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cantly improved since spring of last year," she said. "A lot of that has to do with getting the confidence of going out there and playing in games."

Her teammates have seen the improvements as well.

"She's an extremely hard worker and dedicated to soccer," redshirt junior Dara Wone said. "On the field she is a good leader for this team. As a defender, I feel really confident having her behind me."

Lainez remembers the feeling of her first home game this season when her name was announced as the starter. Lainez had told junior Christine Mintz, "I wish my mom was there for that moment."

Soccer has been a family affair for Lainez ever since she was young. She began playing in an under 12 team when she was 8. Lainez was coached by her father for six years from elementary school through 8th grade.

Lainez's most memorable experience

was as a sophomore when her sister, Lucia Lainez — a junior at the time — and she were playing in a tournament. The referee made the mistake of letting the game go two minutes past regulation without checking his watch, according to Lainez.

In those last two minutes, Dominique Lainez got scored on, and her team lost. She remembers crying and her sister comforting her.

"I just remember her saying 'you played great,'" she said. "I just remember her putting her hand around my shoulders and saying 'it's all right.'"

On the field, she seems to be able to cover all areas. Off the field, she is just busy. Lainez is a member of the Chi Omega sorority and serves as the soccer representative for the Student Athlete Advisory Council, which focuses on community service.

"She wants to do her best in everything," Wone said. "She's got a lot of determination. She's got a lot of energy. That's just her character."

Lainez describes her character as

ambitious, involved and determined. But beyond that, she always strives to be different.

"She could become a great leader," former Oregon goalkeeper Sarah Peters said. "She's already got the position part down. That's a huge part of becoming a leader."

Lainez will look to lead her team this weekend in Oregon's first Pacific-10 Conference homestand. Oregon (7-7 overall, 1-3 Pac-10) faces Stanford on Friday and California on Sunday at Papé Field.

For Lainez, this weekend means something extra. Her mother, Gloria Lainez, will be in attendance. It will be her mother's first ever trip to watch her play at Papé Field.

"I want my mom to be proud of me," Dominique Lainez said.

When asked if she's proud of her daughter, a boastful mother said: "Oh absolutely. That's in capital letters. She's one to be admired. She never gives up."

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Oregon proved to be a competitive team in the next game, and ended the final period tied with Washington State. Oregon lost in the shootout but hopes to get its first win tonight against California State Sacramento at Lane County Ice Arena.

The game begins at 7:30 p.m. and admission is free.

It's no World Series, but ...

After a long week of tryouts and an excellent turnout, Oregon's Club Baseball team is already making plans to have a successful spring season.

"Fifty players battled for 15 spots, so it was very competitive," coordinator Jonathan Loomis said. "The

group of guys that came out were definitely talented."

The team practices four days a week on both the Turf Field and in the Hayward Field House and is preparing for a Krispy Kreme fundraiser in January. The team will be selling the doughnuts on campus.

Kirsten McEwen is a freelance reporter for the Emerald.

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