

# Oregon assistant does it all

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When Oregon athletic director Rich Brooks recently announced his department was being reshuffled, it was nothing new to Neal Zoumboukos, Oregon's jack of all trades.

Officially, Zoumboukos is an assistant head coach and offensive line coach for the Duck football team, but he does much more than that. He oversees the team's travel, budgets and walk-on program, as well as his new job supervising the maintenance and operations staff.

"When coach Brooks became athletic director, he asked me to take some additional duties," Zoumboukos said. "I told him I would help him in any way possible. My new role is basically to be the complaint center. When there are differences

within the operations of our facilities, I will try to settle them."

"Neal Zoumboukos is naturally aware of who is using our various facilities on a day-to-day basis and possesses outstanding administrative skills from being my assistant head coach," Brooks said. "He is able to observe what the needs are firsthand."

Two years ago Brooks elevated Zoumboukos to assistant head coach - a role that requires him to set up the team's travel schedule and budget, among other things.

"I take care of the budget and travel for the team," Zoumboukos said. "This enables coach Brooks to look after the student-athlete instead of worrying about where the paper clips are."

When he finally gets around to coaching, Zoumboukos says

he is happy with the way his offensive line is coming together.

"I am pleased with the play of the line," Zoumboukos said. "They have made progress each week and with five of our final six games against ranked teams, they will need to continue to get better."

Zoumboukos graduated from the University of California-Davis and began his coaching career there as well. After a year at Davis, the coach went to the University of San Francisco for three years, where he was offensive and defensive coordinator at different times.

After leaving San Francisco, Zoumboukos returned to his alma mater. During his seven years there, the Mustangs won the conference title every year and were ranked No. 1 in Divi-

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## Thompson honored once again

Oregon kicker Tommy Thompson has been named Pacific-10 Conference special teams Player of the Week for the second time in three weeks.

Thompson received the honor for his performance against Arizona State on Saturday. Thompson scored more than half of Oregon's points in its 30-20 victory over the Sun Devils.

Thompson hit five of six field goals and an extra point for a 16-point total.

Against Texas Tech, Thompson received the same honor after kicking three field goals in the Ducks' 16-13 win over the Red Raiders.

Thompson, who is also Oregon's punter and kickoff man, has now hit 9 of 15 field goals on the year.

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