

■ Duck soccer

# Oregon loses footing against Stanford, Cal

Two Cardinal goals in the final ten minutes killed an otherwise impressive showing for the Ducks

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The Oregon women's soccer team failed to earn its first road victory of the year this weekend in the Bay Area.

The Oregon-riddled Ducks lost 2-0 to Stanford in a tight match on Friday and fell behind early against California Sunday, losing 5-1. The two losses dropped the Ducks to 3-12-2 overall and 0-6-1 in the Pacific-10 Conference.

A combination of injuries and a lack of aggressiveness on offense have left the Ducks trying to play catch-up during each conference match.

For the weekend, the Ducks managed a total of only nine shots, while Stanford and Cal had 37 combined. Oregon was outpaced in shots on goal, 19-7, as well.

With many players sidelined due to injuries, a number of Oregon freshmen are seeing a generous amount of playing time. The Ducks routinely start two freshmen — forward Kami Kapaku and midfielder Dylann Karp — and run up to four off the bench.

The youth the Ducks put out on the field causes additional problems.

"Our youth makes us think that we could have a good game twice in a row without having to earn it," Oregon head coach Bill Steffen said. "You have to earn every minute, especially in the Pac-10."

## Ducks fall behind early to Cal

It took No. 13 Cal less than 30 seconds to get on the board Sunday. Cal's Caroline Lea netted a

10-yard shot 18 seconds into the match off an assist by Dania Cabello.

The Golden Bears added goals at 16:57 by Liz Eisenberg on an assist by Chioma Igwe, and by Jenny Wendell at 34:01 on a penalty kick to take a 3-0 lead into halftime.

"We played well today," California head coach Kevin Boyd said after Sunday's match. "We showed up with a lot of life and spirit to us. Caroline (Lea) getting a goal in the first 20 seconds was an indicator that we were ready to go."

The Ducks scored their only goal of the weekend at the 57:57 mark of the second half, when freshman Gennaka Fox netted the first goal of her career off an assist by Kapaku.

Fox had come into the match less than a minute before scoring.

"I've been trying to score for a while, so it was a little odd to get the chance so quickly," Fox said. "But I'll take what I can get."

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Bill Steffen | Oregon volleyball head coach

Cal added goals from Sierra Schlesinger and Katie Ratican in the second half.

Oregon goalkeeper

Domenique Lainez had one save before being replaced by Emily Marrer in the second half. Marrer finished with four saves.

## Ducks lose close match on Friday

Oregon took a 0-0 tie into the 80th minute against Stanford on

Friday before surrendering two goals in the last 10 minutes.

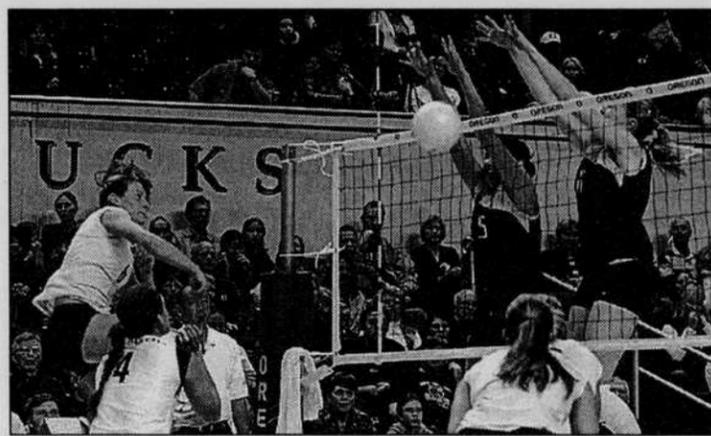
Stanford's Shari Summers scored the go-ahead goal at 80:34 on a 13-yard shot from the right box to the left corner of the net. Natalie Sanderson added an insurance goal two minutes later.

For the Ducks, Kapaku led the team in shots (3) and shots on goal (3). Junior midfielder Carlie Ashcraft added two shots, both on goal.

As a team, Stanford held an advantage in shots (18-5), shots on goal (8-5) and corner kicks (9-0).

"We played better in the second half," Steffen said. "Stanford is one of the deeper teams in the Pac-10 and also very good technically top to bottom. Our work rate and effort level helped make up for some of their possession time advantages. We created some chances in the second half, but couldn't convert."

