

# Club soccer breezes by its in-state opponents

■ Club men's soccer crushed both opponents over the weekend, but club men's rugby fell just short of victory

By Jesse Thomas  
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With the wind whipping hard enough to flip over the goal twice, the Oregon Club Sports men's soccer team dominated Saturday, beating Western Oregon, 4-1.

"We have been playing really well all year," coach and team captain Ross Minkler said. "Our talent this year is a lot better."

After finishing off Western, the team had yet another challenge Sunday, competing against Mount Hood Community College.

The Ducks, eager to capture another win, began the game in a huddle with Minkler yelling, "Lets go 5-0!"

After just seven minutes, Oregon had scored their first goal, while Mt. Hood had yet to take a shot. The Ducks took a commanding 4-0 lead and finished them off in the second half, scoring four goals in the final 10 minutes for the 13-0 blowout win.



The team is currently undefeated at 5-0, and plans to keep the momentum going heading into the

National Tournament in Austin, Texas, from Nov. 15-18, according to sophomore forward Matt Tassos.

Compared to last season, the team is much larger, as the Ducks lost few players. Minkler mentioned how these extra players will

help make sure that fatigue shouldn't play a role in nationals, as it has in the years prior.

With only a few games left, and Nationals approaching, the only team left that can match Oregon's level of play is Oregon State, according to Minkler. The soccer Civil War takes place Nov. 5, at Oregon State.

"These are just preparatory games for us until Nationals," said Tassos. "Last year, we went to the quarterfinals and this year we want to win it all."

### Rugby drops tough game

The Oregon Club Sports men's rugby team went head-to-head and body-to-body — literally — Saturday morning with Sacramento State. The Ducks were defeated by last year's Division II National Champions, 31-5.

"Nobody on our team came to play today," head coach Bob Snyder said.

Sacramento had the lead of 25-5 in the second half, and although Oregon's defense tightened up, it wasn't enough for the win.

For the Ducks, they don't have a kicker and the team is rather young as of now, so there is still learning and growth to come.

"It's a good learning experience for the younger guys to play the better teams," coordinator/player Will Middleton said.

Also Saturday, the junior varsity Oregon men's rugby team competed against Sacramento State's junior varsity team. Sacramento State edged out the 18-15 victory.

"They were prepared to take the field, and overall played a good game," said Snyder.

Snyder was also satisfied with

the results considering only one member of the junior varsity team had ever competed before.

The Ducks will compete against conference rival Washington Saturday in Seattle.

"We will win this game," Middleton said. "We got a lot of things to work on, but I think we can do it."

The men have just three games left this fall before spring play begins, and according to Snyder, the one team to worry about is Oregon State.

The four teams that make up the league are Oregon, Oregon State, Central Washington and Washington. Each team plays each other twice and the team with the best record is crowned the Northwest champion.

"I am sure we will contend for the championship in the Northwest," Snyder said.

# UO Hockey drops two frustrating games to Montana

■ The Ducks have trouble protecting their home ice and fall to Montana twice

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The Oregon Club Sports hockey team dropped two more against Montana last weekend, making their losing streak five and counting.

Friday's game score was 7-5 and Saturday's 9-2.

"Overall, their team was faster than our team," Oregon captain Tyler Shaffar said. "We were missing two of our best guys and Saturday we just played pretty crappy."

Despite a tiring bus ride from

Bozeman, the Grizzlies walked away with 7-5 victory Friday in a game Oregon could have come out on the winning end. Montana ruled the first period — scoring four straight before Oregon's Scott Tedrick shoved the first puck in past the Montana goalie. But the Ducks stepped it up in the second period, and cut the deficit to 5-2.

Tedrick helped trim Montana's lead down to two in the third period, but that would be the closest Oregon would come before Montana chewed them up.

For the Ducks, the worst was still to come.

A fresh Montana team netted a 9-2 win Saturday night in a game Oregon

labels as one of the worst this season. Montana entered the third period with a commanding 8-0 lead. Oregon's Nathan Vogel saved the game from becoming a shut-out with a goal, and Steve Budke scored at the buzzer for the Ducks' second goal.

Defensive player Larry Platzke found that the weekend showed little team effort, inspiration and team intensity.

"There is one reason we come out, and that is to win," said Platzke, who was disappointed with the play as much as the end results.

"I apologize to the fans," Shaffar said. "They paid money to watch us play and we didn't fulfill our part of that bargain."

Shaffar mentioned how the team morale is falling, and that it is evident when watching the team play on the ice.

"Especially the younger kids get really down," said Shaffar, pointing to the freshmen on the team. "They are not focusing on what they need to do."

Platzke compared the losses to those in Los Angeles the week before. He pointed out that in L.A., although the team lost all three games it played, it was constantly improving and playing solid hockey.

"This [weekend] was as bad as it can possibly get," Platzke said. "After this weekend, nobody has a safe spot on the team."

Looking ahead, Shaffar and

Platzke agree that the Ducks badly need a win against Lewis and Clark next weekend.

Lewis and Clark is a new team to the league, Shaffar said, who does not know what to expect from them.

"But at this point we have to assume that any team is going to beat us," he said.

A win against Lewis and Clark would boost morale, although the game is a non-conference one. That boost will be dearly needed in Seattle Nov. 17-18 when the Ducks face off with conference rival Washington.

"We usually play well with UW," said Shaffar, revealing some optimism towards the rest of the season.

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