

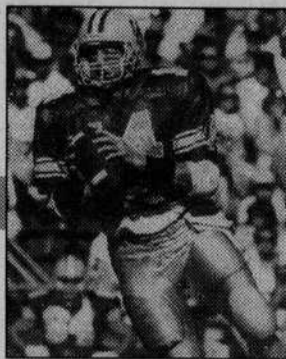
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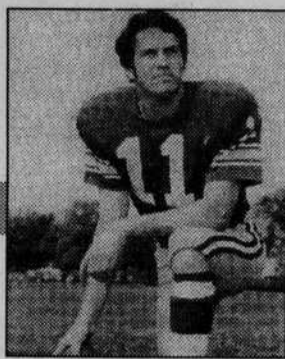
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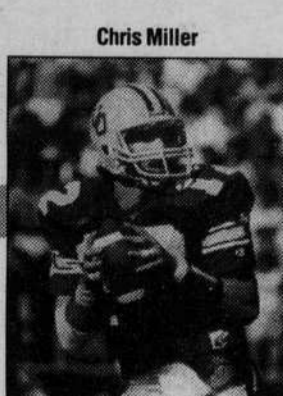
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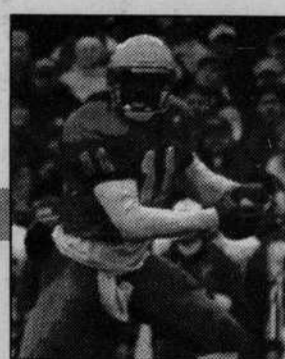
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Dan Fouts



Chris Miller



Akili Smith

■ In a program rich in quarterback history, Joey Harrington is making his way to the top of the list... and perhaps to New York next month

By Adam Jude  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Joe College? Too generic.  
Joey Heisman? Glamorous, but not quite right (at least not yet).

Princess? A little harsh.

Mr. Clutch? Appropriate, yet not preferred.  
"Just Joey," said Oregon's senior quarterback, Joey Harrington. "It makes me sound younger."

Whatever you choose to call him, Joey Harrington will respond — well, maybe not when teammate and former roommate Justin Peelle calls him "Princess" — and almost always with positive results.

In two and a half years as Oregon's starting quarterback, Harrington has proven to be one of the most effective signal callers in Pacific-10 Conference history. Harrington's success, which includes nine fourth-quarter come-from-behind wins and a 23-3 record as a starter, may also earn him a trip to New York on Dec. 8, when the Heisman Trophy will be handed out to the nation's top college football player.

"Generally, the Heisman goes to the player on a winning team," said the 6-foot-4, 220-pound Portland native. "So if I end up in New York, we're probably going to be 10-1, which would be absolutely terrific. But it's not something I think of too much."

"I control what I can on the field."

An Oregon player has ever won the Heisman, including quarterback greats Akili Smith (1997-98), Danny O'Neil (1991-94), Bill Musgrave (1987-90) and Chris Miller (1983-86).

According to ESPN.com, Harrington is third in the Heisman race behind Nebraska senior quarterback Eric Crouch and Miami junior quarterback Ken Dorsey. The top four vote-getters for the Heisman — selected by 175 members of the media — will be invited to New York for the annual presentation. A trip to the Big Apple would be Harrington's

second of the year, as he was on hand to unveil his 100-foot poster in May, a \$250,000 marketing campaign paid for by donors.

"I assume we'll all have a much better feel after the Civil War, but, yes, definitely, he should be (in New York)," head coach Mike Bellotti said. "If you look at his touchdown-to-interception ratio, his winning tradition over the course of his career — there's very few people that have meant as much to their program as he has to ours."

In comparison, Crouch has thrown for 1,310 yards, seven touchdowns and eight interceptions this season for the top-ranked Huskers, but he has also rushed for 958 yards and 16

TDs. Dorsey is 139-for-228 passing for 2,006 yards with 15 TDs and eight interceptions.

Harrington is 175-of-300 for 2,310 yards, with 23 TDs and five interceptions. He has also rushed for seven TDs. In his career, Harrington has accounted for 74 touchdowns (55 passing, 17 rushing, one receiving), breaking O'Neil's school-record 67.

