

# UO still in search of record 8th win

■ The Oregon soccer team will try to win a school-record eighth game as it heads north to take on UW and WSU

By Peter Hockaday  
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This soccer stuff comes easy for the Washington Huskies.

The Huskies, the Oregon soccer team's opponent tonight in Seattle, have never let the Ducks come close to beating them in five series games. That's because Washington



is a perennial national title contender, while Oregon is perennially fighting to get out of the Pacific-10 Conference cellar.

But things could be different this year. The Ducks have some fresh faces that haven't been around in past years. These newcomers, balanced with senior leadership, have led the Ducks to the verge of their best season ever. Oregon needs only one more win to break the school wins record. The Ducks are currently 7-8-1 overall.

Still, Oregon has struggled in the Pac-10 this year. The Ducks have dropped six of their last seven since starting Pac-10 play, and their only win was at Arizona State in overtime.

The Ducks will be desperate for a win when they face the Huskies tonight and the Washington State Cougars Sunday in Pullman.

Washington will not make things easy for Oregon. The 13th-ranked Huskies have an 11-4-1 record and stand third in the Pac-10.

The Huskies win games with effective play on both sides of the ball. Washington averages 2.06 goals per game, and when the team scores goals, it wins. The Huskies are 8-0 when scoring two or more goals this season.

The reason Washington is able to hold leads is its star goalkeeper Hope Solo. The junior goalie has

played for the U.S. National Team on seven occasions, though she's never started. Solo ranks second in the Pac-10 with an impressive 0.68 goals-against average, and the Huskies have given up the least goals in the conference this season.

Last season the Ducks were unable to get to Solo in Eugene. Washington beat Oregon in that contest, 6-1, despite being outshot by the Ducks 20-15. Theresa Wagner, a senior for the Huskies last year, scored four goals in that game.

Oregon may have an easier time in Pullman on Sunday. The Ducks have not been successful against the Cougars in the past, but Oregon's only win in the series was two seasons ago at Washington State. Overall, the Cougars lead the series 4-1.

Washington State is tied for seventh in the Pac-10, and is only one conference win ahead of Oregon. The Cougars are 7-8-0 on the season overall.

Washington State is not accustomed to playing at home this season. The Cougars are 1-1 in Pac-10 play at home, and earlier this season went a stretch of 49 days — the longest such streak in Pac-10 history — without a home game.

The Cougars are led by a trio of playmakers on offense. Senior Beth Childs sets up many of Washington State's chances, and ranks second in the conference in assists. Junior Katrina Stroh and sophomore Rachel Rodrick are often there to finish the chances, as the two scorers lead the team with six goals each.

Rodrick was the knife in Oregon's heart last season in Eugene. The sophomore scored both of the Cougars' goals in a 2-1 victory on Papé Field.

Oregon will face Washington in Seattle at 5 p.m. and will square off with Washington State in the regular season's final game at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

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# Hoopsters to face Global challenge

■ The Oregon men hope to keep their positive momentum going Sunday in their last exhibition game

By Jeff Smith  
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Luke Ridnour was running. Luke Jackson was gunning. And Freddie Jones was jamming.

Life was indeed good Tuesday night for the Oregon men's basketball team, as it opened its exhibition season with a 97-45 win over the Brisbane Capitals, also known as the Basketball Travelers.

"I was pretty pleased with what we were able to do," Oregon head coach Ernie Kent said.

Now, the Ducks get to face a team called Global Sports, a touring team consisting of former collegiate basketball players, at 3 p.m. Sunday at McArthur Court.

Global Sports should be able to give the Ducks more of a challenge after Oregon breezed by the Cap-

tals with little to sweat about.

The Ducks will be facing a tired team, though. Oregon will be the ninth opponent for Global Sports in an 11-game stretch that began on Nov. 1 and will end on Nov. 14. The only win that Global Sports has been able to acquire came on Nov. 1, when it narrowly beat Kansas State, 58-57.

In the win, Global Sports' Darren McClinton drained a three-pointer with one second left to steal the win at Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan, Kan. McClinton had nine points, five assists and four steals to lead his team to victory.

Since then, Global Sports has fallen to the likes of Fresno State, Nevada, San Jose State and Iowa State. Global Sports played at Southern Utah Thursday, will meet again with Nevada tonight, travel to Utah State on Saturday and then head into Eugene for the Oregon game Sunday.

The Ducks hope to come out with the same type of defensive energy that it exhibited Tuesday. Kent knows that the offensive firepower

is there for this team, as was evidenced by Jones' 27 points, Ridnour's 17 points and Jackson's 13 points against the Capitals.

