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Football players Joe Reitzug, Collin Hall, and Greg McCallum walked-on at Oregon with no guarantees, and now they are playing major roles for the Ducks.

Hard work pays for Duck walk-ons

By Paul Morgan

For Oregon football players Joe Reitzug, Collin Hall, and Greg McCallum, there were no scholarship advantages, no easy roads into the starting line up. There was just determination and faith in themselves.

These three players walked-on at Oregon with no guarantees and now their faith and determination has paid off.

Hard work resulted with starting roles in 1990 for Reitzug, one of the top receivers the Ducks had in 1989, and McCallum, last year's record setting place kicker. Hall took over at center and started six games last year after Scott Boatright

went down with a knee injury, and will be behind Boatright in the depth chart when the season begins; but the impact of his performance last year will not soon be forgotten.

At times it was a trying experience for each of them as they tried to make the most of every opportunity granted them. But as walk-ons the odds weren't good that they would be given large roles.

"That just shows you what determination and dedication will do." Oregon Coach Rich Brooks said of Reitzug and Hall. "They didn't listen to people who said 'you are not big enough or fast enough," they both went out and did it with a

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