

NFL scouts begin quarterback debate for draft

■ Joey Harrington and David Carr, expected to be the first quarterbacks taken in the NFL draft, work out on Sunday

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Let the debate begin.

Quarterbacks worked out for NFL scouts for the first time Sunday at the NFL combine, fueling the debate over who will be the first quarterback taken on April 20. Will it be former Oregon quarterback Joey Harrington or David Carr, the former Fresno State star?

Most NFL scouts and draft analysts have Carr listed as the top quarterback in the draft and possibly the No. 1 pick overall, which belongs to

the expansion Houston Texans. ESPN.com's Len Pasquarelli said that Carr will "no doubt" be the Texans top choice for the No. 1 pick, despite Carr's unorthodox sidarm delivery.



HARRINGTON

Harrington's workout Sunday did not go unnoticed. In fact, Pasquarelli said Harrington was the "star of the throwing session."

"I was very impressed with Harrington," one NFL head coach told CNN.com. "He's very smooth. I like his mechanics. Very fluid.

Very natural. Not labored at all. If I were to rank them based on what I saw today, I'd put Harrington above Carr.

"But you can't base it on just this."

Harrington was not at full strength entering the workout. He was battling a head cold and dealing with the hospitalization of his grandfather, Bernie Harrington.

"I feel terrible," Harrington said. "It's been a long week. ... What people don't realize is how difficult the two days are leading

up to these workouts. It's a very draining weekend.

"When people talk about how tough it is to perform at the combine, it's not necessarily the track or necessarily the field itself. It's just a difficult weekend — mentally, physically. It's draining. They get you up early, they keep you up late, they want to see how you can respond to an adverse situation."

Prior to the combine, some draft experts had Harrington falling out of the top 10, but Pasquarelli said

Sunday that the "Oregon star answered any doubts some teams harbored about him and re-established himself as a certain first round selection."

ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr. projects Harrington to be the third overall pick, which belongs to the Detroit Lions. Former Oregon quarterback Akili Smith was the third overall pick in the 1999 draft (Cincinnati).

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got it back and threw in a runner with 12 seconds left. The Bruins got the ball back and still had one timeout remaining, but never used it. UCLA freshman Ryan Walcott missed a three-pointer with less than three seconds left and Oregon's Robert Johnson grabbed the rebound to seal the Ducks' Los Angeles sweep.

"All that from a team that can't win on the road, huh?" Kent said, referring to the Ducks' label as a team that loses close games away from McArthur Court.

Oregon was led by Jones' 22 points and Ridnour's 14. The Bruins got a career game from center Dan Gadzuric, who had 22 points, but got only 24 combined points from their four other starters.

"Our game plan was to make them bored, take this crowd out of the game," Kent said.

For much of the first half, Oregon

indeed kept UCLA's crowd out of the game. Over a two-minute stretch midway through the first frame, the Ducks got a pair of treys from senior guard Anthony Lever and led 31-21 with 5:35 left.

The Bruins chipped away at the Ducks' lead and eventually went ahead 49-48 on a Walcott three with 7:50 remaining in the game. But Oregon guard James Davis answered with a trey of his own, and the Ducks never trailed for the remainder of the contest.

"We just came out here and gutted it out," said Ridnour, who admitted that the Ducks were "tired" after their emotional win over USC on Thursday.

For Kent, the end of the regular season is only the beginning of a third season: the postseason.

"They're on a magical run right now," said Kent of his Ducks.

"Phase three, here we come."

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