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Goodell was offside when she received teammate Alison Vislay's pass setting up the goal. Erickson and the rest of Oregon's coaching staff pleaded their case to the game officials, but the arguments fell on deaf ears.

"Calls aren't always going to go your way, but that's just part of the game," Erickson said. "There were many other things we needed to do today and we didn't do a lot of things right. We weren't playing well on defense, we weren't aggressive enough, but we did adjust pretty well in the second half."

By the time the buzz in the bleachers died down after Goodell's goal, she scored another in the final minute of the first half. Goodell's teammate Jen Crump took a shot at Chatfield that was deflected by a screening Oregon defender right to Goodell, who scored her second goal of the game from seven yards out at 44:03.

With a 3-1 deficit looming in front of them heading into the second half, Erickson's squad dug in their heels on defense and received much-needed help on offense from Garbin, their standout forward. The senior from Wailuku, Hawaii, cut the Beavers' lead to one with her ninth goal of the season. Gamble fed her with a cross that Garbin buried in Oregon State's net just five minutes into the half.

"We had the whole defense shifted and Caitlin sent in a nice ball," Garbin said. "The center-back was out of position and I was wide-open for a shot."

From there the Beavers did not surrender another goal, but scored another of their own in the 79th minute when Taylor sent a 30-yard free-kick past Chatfield. Taylor, a Wallasey, England native finished with two goals to help lead Oregon State to its first win in four games. The Beavers have now won four of

the last five Civil War meetings.

Garbin was happy with the two goals Oregon scored, but never thought they'd give up four to their rivals from Corvallis.

"I definitely didn't think we'd give up four," Garbin said. "A couple of those goals could have gone the other way. We went all-out, though. We tried our best and left it all out on the field."

Erickson expects to have her seniors Cristan Higa and Andrea Valadez in her starting lineup again Friday. The two returned to action against the Beavers following threegame absences due to injury. The Ducks return home to Papé Field to face the Bay Area schools of the Pacific-10 Conference Nov. 4 and 6, but first play Washington and Washington State on the road this weekend as their search for their first conference win continues.

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Still, it's difficult to grasp the fact that he's played his last game in an Oregon uniform.

The bottom line is Oregon escaped the desert as a 7-1 football team and should easily be able to point out the silver lining from its sloppy, gritty and gusty performance against Arizona.

As unfortunate as Clemens' injury was, if it was going to happen, the timing could not have been better.

On top of garnering their fourth straight win of the season and seventh straight against the struggling Wildcats, the Ducks now enter their bye week, which gives Bellotti and offensive coordinator Gary Crowton two weeks to integrate backup quarterbacks Dennis Dixon and Brady Leaf into the first team offensive rotation in preparation for No. 25 California.

Both took snaps at Monday's practice to begin the post-Kellen Clemens era.

Regardless of whether Oregon goes to a two-quarterback system, both Leaf and Dixon have the ability and tools to succeed in the Ducks' spread offense.

Dixon is Oregon's fastest athlete while Leaf has possibly the strongest arm, and when the two get confidence and experience Oregon can be the same explosive offense it was with Clemens at the helm.

"Dennis and Brady need to be ready to step up and get this thing done," Bellotti said. "We have playmakers, we just have to distribute the football the same way we've done. I've got a lot of confidence in our offense."

The pair arrived as two of Oregon's most highly-touted recruits looking to take over the reins after a couple years of learning the offense.

But their futures must begin a little sooner than anticipated.

While the sudden jump into the spotlight may equal a number of mistakes early, it's also a chance for each to showcase the future of Oregon football.

And with plenty of offensive weapons as well as a defense that has shown it can dominate — and win — football games, a 10-1 season remains a realistic possibility.

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4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. — Gerlinger Lounge

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5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. — Gerlinger Lounge Informal interaction

Thursday, November 10

4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. — Browsing Room

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Monday, November 21

4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. — Gerlinger Lounge

Third candidate: Name to be released one week prior to presentation

Faculty are invited to an Academic Forum with the candidates in the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art lecture room.

Friday, October 28 — 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. — Uday Sukhatme

Friday, November 11 — 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. — Candidate 2

Tuesday, November 22 — 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. — Candidate 3

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