

Forsyth's 'Gregory's Girl' is a gentle Scottish comedy



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A recent five-inch growth spurt has left teenager Gregory rather at odds with his gangly arms and legs. He moves along in fits and starts like an ostrich. It's that leap in size that Gregory attributes for his interestingly dismal performance on his school's soccer team. They've lost the last eight games in a row,

much to the chagrin of the team's hyperactive coach.

The young hero of the 1980 Scottish comedy "Gregory's Girl" assures his coach that football is only entertainment. "We give them a good laugh," says Gregory. The coach decides to build Gregory up as a striker. The good-natured Gregory, played by Gordon John Sinclair, manages to fling a one-week tryout to stay on the team, this time as a goalie.

As luck would have it, Gregory is replaced on the soccer team by

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a classmate. Not just any classmate. A terrific player, Dorothy is quick, graceful, blonde, leggy and worshipped by her less skilled teammates.

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The lovelorn Gregory snorts when he thinks about Dorothy and sinks when he laments the state of his would-be romance. But, as his friend points out, Gre-

gory ought to at least ask her for a date before complaining that his romance has gone sour. It's that invitation that sets Gregory on a wild goose chase of an evening that doesn't turn out at all like he expected. In the end, he doesn't really mind.

Like his later films, such as "Local Hero," Forsyth adds some whimsical touches to this amusing little comedy. Trying to cross a street, the gawky Gregory ends up pursued by a student driver. Then it turns out the instructor is his father.

For all his confusion, Gregory

at least makes more progress with the girls than do a couple of his buddies. They try to meet girls at lunch with snappy informative opening lines about how sneezing sends projectiles at more than 1000 miles per hour.

Out of desperation, the two end up on the highway with their thumbs up. Caracara or bust, after one tells the other there are eight women to one man in that city.

Sinclair is very likeable as the good-natured Gregory, with all his adolescent ticks and eccentricities. It's an amusing concoction of a film.

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