

Football: Ducks secure second road win

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total offense.

"Our main goal is to shut down their rushing attack and make them go to the air," Valenzuela said. "They started passing early, and that is when all the fun happens and you get to pass rush and sack the quarterback."

"It's a good feeling to go in someone's house and take (the game) from them."

Neither team could do much with scoring opportunities early, and the game became a battle of field goals. Kicker Jared Siegel gave Oregon a 9-6 lead on a 21-yard field goal — his third of the game — late in the third quarter.

Stanford answered the Oregon field goal on its ensuing possession with a 13-play, 73-yard drive that resulted in a 2-yard touchdown pass from Ostrander to Patrick Danahy, giving the Cardinal a 13-9 lead.

Oregon regained a 16-13 lead on a 2-yard plunge by Whitehead on the Ducks' next possession.

Whitehead's score was set up by

what proved to be the game's most important play. Facing a fourth and three on the Stanford 38-yard line, Quarterback Kellen Clemens found wide receiver Keith Allen streaking up the left sideline for a 36-yard completion. Allen's route, which was originally slated as an eight-yard hitch, was switched when the Cardinal moved into a cover-two defense. Clemens lobbed the ball up for Allen, who made a sure-handed catch at the 2-yard line.

"I had two deep safeties. (Wide receiver) Demetrius (Williams) ran down the middle and drew one, and Keith beat his man to the outside," Clemens said. "I just kind of put it out there and let him make a play, and he came up big for us."

Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said he was pleased with the Ducks' on-field communication.

"The great thing is that (Clemens and Allen) were on the same page," Bellotti said. "I think on fourth down, (Stanford) was playing for the down and distance, and obviously, we got 'em."

Offensively, Oregon relied on a

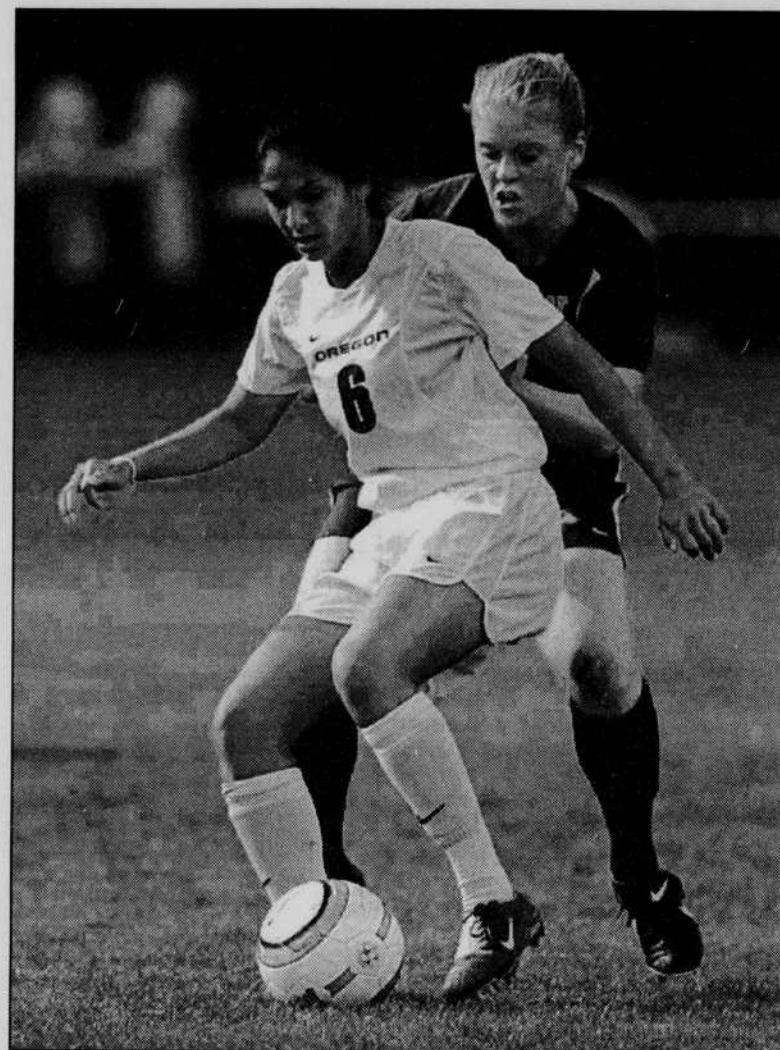
power running attack with Whitehead for most of the game. The Los Angeles native rushed 28 times for 131 yards, most of which were hard-fought carries between the tackles. He also caught nine passes for 82 yards.

Clemens completed 22 of 33 passes for 275 yards, but had a pair of streaks snapped. The Burns native was intercepted for the first time in 178 pass attempts when Cardinal defensive back Leigh Torrence snagged a pass that was deflected by Duck wide receiver Marcus Maxwell. Clemens' streak of 11 straight games with at least one touchdown pass ended as well.

Ostrander completed 18 of 29 passes for 236 yards and a touchdown for the Cardinal. Tight end Alex Smith established career highs with nine receptions and 110 yards.

The only downside to the Oregon win was the loss of center Enocha Lucas, who broke a finger on his snapping (right) hand. Bellotti said Lucas will miss at least one week.

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Oregon freshman forward Kami Kapaku scored the Ducks' first two conference goals this season, but they were unable to beat Washington and Washington State this weekend.

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the Huskies.

Ducks force a draw against Cougars

Friday night against Washington State was a showcase for the new, more aggressive Oregon offense.

The two teams battled to a 1-1 tie in 110 minutes of play.

Washington State made an early statement with a goal by forward Alix Rustrum in the third minute on a one-on-one that pulled Oregon goalkeeper Dominique Lainez out of the net. Lainez slid to try and knock the ball out, but Rustrum slipped the ball by her, jumped over Lainez and put the ball into the empty net.

Kapaku answered just before half-time on a defensive miscue by Washington State. The freshman put her third goal of the season into the left side of the net.

"I wanted to score to help set the tempo," Kapaku said. "It has been a while (since I scored), so it felt

good. I was disappointed that we didn't win because I thought we deserved it."

The Ducks received another solid, albeit unnoticed, performance from Abrahamson. The junior headed out many possible goals, including one in the first overtime of the match in which Abrahamson was standing on the one-yard line in front of an otherwise empty net.

"We would have liked to have won, but we played consistent," Abrahamson said. "We worked hard on defense ... (Coming in) we've been trying to get more shots off, so we emphasized that, and we were glad to see that we were better today."

The Ducks led in shots (12-9) and shots on goal (8-4).

"We put ourselves in a position to win," Steffen said. "At times we could have kicked the ball forward but kept it. We still need to work on our finishing."

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