

# Oregon club women's soccer pays back LCC for earlier loss

■ In a game played without refs, Oregon jumped out to a 3-0 halftime lead and cruised to a win over LCC

By Walker Hanlon  
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Domination was the name of the game last weekend when the Oregon Club Sports women's soccer team beat Lane Community College at home, 4-0.



The referees failed to show up for the match, which led to a very physical game. The emotions were raised even more, given the fact that Oregon had lost to LCC the last time the two teams faced each other during Homecoming weekend.

The game started with each team having only nine players, but was played with the standard 10-on-10 once the rest of the LCC team showed up.

Oregon started things off fast with a goal by Jenn La Bonte in the first couple of minutes of the game. The Ducks scored again at the 10-minute mark on a kick by Tricia Ejima, which was followed two minutes later by a goal from Rachel Muneyyirci that barely found the top corner of the net from long distance.

The Duck women took a 3-0 lead into the half. LCC made a solid attempt for a comeback in the second half, but was held off by a tough Oregon defense.

The Oregon offense took some pressure off when, after making the LCC goalie work, it eventually scored 15 minutes into the half on a cornerkick from La Bonte that was headed in by Muneyyirci.

Oregon was left cherishing its solid 4-0 victory but knows its still has plenty of room for improvement.

"It was an off day, but we pulled it off," La Bonte said.

Not having referees really hurt the teams in the second half when calls became more hotly contested and the game grew

even more physical.

"It was a good game skill-wise, we moved the ball very well, but it was frustrating without refs," said Erin O'Leary, a player and coach for the team.

## Ultimate closes out fall season in Santa Cruz

In other Club Sports action, the men's ultimate team traveled to a tournament in Santa Cruz, Calif.

Though the tournament was mainly played in as an opportunity to gain experience, one of the two Oregon teams there did make it to the quarterfinals before being eliminated by Stanford.

The men split up into two teams with both having somewhat equal skills.

"This was a good experience for everyone," team coordinator Matt Guy said.

It was the last tournament of the fall for Oregon, which will spend the winter gearing up for its spring season.

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# OSU win surprises Ducks

■ The Beavers keep their bowl hopes alive with a 25-point victory over the Huskies

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News of the Oregon State victory spread quickly throughout the Oregon locker room Saturday.

Both the Ducks and Beavers played at the same time, so while the Oregon players enjoyed their 21-20 victory at UCLA, many hadn't heard the news of what went on in Corvallis.

And quite a few eyebrows were raised that eighth-ranked Washington was dealt an embarrassing 49-24 defeat at the hands of the Beavers.

"Whoooo! That's a shocker," Oregon cornerback Rashad Bauman said.

"That blows me away. Just blows me away," Oregon fullback Josh Line said.

For the Beavers (4-5, 3-4 Pacific-10 Conference), it was a statement game after being the laughing stock of the college football world for being ranked as high as the preseason No. 1 team by Sports Illustrated and then falling down hard.

They've seen their bandwagon grow emptier by the week after losses to Fresno State, UCLA, Washington State, Arizona State and USC. Plus, they had lost 13 straight games to the Huskies, including last year's 33-30 heartbreaker that was their only defeat of the season, so they enjoyed Saturday's victory at Reser Stadium.

"It's a huge boost for us, without a doubt," Oregon State head coach Dennis Erickson said Tuesday in his weekly press conference. "We know what we are capable of doing if we do the right things."

Assuming the Beavers take care of Northern Arizona this Saturday, the stakes would be raised for the Dec. 1 Civil War. Oregon State would need a sixth victory to become bowl eligible and Oregon would be aiming to stay in the Rose Bowl picture and at least earn a Fiesta Bowl berth.

"The Beavers are tough to beat at home. Washington found that out and we did last year, so I'm glad we're playing them at our place," Line said. "It's going to be a great atmosphere."

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names that are banged up that might be questionable if we had to play next week," Bellotti said after Saturday's game. "But the fact that we have three weeks right now is good for us, as long as we can keep our edge and keep the emotional intensity."

## Exhale

The life of a kicker is never easy, and Chris Griffith showed why Saturday. A potential game-winning, 50-yard field goal would have sealed a victory for UCLA, but Griffith came up wide right and short.

Thus, the Ducks took a step closer to securing a bid to the Fiesta Bowl and a second-straight Pacific-10 Conference championship.

Oregon has won four games this year by seven points or less.

"It was just an awesome college football game. There's no other way to describe it," senior tight end Justin Peelle said at Monday's practice. "It was two great teams going back and forth. It was fun to

be a part of, and obviously a lot of funner because we won."

## On second thought ...

UCLA head coach Bob Toledo was heavily criticized in Los Angeles after two questionable calls — rather, non-calls — against the Ducks.

After the Bruins scored early in the fourth quarter to take a 19-14 lead, instead of going for two, Toledo opted to kick the extra point.

"We were prepared for them to go for two," Bellotti said, "and I was sort of pleased they didn't, although again there is certain risk depending on where the game is that dictates those things for you, so I never second-guess other coaches."

Toledo said it was "too early" to go for two at the time.

Later, in the final drive of the game, on a third-and-five, Toledo decided to run the ball, but to no avail.

The Bruins could not get past the Oregon 33-yard line, forcing Griffith to attempt the 50-yard kick.

"At the end, after the interception, I didn't feel like we wanted

to throw on that last drive," Toledo said after the game, alluding to quarterback Cory Paus' two interceptions.

## By the numbers

Despite facing UCLA's top-ranked defense, Oregon remains No. 1 this week in the Pac-10 in total offense (452.3 yards per game) and rushing yards (205.7) per game.

The Oregon defense is ninth overall in the conference, but is fourth in scoring defense (allowing 22.6 points per game) and third in rushing defense (122.7 yards per game).

Harrington is second in the conference with a 145 pass efficiency rating, while tailbacks Onterio Smith (97.7 yards per game) and Maurice Morris (95.3) are fourth and fifth, respectively, in rushing.

Senior linebacker Wesly Mallard is third in the Pac-10 with 8.9 tackles per game. Senior defensive back Steve Smith is No. 1 with 24 passes defended, including six interceptions.

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never have a specific number associated with him.

Babe Ruth has 60, and although that record was broken in 1961, no one even came close to breaking it for so long. Roger Maris will have 61, not only because he hit 61 out of the park, but also because it was done in the magical season of '61. Come to think of it, weren't '98 and '61 pretty gosh darn close in resemblance?

"He doesn't even have a special claim on his uniform number, 25," Patrick wrote. "It's the same number Barry Bonds wears. Then again, 30,000,000 is a nice number. That's the number of dollars on the contract McGwire chose not to sign." McGwire passed up a two-year, \$30

million contract extension last spring training, maybe because he had an inkling of his .187 batting average and 29 home runs to come, but whatever the reason, it must have been pretty solid. Not many players would have done that, further attesting to the man's love for the sport.

And he always said, especially in the past few years, that since 1994, he didn't want to see another lockout or strike from either side.

And now, with him leaving the sport he loves, — surely to be remembered as one of the greatest ambassadors the game has ever seen — it kind of raises a question about next season, doesn't it?

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Steffen said, to the next generation of Oregon players.

"Our expectations this year were high, but next year they will be higher," Steffen said.

The Ducks will return their second-highest scorer, freshman

Nicole Garbin, and also the No. 4 and No. 6 scorers in Ann Westermark and Sarah Denner.

As for the seniors, they can only hope that eight wins will add up to even more in years to come.

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