

Harrington

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quarterback Mike McMahon — who will be the starter heading into summer camp — it appeared the Lions were prepared to go with Texas defensive back Quentin Jammer with the third pick.

"I was unbelievably surprised," Harrington said. "Honestly, I had been told five minutes earlier that they were going in another direction. So, I was just about to sit down with my mom and dad and watch the Lions pick someone else, and then I got a phone call."

Lions President Matt Millen, in a press conference Saturday, said he was convinced within the last week that Harrington was the right pick for Detroit, which finished 2-14 last year.

"He has the intangibles," Millen said. "The kid has leadership skills, the kid has presence. He has all the things you look for in a quarterback."

Harrington was one of six Ducks selected to join the NFL ranks this weekend. Former Oregon tight end Justin Peelle, a fourth-round selection (103rd overall) by the San Diego Chargers on Sunday, said he was excited to hear his name called and was also happy for Harrington,

his former roommate.

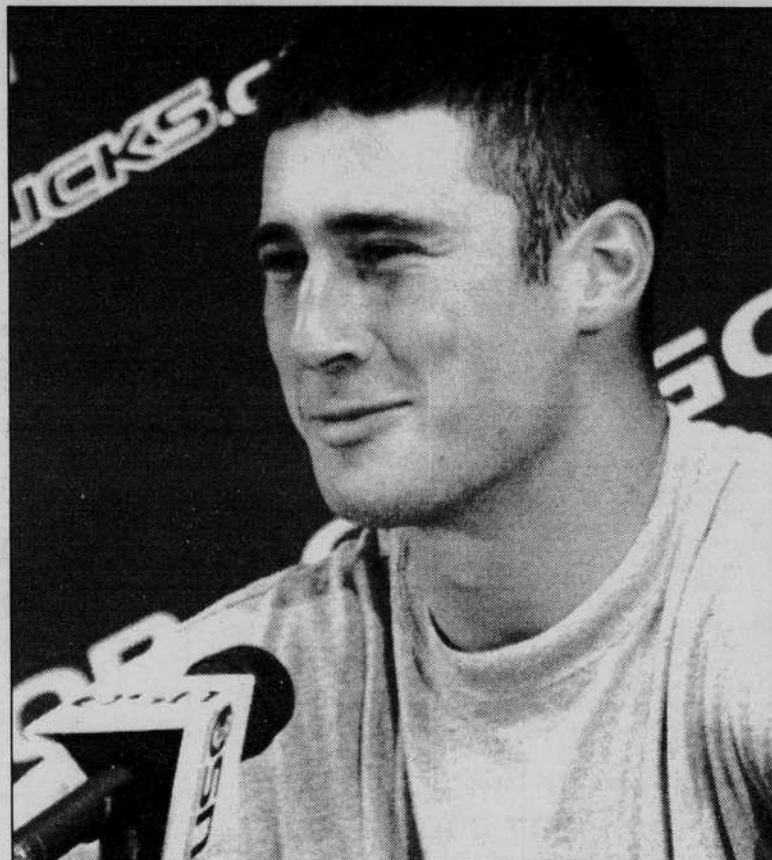
"If anyone deserves it, Joey does," said Peelle, who had nine touchdown catches from Harrington in 2001. "A lot of the success I've had is really because of him."

Maurice Morris, who rushed for more than 1,000 yards the last two years with the Ducks, was selected by the Seattle Seahawks with the 22nd pick in the second round (54th overall). Washington selected defensive back Rashad Bauman with the 14th pick of the third round (79th overall).

Outside linebacker Wesley Malard, who led Oregon in tackles in 2001, was a sixth round pick by the New York Giants (188th overall). Defensive back Steve Smith, who had three interceptions in the Ducks' Fiesta Bowl victory over Colorado on Jan. 1, was a seventh-round pick (246 overall) by the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"These last two days just continued to prove what a great year it was for our senior class and Oregon football," Peelle said. "I think this is one of the biggest classes (drafted in the NFL) in Oregon history. It's just awesome; it's a great feeling and a great testament to our success."

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Joey Harrington, seen here at a press conference after Oregon's Civil War victory last year, was selected by the Detroit Lions with the third overall pick Saturday.

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"As a defense, we pride ourselves on winning every drill," Lewis said. "There's nothing worse than coming off the field knowing that the offense just shoved the ball up your butt. It's not supposed to happen that way. We wear green for a reason because we're physical, they wear white because they're soft."

In the battle for the starting quarterback job, Clemens, a redshirt sophomore, stood out because of his two touchdown passes. His first touchdown was a 12-yard strike to Keith Allen in the first series and the last was a two-yard toss to George Wrihster late in the scrimmage.

"We're more confident now," said Clemens, comparing the offense's performance to the first scrimmage. "It always takes the offensive a little more time to get going than the defense, so from that first scrimmage to the second, more repetition helped a lot."

Clemens finished 5-for-15 for 54 yards. Fife was 7-for-15 with 64 yards.

"Nobody's done less than I've expected and nobody's exceeded my expectations," Bellotti said of the quarterbacks. "I have a feeling that whoever starts for us will be pretty good. I don't expect as great of a drop off as probably the general populations. At the same time, I have high expectations for them. They've had steady improvement."

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any events until the Washington Dual meet on March 13. The senior was an NCAA scorer last season, as he finished eighth in the event at the NCAA Championships at Hayward Field.

Also on Friday, senior Adam Bergquist improved his season best in the 5,000 at Mt. SAC. Bergquist ran a 14:16.31, which beat his previous best by eight seconds but fell short of his personal record. The

time is a Pac-10 qualifying mark.

Two Oregon athletes, distance runners Ross Krempley and Ryan Andrus, were scheduled to compete on Saturday but did not make the trip to California.

Next weekend the Ducks will return home for the Oregon Invitational on Saturday. The meet, which starts at 10 a.m., will feature a mix of Northwest collegiate and post-collegiate athletes.

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Women's

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discus and the hammer. It was a major step for her."

Starting off the weekend for the Ducks, senior Jenny Kenyon earned a season best in the heptathlon on Friday, finishing sixth with 4,867 points.

Kenyon's final day marks included a 17-4 in the long jump, 87-10 in the javelin, and 2:22.04 in the 800.

"Jenny had a strong first day Thursday, but didn't quite score as well (on Friday)," Oregon assistant coach Mark Stream said. "Overall, she competed hard, and it's good news for the rest of the season. I think she's starting to get fired up and has the competitive edge going."

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