

Saturday's action means Sunday's bruises

Aches and pains don't go away

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Duck linebacker Dwight Ford is in good spirits during a Thursday afternoon practice.

He easily struts through his defensive assignments in preparation for Saturday's game against USC. The Ducks had just come off a strong effort against top-ranked Washington, and Ford was looking forward to the Trojans.

The scene changes. Sunday morning Ford has a noticeable limp and looks a bit dazed as he stands in his street clothes watching the rest of the Ducks stretch out. Ford suffered a lower leg injury in the first quarter of the Duck's 38-7 loss to USC and was forced to sit out the rest of the game.

McArthur Court. The center diagnoses and treats injuries.

"Personally, I have had a lot of ankle troubles. Usually, Sunday I can't walk. Your ankle is so sore, you don't want to do anything, but you know it (going to the treatment center) is the only way you will get better. My love of football gets me out," Zinke grimaced.

Whether the team won or lost has a lot to do with how a player deals with "the day after the game" syndrome.

"You have a pretty good feeling if you accomplished something, but there is always that empty feeling if you lose," said Todd Bland, sophomore fullback.

For some players, like injury-plagued quarterback Mike Jorgensen, the next day can be

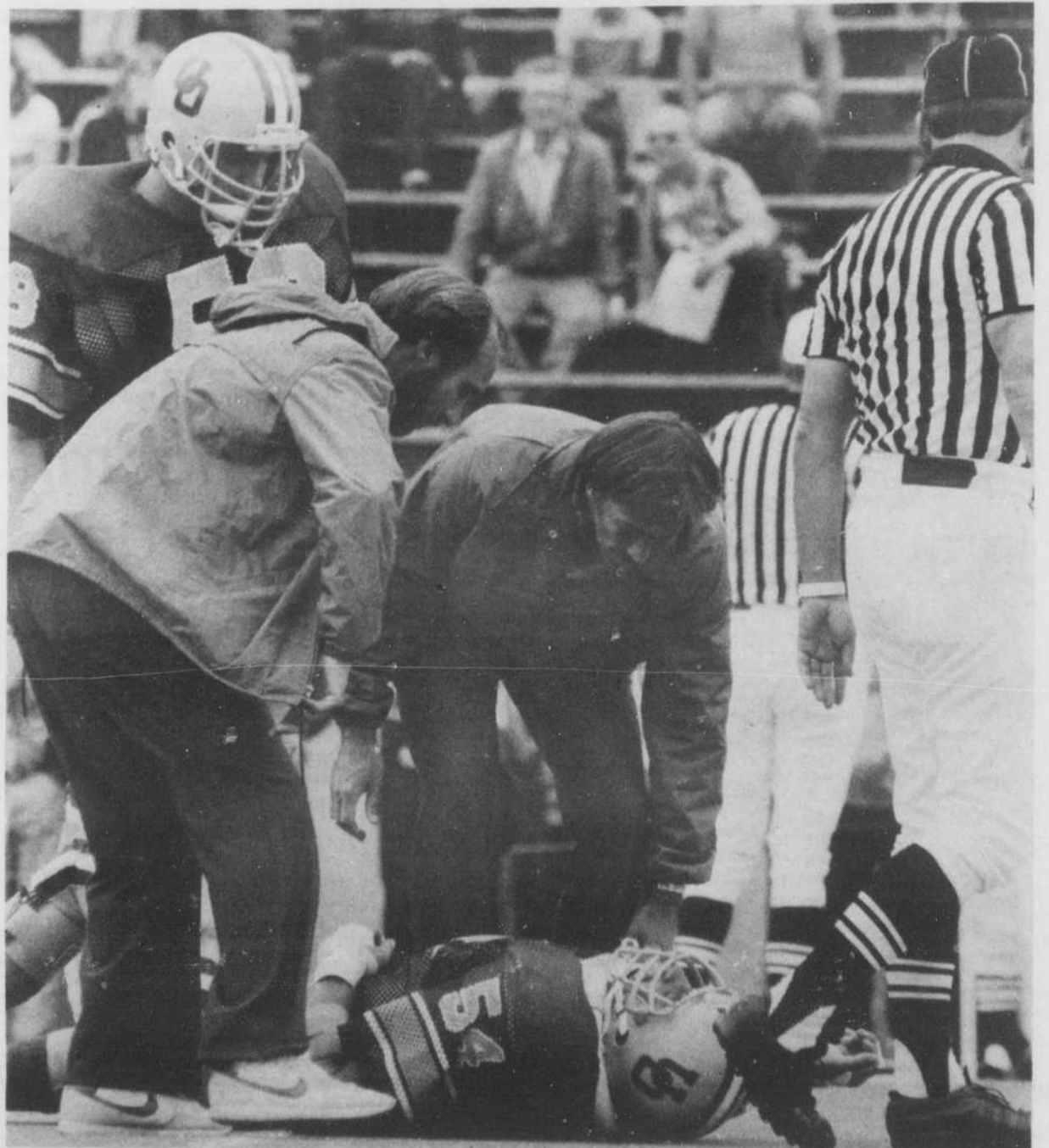


Photo by David Corey

Oregon trainers huddle over Mike Walters after the senior defensive end took a hard shot.

