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Osprey's Home Opener a Scorcher

The Rogue Community College Ospreys women's soccer team launched its inaugural season on a scorching 100-plus degree day on Sat., Sept. 12 at Crater High School stadium in Central Point, Ore. The Ospreys battled hard, but came up short in a 2-0 loss to Portland Community College in a Northwest Athletic Conference match.

"The NWAC conference opener wasn't without its shining moments," said coach Rusty Veth, adding that the Ospreys played well despite the heat.

The temperature was nearly 115 degrees on the turf at game time, and with a small squad of 10, it was hard to rest players and two Ospreys were sidelined during the game with heat exhaustion.



Things were looking good for the Ospreys when they gained a corner kick in the 17th minute, but they were unable to capitalize on it. The match went scoreless until the 22nd minute when a PCC player was fouled 25 yards out from goal on the right side of the field. The free kick was sent far post, curling into the side netting of the outreaching Rogue keeper, Cassandra Wessels, making it a 1-0 game at the half. Wessels had 5 saves during the match.

In the second half, PCC found its way into a foot race with defender Katie LaPan and on-rushing keeper Wessels, but the Ospreys' double team came up short as a last ditch touch from the charging PCC forward made it's way off an RCC defender and squeaked through to be put away, making it 2-0 PCC.

The Ospreys pushed on through the game regardless of heat, goals, or players on the field, and ended the match with 2 corner kicks and 4 shots on goal to PCC's 0 and 9.

Coach Veth complimented the team on their hustle and good play.



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Rogue is back in action this week as they travel to Clark Community College in Vancouver, Wash. on Wed., Sept. 16.

For complete box score, visit

http://www.nwacsports.org/soccer/womens_gameinfo.php?id=2197.

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