

# They're managing to do it well

No headlines, glory for the team behind the team



Photo by David Corey

The hours are long, the work is hard, but the job is worthwhile to Oregon's managers.

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Art Revis hasn't scored a touchdown in the three years he's been associated with the Oregon football team. Neither has two-year veteran Mark Brewer or freshmen Dave Taylor and Ed Coleman.

They haven't put points up on the big scoreboard, but they have scored big in the eyes of the coaches and players.

They are the football managers. They may not be as important to the team as a punter, running back or quarterback, but they do provide a valuable service to the sport.

It's their job to make sure the quarterbacks have footballs to throw, punters have shoes to kick with and linemen have pads to hit with.

"You couldn't have a football team without them," says coach Rich Brooks. "The players work hard on the field, but the managers work hard both on the field and off."

Brooks praises his managing crew for their effort in pre-practice and post-practice preparation — duties that usually take 1½ hours before and after practice to complete.

Hard work and long hours are trademarks of a football manager's job. During double-session practices in the fall, their day begins at 7:30 a.m. and often doesn't end until 9 p.m.

When school starts, they report at 1:30 p.m. and go home when the work is done, usually around 7 p.m.

"Basically, the four student managers follow the same schedule as the football players," says Pat Conrad, permanent equipment manager.

He says this year's managers have done a fine job with limited budgets and facilities, and favors Oregon's managing team

over other college teams that have 10-15 managers.

He says Arizona State has five equipment managers and five field managers, while Michigan State has 13 equipment managers and seven student managers.

"Our lack of facilities and manpower causes us more work, but our managers receive more benefits in return compared to other teams," Conrad says.

The head manager receives three terms of tuition and books as payment, the second manager gets two terms and the remaining two get one term each.

They also get four free tickets to home games, free tutoring and "training table," which means they eat their meals with the players — three meals per day before the season starts and dinner-only after the school year begins.

One thing the managers do not receive is a lot of time off, sophomore manager Mark Brewer says.

Preparing for away games keeps the managers busy for days before the team even runs out onto the field. Seven huge trunks full of equipment and uniforms must be packed and trucked to the airport and then loaded onto the plane. Revis drives the truck and supervises the loading and unloading of the plane.

"We work hard before the games so our players can run out onto the field knowing their equipment and uniforms are second to none," says Revis, a senior in his third managing year.

The head manager goes to all away games, while the second in seniority attends three. The two freshmen accompany the team once each.

Conrad says experience is not a prerequisite to managing, but a love for the job is necessary. Like many football managers, Conrad started as a player, but a knee injury in his first year of junior college

sidelined him. He came back to help the Ducks as manager and returned again the following year because he enjoyed the job thoroughly.

Revis took a different route on his way to a manager's job with the Ducks. He was an interim head coach at a high school in California, but was not eligible for the regular position because he lacked a college degree. So, he decided to get a college education and enrolled at the University as a history major.

Revis still wanted to be around football, so he applied for the manager's job.

"The experience of working with coach Brooks and the others will help me immensely when I return to coaching," he says.

Sophomore Mark Brewer was the bottom man last year, but with two years of experience under his belt, he is in line for the head manager's job next season.

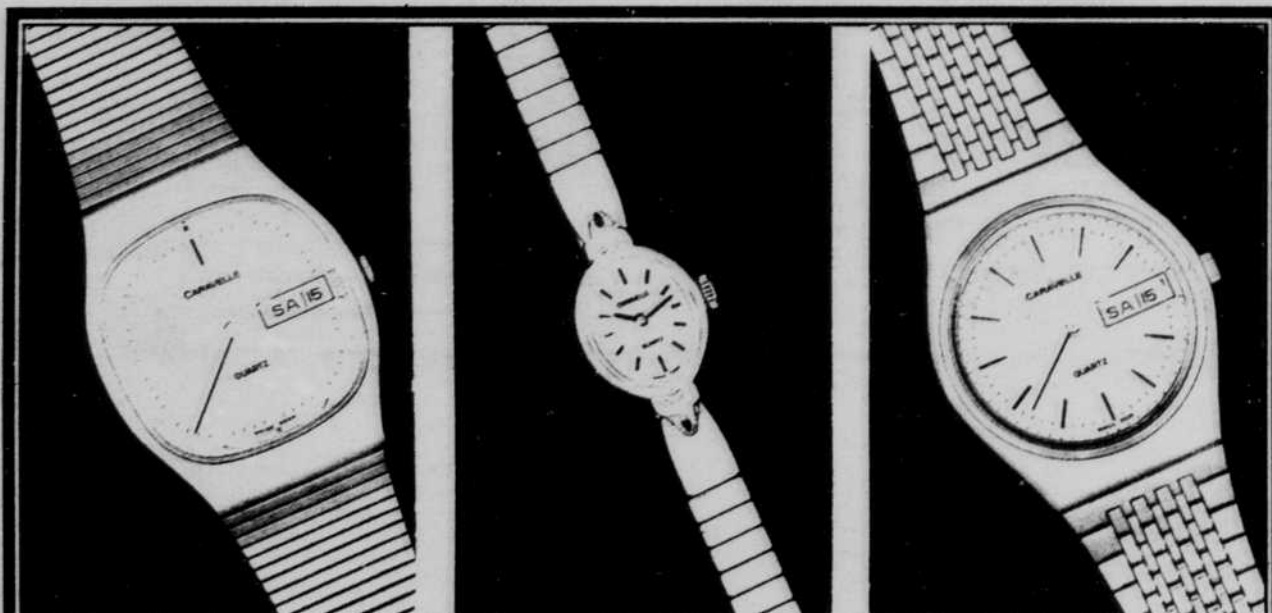
Brewer says most of the pregame work is done ahead of time, making Saturday a day of rest. However, keeping track of 100 uniforms, repairing equipment and accounting for 30 footballs keeps him on his toes all day long.

Brewer says, "The job doesn't always get the respect it deserves," but the friendship of the coaches and players makes up for it."

Taylor, one of the two freshmen managers, adds, "The best thing about this job is the people you meet. It's been a lot more work than I expected, but I plan on doing it for the four years I'm here."

Ed Coleman, the other freshman manager, has hopes of playing split end for the Ducks next season. The telecommunications major played football for Churchill last year and hopes to join the team as a walk-on.

Coleman, who grew up with the Ducks, says, "I used to watch the games from the stands, but now I've got the best seat in the stadium."



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## Yankees take first game

NEW YORK (AP) — Bob Watson, one of those Yankees' "Old Folks," hit a three-run homer in the first inning that carried New York to a 5-3 victory Tuesday night over the Los Angeles Dodgers in the first game of the 1981 World Series.

The 35-year-old Watson and some of his veteran teammates

had come under fire by Yankees owner George Steinbrenner during New York's American League East Division playoff series with Milwaukee. But Watson, who had 11 hits in the division and championship series, answered Steinbrenner's complaints again with a home run in his first World Series at-bat.

The victory went to Ron Guidry, 11-5 with a 2.76 earned run average during the season. He checked Los Angeles on four hits and six strikeouts through seven innings before retiring in favor of relievers Ron Davis and then Goose Gosage.

The Dodgers scored their last two runs in the eighth inning, but the Yankees were saved from further damage in that frame when third baseman Craig Nettles made a spectacular leaping catch of a drive by Steve Garvey.

It was the renewal of one of baseball's most intense World Series rivalries in a season that had shattered tradition. The Dodgers and Yankees have met 10 times previously in the fall classic.

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