

Councilor David Kelly said the city could also use buying threatened streambanks as a way to avoid developers' Measure 37 claims for compensation. "One way to assure protection of an important resource is to buy it."

But city staff appeared to resist this idea. City Manager Dennis Taylor complained that the acquisition proposal hadn't been "fully vetted" by city staff who would like to put forward competing priorities for the money.

The council also is considering new setback requirements for developers building next to sensitive streams. But Friends of Eugene President Kevin Matthews faulted city staff for failing to identify many streams needing protection. The new setback requirements apply to only 65 percent of the sensitive stream corridors identified a few years ago as targets for acquisition, according to Walch.

Matthews called the city's new setback regulations "a piece of garbage," for failing to identify all the threatened waterways. The city is trying to do the "absolute minimum protection that would pass muster with the state," he said. — Alan Pittman

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We all love the home team – and it helps when the players are aggressive, athletic, attractive and winning most of the time. Sports fans (and I don't mean just those Autzen habitués, or ESPN channel surfers) know that the UO women's soccer team may be the best "futbol" team in the state. It's even more delicious when more than one-third of the team is home-grown. That's right, we can go out and root for women who have bloodied their shins and dug in their cleats in the high school and select club programs of Oregon.

We wrote this column before the Duck women lost both conference openers in Arizona last weekend, 3-0 to Arizona State and 4-2 to Arizona. But we're sticking with them, hoping that our pride is only temporarily dimmed.

It is a real tribute to soccer in this state that so many players are competing at the Division 1 level. A nod also to first-year Duck Coach Tara Ericksen who can recognize local talent and is willing to work with it. Too often coaches miss the local stars while chasing a player no better a thousand miles away.

The most noticeable local plays in that soccer crucible known as the goal. She's Jessie Chatfield, the freshman sensation in the net from Churchill High school.

She has already recorded six shutouts in 12 games and brings enormous energy and courage to the anchor position. She has allowed 16 goals this year. Six of those were against number four ranked Portland, and if she hadn't been punching away shots and diving on the ball at the feet of onrushing Pilots, another six could easily have found the back of the net. Chatfield is the bomb-diggity for anyone who loves to watch smart, aggressive and athletic goalkeeping.

Other home-growners fill positions on the field from striker to stopper. Senior co-captain Katie Abrahamson from West Linn is starting alongside another talented freshman

from Churchill, Allison Newton on defense. Lisa Tedford, also a junior Olympic skier, plays defense off the bench, as does Jen Cameron from Sherwood. Madison Cheek and Tiffany Smith from Tigard and Eugene support Nicole Garbin up front, while Taylor Callan from Portland and Kaily Winther, Eugene – currently rehabbing a knee – play in the midfield.



Not all the stars hail from Oregon. It has to be a relief for every player to have Nicole Garbin back in the lineup after a year healing from injuries. As a power forward in the mold of the famous German, Gerd Muller, she can trap the ball in traffic, turn and deliver with power. She knows how to beat defenses and get results. Even though she comes from Hawaii, the fans at Pape field are smart enough to treat her like a native daughter.

Speaking of daughters, if you've got one take her over to the games next weekend.

Coming off their Arizona downer, the Ducks will be playing only four more times before the home crowd. These players are role models and members of our community. Just ask the elementary school girls who got to walk to school the other day with members of the team. The Ducks showed up at 7:15 am to participate in a "Walk to School Day."

Once the youngsters realized that the college students walking with them were soccer players they lit up. The little ones buzzed about their next games, the Ducks' next games and kicking around at recess. Those youngsters might be the home-growns of 2015.

The Ducks have four more home games: UCLA at 5 pm Friday, Oct. 14; USC at noon Sunday, Oct. 16; Cal at 5 pm Friday, Nov. 4; and Stanford at 1 pm Sunday, Nov. 6. All games are at Papé Field, next to Autzen stadium. — G. Posts

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