

Soccer looks to bounce back

■ The Ducks suffered their second loss of the season Wednesday but take on lowly Portland State this weekend

By Peter Hockaday
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Portland State soccer has a permanent black cat in its path. The Vikings walk under ladders on a consistent basis.

PSU is still searching for its first win this season. The Vikings searched at Boise State, but lost 2-1. They searched at Western Oregon but got edged 1-0. Even Air Force got the best of Portland State, 6-1.

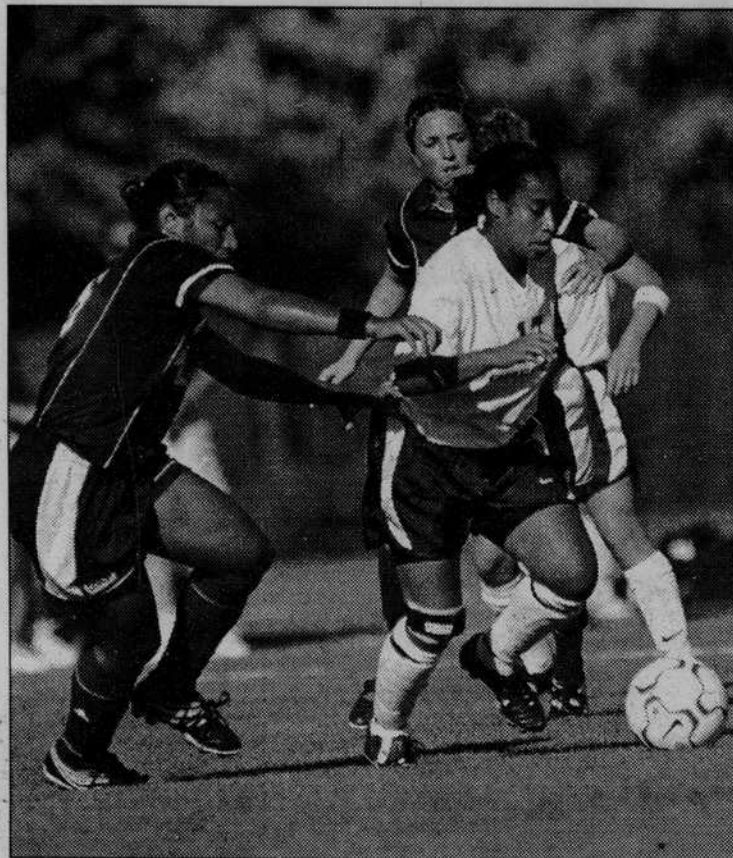
The Vikings are 0-8-1 this season. They were 0-18-0 last season. Over their last 39 games, Portland State is 1-37-1. You can count the program's wins over the past four years on one hand.

To add to their woes, Portland State will try to end their losing streak Sunday at Oregon's Papé Field, if the Vikings can't beat Central Washington tonight. The Ducks are 4-1 at Papé Field, and the "1" came at the hands of Portland Wednesday in a 3-0 blowout.

That loss, Oregon head coach Bill Steffen said, will get the Ducks even more fired up for the Vikings.

"Hopefully, we've taken away the lesson (from Portland) that we can't just show up," Steffen said. "Portland State has had some bad luck in the past, but we can't just show up."

For Oregon, Portland State represents one final test before the start of Pacific-10 Conference play next week. The Ducks have Cardinal, Bears and Bruins on the mind, not Pilots.



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Senior Crystal David said the Ducks will be "fired up" for Portland State on Sunday.

Still, Oregon players say they will not overlook Portland State.

"We'll definitely be fired up in order to get that winning streak going again," senior forward Crystal David said.

David referred to the four-game winning streak Oregon carried into its matchup with Portland. That streak was the longest in school history, and the Ducks are still off to the best start in their six-season existence, despite Wednesday's setback.

The teams have a mixed history, which should add to the intrigue of Sunday's match. In 1996, Oregon's first full season, Portland State handed the Ducks a 1-0 loss. Oregon returned the favor in 1997,

beating Portland State by the same score. In 1998, the teams played to a 1-1 tie, after two sudden-death overtime periods could not determine a winner.

The Ducks will most likely turn to playmakers Chalise Baysa and Nicole Garbin early in Sunday's game. Baysa became Oregon's all-time leading scorer last week against Eastern Washington, and Garbin is on her way toward Oregon's best freshman campaign since Baysa was a new recruit four years ago. Garbin leads the team in goals, with five. Baysa had nine goals her freshman year.

Oregon and Portland State will square off at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Bonds hits his Mark with home run No. 70

By Tom Haudricourt
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HOUSTON (KRT) — The waiting game ended in dramatic fashion for Barry Bonds.

The San Francisco slugger erased the frustrations of drawing three more walks with a monstrous home run Thursday night off Houston reliever Wilfredo Rodriguez in the top of the ninth inning at Enron Field.