But Kent said he especially wants to use these exhibition games to focus on its intensity on the defensive side of the ball, which he knows will be the deciding factor between wins and losses once the real season begins.

"Hopefully people can see marked improvement with our defense," Kent said. "We are working hard from a coaching perspective and still feel like we can get 50 percent better defensively."

Sunday's contest marks the second and final exhibition game for the Ducks. They will then have to get ready in a hurry as they open the regular season on Nov. 15 against Alabama State on the opening day of the America's Youth Classic, hosted by Oregon at Mac Court.

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# Club soccer team drops Oregon State

■ The men's soccer team remains undefeated in preparation for nationals

By Walker Hanlon and Edith Sumaqui  
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The Club Sports men's soccer team is already looking forward to competing in the national tournament, but that didn't stop them from taking care of business at home this weekend.



The Ducks beat the Beavers 3-2 with a game-winning goal by Ryan Rose in the last five minutes.

Oregon took an early lead, but Oregon State answered almost immediately. When Oregon scored again in the first half, it was not long before the Beavers had managed to tie it up once more and keep it tied for most of the rest of the game.

With about five minutes remaining in the game, Rose managed to

put away the winning goal and the men held on to win, leaving them undefeated, with a 3-0-1 record.

"We've been playing really well lately," said team coordinator Matt Tassos.

It was Oregon's second win over the Beavers this year. The Ducks have also been victorious against Western Oregon, and their only tie came against Lane Community College. They play at Western Oregon on Saturday and return home to play Lane at 11 a.m. Sunday on the turf field next to the Student Recreation Center.

The team will travel to nationals at the University of Alabama on Nov. 14.

"We took second at nationals last year, and are going to be very competitive again this year," Tassos said.

## Crew teams surpass expectations

The Oregon Club Sports crew teams participated in the 13th annual Portland Loop Regatta last

weekend, with mixed results.

The women's four-person boat took home second place behind the Oregon State varsity team. The Oregon men's four-person team also captured second place, falling to Pacific Lutheran.

The other Oregon team, the women's varsity eight-person boat, placed fourth, exceeding expectations.

"We represented well in the last race and expect to do it again," crew coordinator Erin Koenig said.

The regatta was a seven-kilometer head race — where the boats start staggered, one after the other — for junior, masters, and collegiate teams rowing one-person sculls, and four- and eight-person boats. The course ran down the Willamette River and ended at Oaks Park.

The next crew appearance will be at the "Head of the Lake" on Lake Union in Seattle.

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## Horoscope by Linda C. Black

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Nov. 9). You're so smart and charming this year, you could do almost anything by yourself. But why bother? It's so much more fun to do it with a team. And, of course, you'll multiply your efficiency. Take on a massive project. Anything less would be boring.

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 6 - Go over the details one more time. Don't hand in any paperwork, loan applications, homework or resumes without checking things over a few times. Read everything carefully. This takes a little longer, but it could make all the difference.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - All's well, as love triumphs again. Have faith in your own good judgment. Your instincts are leading you in the right direction. Go with the flow.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 5 - This is a working weekend. If you take on a really tough job, there's a good chance you can whip things into shape and still have Sunday evening off, depending on the level of difficulty and your ability to talk your sweetheart into helping.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - If you're in love, it's harder than usual to concentrate on anything else. If you're not in love yet, brace yourself. If you want to fall in love, take a class. Education and romance are linked for you at the moment.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5 - You're a pretty creative person who's handy with tools, right? You usually save a lot of money by fixing things up around the house. But this time, unless you're an expert, pass. You can buy it for less than it will take to fix it.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 -

Changes to your home are not quite complete yet, but you can take time out to catch up on your studies. Something you learn now could make a difference in how you proceed.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 5 - Do you owe any favors? Make a list and start paying them back. One of these people may have just the information you need in order to solve the next puzzle.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - You're lookin' good! That's what your friends all say, so it must be true. You're luckier, happier and healthier now that Venus (for love) has just gone into your sign. She'll be there all month, so enjoy!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5 - Stand crisply at attention as you make your report. Don't slouch, and don't offer more information than is requested. Keep answers brief and to the point. And if you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - How long has it been since you left work early to spend extra time with your friends? This weekend will be perfect, and the sooner you get started, the better.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 5 - Details matter, and getting one wrong today could be quite expensive. Pay attention to what you're doing, of course, but also check what you've already done.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - Wrap up loose ends, so you can get out of there. Somebody special would like to show you a good time this weekend. The weekend begins as soon as you can get your workspace clear.

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