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Oregon's Allyson Leavitt was held to 11 kills as Washington's Kaitlin Leck (5) and Darla Myhre (11) combined for seven block assists Friday at McArthur Court.

## Volleyball: Ducks maintain positive attack percentage

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percent of her attack attempts. Russell added seven kills in 29 attempts.

"What we had tonight was good leadership and great teamwork to give the Huskies the best battle we could," Ferreira said. "I thought we played with a lot more patience and mental focus from an attack standpoint."

As a team and individually, the Ducks never sank to a negative

mark in terms of attack percentage. Oregon hit for a team average of .128 and stayed in the positive for each game. Washington finished with a .259 percentage and 64 kills. Oregon recorded 37 kills.

"Just to go out and play with them, that's an accomplishment," Leavitt said. "We came out with some satisfaction. We weren't (expected) to win but we played really well."

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## Football: Whitehead rushes for 122 yards, one TD

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both statistical categories.

Leading the offensive charge once again was Terrence Whitehead. The junior rushed the ball 25 times for 122 yards, including a 30-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter to help finish off Washington.

"I'm just having fun right now," Whitehead said. "We're winning, and we just need to keep doing that."

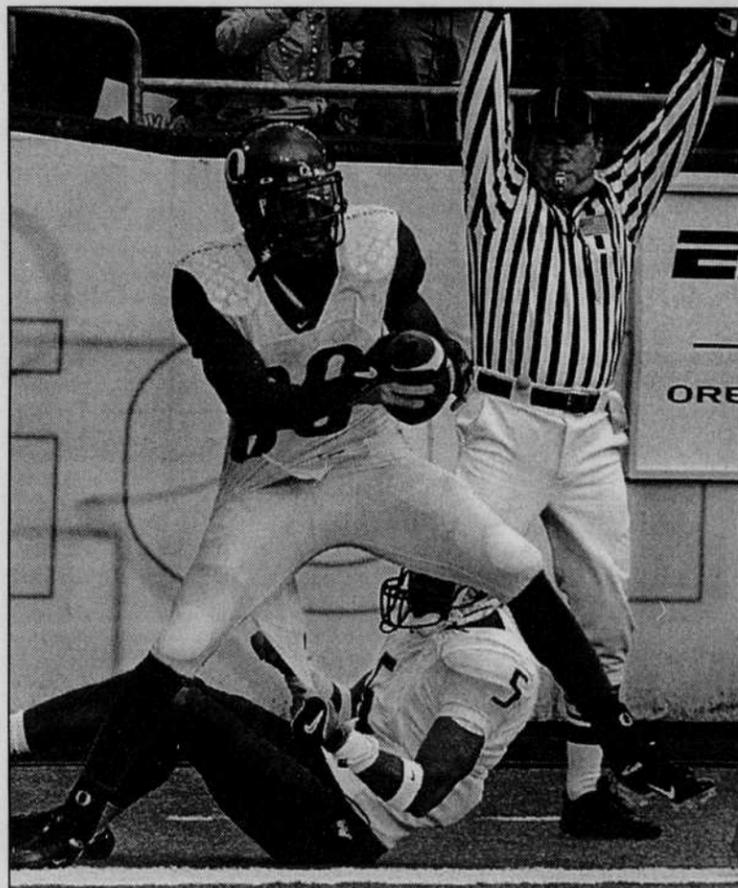
But during the second half, some Duck fans expressed their displeasure with the offense and booed after Oregon was unable to move the ball.

"I am embarrassed and ashamed of our fans," Bellotti said. "That absolutely is utterly irresponsible toward our players on the field. I don't care if they boo the coaches. I'm trying to figure out if you beat the Huskies 31-6 in your own stadium that any booing is needed. Call and boo on my telephone, don't do it to the players. That's a very jaded fan."

The Ducks received bad news injury-wise, as starting wide receiver Demetrius Williams was forced to leave the game in the first quarter due to the same nagging toe injury that has bothered him all season.

"I think he is going to have to rest quite a bit this week," Bellotti said. "It will probably be a late-week decision to see if he is available for Cal."

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Freshman wide receiver Cameron Colvin increases his adrenaline after catching his second touchdown pass of the game during Oregon's 31-6 win against Washington.

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