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It was like going "into a street fight, giving it all I had and coming out of it with nothing, but your pride," Ford said.

Sunday is a day most college football players do not look forward to, especially after a losing effort. It's the day that the bumps and bruises of the past day's action come to a crashing, painful realization. Center Ryan Zinke described the morning after as though he went through "16 rounds in a boxing match. Your back pops, you have a headache and you just want to lay in bed all day."

For Zinke, the morning after just getting out of bed can be a major struggle. And, as for many others, it entails going to the treatment center located at

"tough" and the emotions of a game against a big rival like Washington or USC can stay with him until the next day. Jorgensen described the mental aggravation of the day after as "a little broken up, since we came so close to beating the Huskies and losing to them in the end." Oregon led Washington 21-17 in the fourth quarter, before falling 37-21.

With the Duck's dismal start, the morning afters of the 1982 campaign have been painful for the entire team. Jorgensen termed the atmosphere in the locker room on Sundays as "quiet."

Ford said, "If you were winning and you play a hard game, it eases the pain a lot more from

the bumps and bruises. When you lose a game, sometimes you feel sorry for your little aches and pains and tend to nurse them a little bit more."

Middle linebacker Chris Cosgrove, said the morning after is "mentally tiring, especially after losing. It is sad and it really hurts since it is my senior season."

The morning after isn't easy

for the coaches either, especially after an 0-5 start.

"Mentally it has an effect on you," said Oregon coach Rich Brooks. "You go out and prepare and put a lot of time and effort and energy into something and the results don't turn out the way you want them to. It (the next day) is a little bit on the down side, but you have to get

over it and get on with the next one. If you go five weeks without a real emotional uplift, it becomes a little bit harder."

For some players, the morning after can be dealt with, but the overtones of the previous day's play can always be seen. Quarterback Kevin Lusk summed up the general feeling. "It isn't too bad, it is just your pride that hurts the most."

Milwaukee, St. Louis gain World Series Brewers never quit

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee Brewers capped baseball's greatest comeback, riding a two-run seventh-inning single by a struggling Cecil Cooper to a 4-3 victory over the California Angels in Game 5 of the American League Championship Series to win the pennant and earn their first shot at the World Series.

Their backs against the wall in the closing days of the season, the Brewers turned adversity into victory by winning the last three games of this best-of-five playoff. No other team had accomplished that feat in the 13 years of league championship play. In fact, only one other team — the 1972 Detroit Tigers — had tied a series 2-2 after losing the first two.

Needing to win on the final day of the regular season in order to capture their first AL division title, the Brewers did.

Needing two good pitching performances to win Games 3 and 4 and tie the series, the Brewers got them.

And, in the deciding game of the series, needing one of their best hitters to break out of a series-long slump, he did.

With his team trailing 3-2 in the seventh inning, Cooper came to bat with two out and the bases loaded after singles by Charlie Moore and Jim Gantner and walk to Robin Young. He had only two hits in his previous 19 series at-bats. With the count one and one and facing the California stopper, right-hander Luis Sanchez, Cooper slapped a single into left field that delivered the tying and go-ahead runs and capped the Brewers' historic comeback.

The pennant came in Harvey Kuenn's first season as a big league manager and it had to have provided the former big league shortstop and former batting coach with some measure of consolation for his tribulations of the past six years.

McGee leads Cards

ATLANTA (AP) — Rookie Willie McGee drilled a two-run triple and a home run as St. Louis charged into the 1982 World Series, clinching the National League pennant with a 6-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves Sunday night.

The triumph, with the help of another door-shutting relief job by Bruce Sutter, completed a three-game sweep of the National League Championship Series for the Cardinals and put them in the World Series for the first time since 1968. It is the 13th NL pennant for St. Louis, which hosts the first two games of the World Series against the American League champion Milwaukee Brewers beginning Tuesday night.

Joaquin Andujar, the National League's pitcher of the month in September when he won five games and had a 0.80 earned run average, throttled the Braves on just two hits over the first six innings. But he tired in the seventh, surrendering both Braves

runs on four hits before Sutter, who led the league with 36 saves, came on to nail down the victory and the pennant for the Cardinals.

The Cardinals gave Andujar a comfortable early cushion, knocking out Atlanta starter Rick Camp in the second inning with four quick runs in a rally started by Keith Hernandez, who opened the inning with a single to left field.

Camp got two strikes on the next batter, Darrell Porter, but lost him, issuing a base on balls.

When George Hendrick followed with a single to right, Hernandez dashed home with the game's first run. That brought pitching coach Bob Gibson to the mound for a word with Camp. The advice didn't do much good because McGee drilled the next pitch up the alley in right-center field, scoring Porter and Hendrick. The ball got to the wall on two bounces and McGee zipped into third with his second triple of the series.