

UO goalkeeper enjoys compliment from UNC

Senior Sarah Peters showed brilliance against the Tar Heels and in turn received the praise of the North Carolina coaches

Soccer notes

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Goalkeeper Sarah Peters was there when her team needed her.

In Oregon's loss to No. 1-ranked North Carolina on Sunday at Pape Field, Peters recorded her best game this season.

The Tar Heels, 17-time national champions, took 28 shots at the senior from Woodinville, Wash., and only three saw the back of the net. Peters earned 10 saves — a season-high.

"She has come a long way as a goalkeeper and as a leader," Oregon head coach Bill Steffen said. "She stayed calm and poised and had a great performance on Sunday."

Tar Heels head coach Anson Dorrance, who has developed one of the most successful college programs in history, referred to Peters as the "best goalkeeper we have seen all year."

Dorrance also said Peters has the potential to play in the Women's United Soccer Association.

For Peters, the praise was welcome.

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Goalkeeper

"I was in awe," Peters said. "I was so excited. To get that kind of compliment from him was like a blessing from above."

Peters is also co-captain for the Ducks in her senior year. Her list of accomplishments at Oregon does justice to her experience.

In 2001, Peters was second in the Pac-10 with 101 saves, and she allowed 1.45 goals per game. For her 2001 performance, she earned Pac-10 Honorable Mention honors.

Peters is a third-year starter for Oregon and looks to have another successful season after Sunday's career-best performance against the best team in the nation.

"Sarah is one of the best across the country," Steffen said. "It is a credit to her that she gets that respect from opposing teams and coaches."

Tough schedule, respect for Tar Heels

The Ducks can attribute their record, in part, to a rigorous schedule.

Oregon has already faced five opponents ranked in the top 25

and four in the top 10.

But the Ducks have no complaints and were excited at their opportunity to face off against the No. 1-ranked team in the country last weekend.

"They showed us a lot of things we need to do better," Steffen said. "We take the lessons we learned and improve upon them."

Injuries hurt performance

Oregon is off to a slow start at 1-5-1 this season, and substantial injuries have partially plagued the team's performance.

Sophomore Nicole Garbin and freshman Andrea Valadez will likely be out the entire season because of ACL injuries.

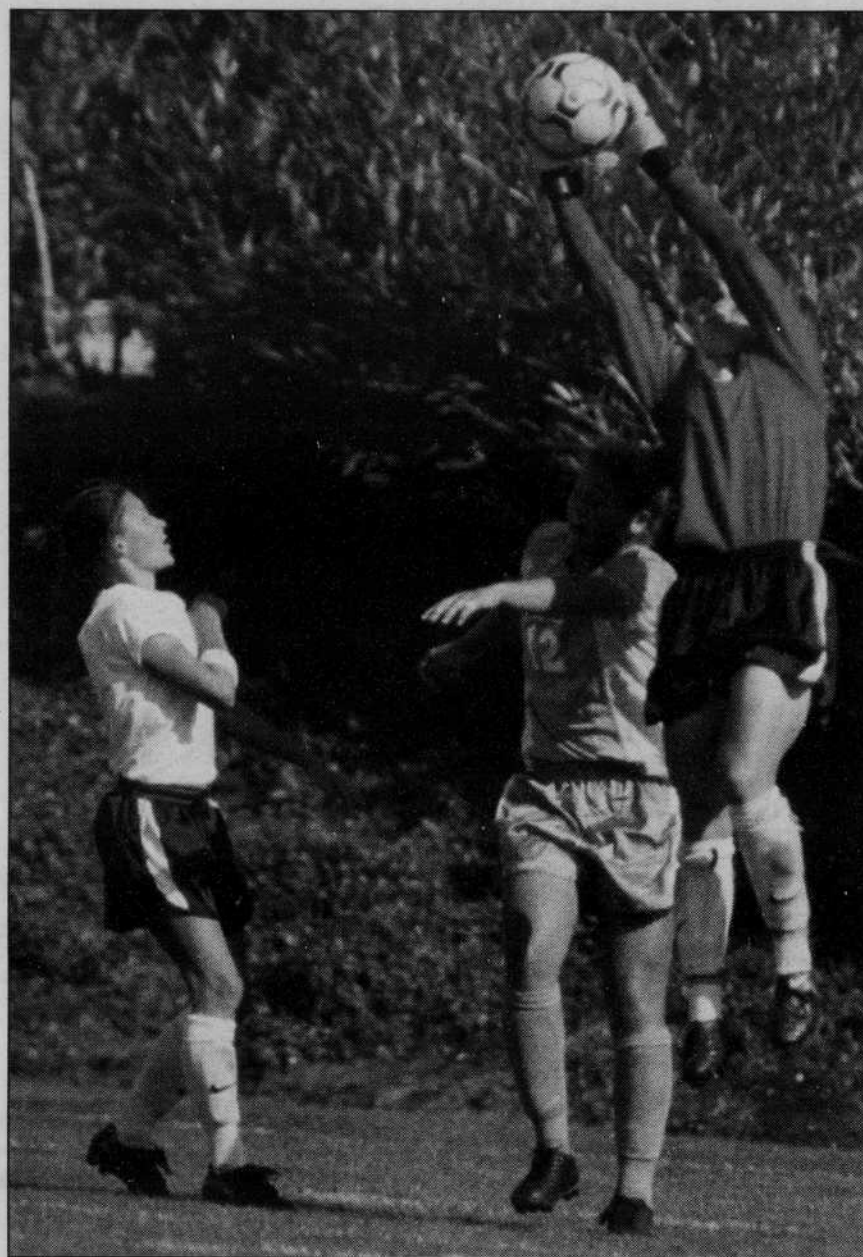
"We are losing two of our front runners," Steffen said. "Nicole would be a big time player, not for us, but for any team in the country. She's that good."

