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become more consistent as he becomes more comfortable in the pocket.

Defensively, the Ducks earned their first shutout in 10 years with a 41-0 romp over Portland State on Sept. 21. In all, the Ducks are allowing 14.5 points per game this season while giving up less than 92 yards per game on the ground.

"It's a great feeling," Oregon linebacker Kevin Mitchell said of the Portland State shutout. "It's an even better feeling when you know there's stuff you can get better with."

Of course, stopping Portland State's Division I-AA offense is much different from facing a Pac-10 offense. Even without a big preseason test, the Ducks say they are set for the conference games to begin.

"I think we're ready," linebacker David Moretti said of starting Pac-10 play. "If anybody is going to (sweep the Pac-10), we're going to do it."

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## Joey Harrington memorial weekly sports poll

So, we here at the Emerald sports section care about you, our reader. You should know this by now. But if you had even a shred of doubt about that fact before, consider it gone. Way gone. Grand slam, outta-the-park gone. Because starting today, we're reinstating the weekly online sports poll, and life on campus will never be the same again. For you. Our reader. And in the spirit of such a monumental act, we're posing a monumental question: Will former Oregon signal-caller Joey Harrington lead the NFL's Detroit Lions into the playoffs this year? Of course the answer is no, even after Harrington led the Lions past the New Orleans Saints on Sunday, but this is Eugene. So maybe we'll get a few yesses. The point of the poll is to get the pulse of the reader, so offer up your jugular vein. Go to [www.dailyemerald.com](http://www.dailyemerald.com), click on the "Sports" link at the top of the page and vote in the poll. Next week we'll publish the results and the new questions. See you online.

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