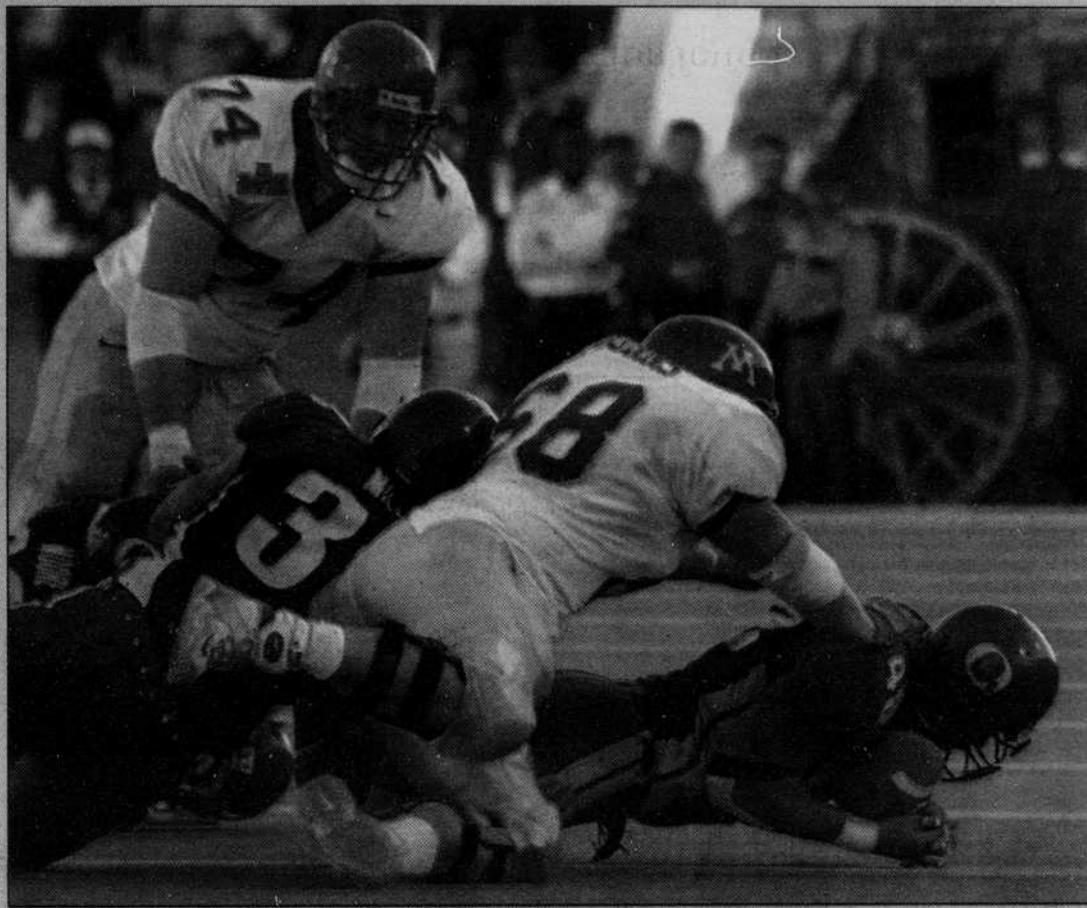


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Defensive end Saul Patu clinches Oregon's Sun Bowl victory with a fumble recovery after linebacker Dietrich Moore's sack with 41 seconds left.

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EL PASO, Texas — It was a nail-biting, breathtaking and, most of all, fitting end.

After a regular season defined by last-minute heroics, the Oregon football team again came through when it mattered most to secure a 24-20 upset of No. 12 Minnesota at the 66th Sun Bowl on Dec. 31.

Sophomore quarterback Joey Harrington, already the engineer of game-winning drives against Arizona and Arizona State, continued to thrive in waning-moment pressure situations.

With the Ducks trailing 20-17 and facing

probably their last gasp on a fourth-and-11 late in the fourth quarter, Harrington stepped up in the pocket and found that familiar go-to guy, senior wide receiver Tony Hartley. The 23-yard reception gave Hartley his seventh for 113 yards and Oregon new life at the Golden Gopher 21-yard line.

"I scrambled, and Tony just slid open," said Harrington, who completed 20-of-43 passes for 232 yards and threw for one touchdown while running for two others. "He's our big-play maker, and he made another big play."

Three plays later, Harrington found

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