The blast on a 1-1 fastball was the 70th homer of the season for Bonds, matching the major-league record established by St. Louis' Mark McGwire in 1998. The Giants, who won, 10-2, have three games left in the regular season — all at home — for Bonds to become the undisputed home run king.

Bonds had walked three times in four plate appearances in the game and eight times in 14 trips in the three-game series when he stepped to the plate to open the ninth. Rodriguez, a 22-year-old left-hander making his second big-league appearance, blew a fastball past Bonds, then threw another one high.

The third pitch, another fastball, was in Bonds' wheelhouse and he crushed it into the upper deck in right-center. Bonds raised his arms in triumph after striking the ball, well aware he had hit No. 70.

When Bonds got to home plate, he was mobbed by his teammates, who had poured out of the dugout to celebrate the historic blast. He then was given not one but two curtain calls

by the appreciative Houston crowd of 43,734, the third consecutive record attendance of the series.

After the inning was over, Bonds jogged out to his position in left field, where he was greeted by San Francisco's relief corps, which emerged from the bullpen to congratulate him. He then was removed from the game by manager Dusty Baker, drawing one last standing ovation.

The Giants begin a three-game series against Los Angeles tonight at Pacific Bell Park.

First out of the chute for the Dodgers is ace right-hander Chan Ho Park, who already has surrendered one memorable homer this season, a farewell blast to Cal Ripken Jr. in the All-Star Game in Seattle. Bonds has five career homers off Park but also 13 walks.

Since hitting his 69th homer Saturday against San Diego reliever Chuck McElroy, Bonds had gone to the plate 18 times, drawing 10 walks and getting hit by two pitches. He was beginning to wonder if he'd ever see another pitch he could drive, but Rodriguez finally delivered one.

In the first inning, Bonds picked up where he left off Wednesday night, drawing a four-pitch walk from veteran right-hander Dave Mlicki. Once again, cleanup hitter Jeff Kent made the Astros pay, socking a first-pitch homer to left.

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lege," Jordan said. "I get to play on the same team as my brother and get to play for my dad. It almost seems like a chapter out of a storybook, but it's business now. This is going to be the hardest thing I've ever done.

"I'm ready to step up to the

challenge because both coaches have big expectations and it's my job to fulfill that."

One of those coaches took off his coach's hat Thursday and spoke as a proud father instead.

"The fact that I have so much passion for this University and it means so much to me, to be able to send your kids there, that says a lot," Ernie said.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 5). You'll know if you've found your soul mate this year. He or she will be ready, willing and able to work with you toward a long-term goal. Everybody loves candlelit dinners and honeymoon vacations, but that's not what true love is about. True love is about the long haul.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 5 - Enjoy your work, and you'll be handsomely rewarded. Don't brag about what you're earning. It's more likely to cause jealousy rather than admiration. Keep your financial affairs to yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - This is not a good day to fight City Hall. If you're working for somebody else, don't ask for a raise, either. If you have your own business, don't raise your rates. Offer to do something for free, or have a sale. People may be grumpy. Take care of them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Has something been bothering you lately? Something you're keeping a secret? It's not easy for you to do that, but it can be wise. Keep a confidence with which you've been entrusted. It matters a lot to the other person.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - Something you discover while working can give you more leisure time. It's not cheating to do the job an easier way. You could hire somebody else to do it, but don't hire the friends you want to take with you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Yesterday's conditions are still in effect. If you pay attention, you can recover the ball when your competition fumbles. You're not out to trip this other person or make him look bad. Just stand back, and he'll do it all by himself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - Your passions may be stirred. Let it happen! Afraid

you'll do something crazy, like quit your job and head for the hills? You won't. But you and your sweetheart can dream, and you can plan for whatever you can imagine.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - Every so often you get the urge to sort and file. While you're at it, figure out how much you owe, and set up a budget to pay it all off. Doing that will feel even better than playing with that new toy you're considering.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Now you're the one who's advising caution, and with good reason. Meanwhile, you're also learning quickly, asking your friends for advice and gathering data. Continue to move slowly in public but quickly behind the scenes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5 - Does it seem like all the work for the week piled up at the very last moment? It wouldn't have if everything had gone according to schedule. It's not your fault it didn't. The delays are more likely due to technical breakdowns that may still be occurring. Stay loose.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - A romantic luncheon in a fancy place would be luxurious and fun. Invite a loved one who hardly ever goes there but would appreciate the ambience. Later, you'll be more involved with work. Besides, dinner is more expensive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 5 - You continue to encounter resistance. Instead of being frustrated, be thankful. This is causing you to become even more creative. If it weren't for challenges, you would have died of boredom long ago.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - Time for a little housecleaning. Are some of your dreams a little unrealistic? Are some of your fears slowing you down? Dump the fears, and the dreams become more realistic.

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