:53.

Senior Michael Kasahun also put in a good performance, placing tenth in a personal best 24:03. Kasahun's finish is a nine-spot improvement over last year's

conference meet.

"I was able to keep track of where I was at the entire race and work off the other runners," Kasahun said. "I ran a smarter race and didn't press it too early. Normally I like to be up among the leaders and hang on. I felt good about my place."

Junior Adam Bergquist led a pack of Oregon runners finishing 17th, 18th and 19th. Freshmen John Lucas and Brett Holts followed Bergquist to the line, all finishing within five seconds of each other.

The meet was the conference debut for four of Oregon's seven runners.

Freshman Noel Paulson placed 25th in a time of 24:35 in his conference debut. Senior Lincoln Nehring rounded out the Oregon contingent, placing 31st in a time of 24:48, only a minute behind Hartmann.

The Duck's performance in Seattle improves their chances of a possible top-two finish at the Western Regional meet on Nov. 11, earning the Ducks and automatic NCAA bid.

## Women's XC

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spread out more than the Ducks.

Senior transfer Hanna Smedstad led the Ducks with a ninth-place finish in a personal best 20 minutes, 51 seconds over the 6,000-meter course.

"I felt good coming in," Smedstad said. "But I think I could have placed higher, especially since I felt strong at the end."

Senior Katie Crabb was back to her usual form after a disappointing performance two weeks ago at the Pre-NCAA meet. Crabb placed 20th in a personal best time of 21:25.

Freshman Laura Harmon

cracked Oregon's top-three for the first time this season, placing 35th in a personal best 22:17 in her conference debut.

"After the way I ran at the Pre-NCAA meet two weeks ago, I made sure I got after it earlier today," Harmon said. "I didn't feel great early so I didn't start moving up until the second lap."

Sophomore Eri MacDonald followed Harmon to the line for 36th-place in a time of 22:19. Sophomore Erinn Gulbrandsen rounded out the scorers with a personal best by 31 seconds, finishing 40th overall.

Senior Rhiannon Glenn and sophomore Carrie Zografos rounded out the Oregon contingent in 42nd and 44th, respectively (22:42 and 22:43). Less than two minutes sepa-

rated Oregon's top seven finishers.

"I think we're a better team than this," Heinonen said. "Our last chance to prove that will be at regionals. This was an opportunity for us to show better than we did at pre-nationals, but right now were not."

"Hanna felt good today and just needs to get up and stay in the front pack," Heinonen added. "Eri and Laura moved up well through the middle but were far enough back early that there weren't a lot of people to pass."

Stanford won the meet with 51 points, while placing three runners in the top-six. Arizona's Tara Chaplin won in a course record time of 20:10.

The Western regional meet will be run at Fresno's Woodward Park Nov. 11.

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