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Everyday Champion - Whitney Goodell

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Senior forward Whitney Goodell has already put up three goals for the Beavers this season. With eight career goals and 16 points, Goodell brings experience, talent and passion to the Beavers' game. Whitney took a moment to talk about her experiences at Oregon State on and off the field.

Q. You have said one of your goals is to travel to every continent. Where have you already traveled to and where would you like to go next?

I traveled to Europe last year for a short few weeks, and visited England, Italy, and the Netherlands. Next February, I leave to study abroad in Australia for four months, and from there I hope to travel to New Zealand and more of Europe. I'd also really love to travel around South America, particularly Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, and Chile. But really, the overall global experience is what I crave. I am curious to visit everywhere!

Q. Why did you choose to major in environmental science and what do you plan on doing with your degree after you graduate?

I chose environmental science because it's what I love. I have a passion for the environment and I like to use my education to impact it in a positive way. I'd like to help move our world toward a more sustainable future and make changes at the societal level to conserve and improve the environment.

Q. What has been your favorite experience playing for the women's soccer team at Oregon State?



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This is a difficult question because I think the experience as a whole is what I've loved. Looking from the start of my experience as a freshman and seeing how things have changed and grown all the way through my senior year – that's exciting. But I think the best part of the experience is the teammates. The friendships you make when you spend year after year battling and working for each other are irreplaceable.

Q. With only three games left, what is a goal you have for yourself and for your team?

The goal I have for myself for these last three games is a goal that I think many soccer players have in the last weeks of their collegiate career, to enjoy the game to the fullest and appreciate the sport I've loved my whole life. This is tied very closely into the team. Soccer is a team sport, and if the team is playing every minute like they're having the time of their life working for each other, then I think we've reached our goal.

Q. How long have you been playing soccer and what got you into the sport?

I've been playing soccer for almost 15 years now. I was trying out a bunch of sports when I was young, and my older brother played soccer so I gave that a try. Needless to say, it quickly became my favorite sport and I dropped all the others.

Q. What has been your favorite class during your time at Oregon State and why?

I took Geo 300, Environmental Conservation and Sustainability, from Steve Cook my freshman year and that's what ultimately made me realize that I wanted to major in environmental science. I was previously in communications. That class made me realize that I had a drive for environmental issues that shouldn't be ignored.

BI 371, Ecological Methods, with Pat Muir was another favorite of mine. Pat is an amazing professor and that class was everything that a college course should be – challenging, engaging, and fun, but most of all evaluated on the basis of *applicable* knowledge. The course was structured for real-world learning, not multiple-choice memorization of useless knowledge.

Q. Do you have a favorite game you have experienced while playing at OSU?

Definitely one of my most memorable games at OSU was our Civil War my sophomore year. It was a home game, and I came into the game off the bench with five minutes left in the first half. The nail-biter game was tied at 1-1, but within three minutes, I scored two goals and pulled us ahead, setting us up to win the Civil War with a final score of 4-2. That was great for me, to be able to come in and play behind our two starting forwards at the time, and make such an impact in such an important game. Those are the games you remember.

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