One factor that will likely play into the final balloting, as Harrington said, is the team's performance. Nebraska is undefeated and ranked No. 1 in the Bowl Championship Series. Miami, also undefeated, is No. 2. Both teams, though, still have three games left to play, while the No. 7 Ducks wait to play their

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## Just Joey



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## Oregon Career Passing

	Years	PA	PC	YG	Pct.	TD
1. Bill Musgrave	1987-90	1104	634	8343	.574	60
2. Danny O'Neil	1991-94	1132	636	8301	.562	62
3. Chris Miller	1983-86	1015	560	6681	.552	42
4. Joey Harrington	1998-	864	473	6457	.547	55
5. Dan Fouts	1970-72	956	482	5995	.504	37
6. Akili Smith	1997-98	571	323	5148	.566	45
7. Tony Graziani	1993-96	670	362	4498	.540	25
8. Jack Henderson	1975-77	842	411	4360	.488	17
9. Bob Berry	1962-64	520	282	4297	.542	39
10. George Shaw	1951-54	513	229	3088	.446	17

## Pac-10 Career Touchdown Passes

TD	Player
1. 77	John Elway, Stanford, 1979-82
2. 75	Steve Stenstrom, Stanford, 1991-94
3. 66	Cade McNown, UCLA, 1995-99
4. 65	Jake Plummer, ASU, 1993-96
5. 62	Danny O'Neil, Oregon, 1991-94
6. 60	Bill Musgrave, Oregon, 1987-90
7. 59	Ryan Leaf, WSU, 1995-97
8. 58	Rob Johnson, USC, 1991-94
9. 55	Joey Harrington, Oregon, 1998-

final game Dec. 1 against Oregon State, a team that spoiled Oregon's hopes of a Rose Bowl last year.

Despite a loss to Stanford on Oct. 20, Harrington said he has not given up hope of getting to the national championship game this year, which will be played at the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3.

"We did get knocked down, but we're not out," he said. "We know it's a long shot, but if we win and teams lose, we'll have a shot. That's all we're asking for."

Harrington has made the most of his situation with the Ducks since earning the starting Turn to Joey, page 12

## Bigger than usual Apple Cup to have impact on idle Ducks

■ With both the Cougars and Huskies ranked in the top-25, there's more at stake in this year's showdown in Seattle

By Jeff Smith  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Whatever happens in Saturday's 94th Apple Cup between the two Washington schools, the seventh-ranked Ducks will benefit.

Should the Huskies rebound from their disappointing loss at Oregon State and beat the Cougars at home, Oregon would be guaranteed at least a berth in the Fiesta Bowl. The Ducks could then lose at home to Oregon State on Dec. 1

and still gain the Pacific-10 Conference's top bowl bid because they have the tiebreaker advantages.

Should the Cougars come away with a win at Husky Stadium, though, the Ducks would continue to gain more points in the Bowl Championship Series rankings. A Washington State victory would keep the Cougars high in the BCS standings, where they're currently No. 8, and thus give Oregon "quality win" points for beating a team ranked in the BCS top-15.

"I don't think I can root for either team," Oregon senior tight end Justin Peelle said.

Of course, the 16th ranked Huskies

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## UO set to open with Alabama St.

■ The men's basketball team begins its season tonight against the Hornets, an NCAA Tournament team last year

By Peter Hockaday  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Mission: NCAA Tournament.

Impossible? Freddie Jones and the rest of Oregon men's basketball players think a trip to the NAAs is not out of reach this season.

"Everybody on this team feels that we can go to the tournament," Jones said.

The road to Bracketville 2002 will begin tonight against a team that danced in March Madness last season.

The Ducks will take on Alabama State at 8:15 p.m. at McArthur Court. The game will be the second contest of the America's Youth Classic Tournament, which kicks off at 6 p.m. with Long Beach State taking on Western Michigan. Oregon will take on West-

ern Michigan on Friday night, then Long Beach State on Saturday as the teams all play each other.

Oregon will try to win its 10th-straight season opener tonight against the Hornets of Alabama State. The Hornets received an automatic bid to the 2001 NCAA Tournament after they won the Southwestern Athletic Conference title last season.

"They are a small, strong team that will shoot the ball deep," Oregon head coach Ernie Kent said.

Alabama State, a No. 16 seed in the tournament last season, drew No. 1-seed Michigan State in the first round and lost 69-35. This season, the Hornets return top scorer Tyrone Levett and three other starters from last year's team.

The Ducks convincingly won both of their exhibition games last week by scores of 95-47 and 85-65. But the Oregon players felt they showed several glaring weaknesses, which they will look to im-

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