Steffen is also very excited about the potential of Valadez, only a rookie for the team.

Goalkeeper Dominique Lainez sustained an early season injury to her right ankle Sept. 5 and is expected to be back within the next couple of weeks.

Lainez, a sophomore, backs up Peters in net. Senior Mary Etter is currently second-string for the Ducks until Lainez recovers.

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Sarah Peters skies over a North Carolina player to record one of her 10 saves Sunday.

Football

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passed last spring.

A two-week break from football has slowed Whitehead's conditioning, but Bellotti said he will most likely play Saturday.

"He didn't appear to be in quite the shape he was ... and I'm going to tell him I'm not pleased about that," Bellotti said. "But Terrence is a great young kid, and he's anxious to play, and I'm anxious to get him back in there."

AcademiDucks

It seems success on the football

field translates into success in the classroom.

Of the Oregon football players who enrolled in 1995, 88 percent graduated within six years — the best percentage in the Pac-10.

The NCAA survey released last week also showed that Oregon graduated 79 percent of all its athletes. Comparatively, the University's overall graduation rate is 59 percent.

For football, Oregon State ranked last in the conference with a 25 percent graduation rate.

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League	Manager Meetings	Location	Time
Flag Football	October 7	*SRC Multipurpose #4	4:00p.m.
Indoor Soccer	October 14	*SRC Multipurpose #4	4:00p.m.
Volleyball	October 15	*SRC Ulrich Room	4:00p.m.
3-on-3 Basketball	October 23	*SRC Ulrich Room	4:00p.m.
Cross Country	November 6	*Pioneer Cemetery	3:30p.m.

League	Playoff Meetings	Location	Time
Flag Football	October 31	*SRC Multipurpose #4	4:00p.m.
Indoor Soccer	November 7	*SRC Multipurpose #4	4:00p.m.
Volleyball	November 11	*SRC Ulrich Room	4:00p.m.
3-on-3 Basketball	Playoff meeting conducted via e-mail		

Special Events	Deadline	Dates	Location
18-Hole Golf Scramble	October 15	October 20	Diamond Woods
Fall Tennis Classic	October 29	November 1-3	Covered Courts

One Day Events	Deadline	Dates	Location
Football Scramble	October 7, 5:00p.m.	October 8-9, 4:00-6:00p.m.	Grass IM Field
Indoor Soccer Scramble	October 14, 5:00p.m.	October 15-16, 7:00-9:00p.m.	*SRC Courts 4 & 5
Volleyball Scramble	October 15, 5:00p.m.	October 17, 7:00-9:00p.m.	Gerlinger Annex B54
Cross-Country Meet	November 5, 5:00p.m.	November 6, 3:30p.m.	Pioneer Cemetery
Racquetball Tournament	November 7, 5:00p.m.	November 9, 11:00a.m.	Racquetball Courts

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