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Conference 4,000-yard passer. He was picked off 14 times but passed for 28 touchdowns.

Twenty-eight. In 13 games. In just 612 passing attempts. That's one touchdown strike for every 22 passes attempted.

Pickett is still a talent. With three relatively inexperienced quarterbacks on the roster — Tim Rattay, Ken Dorsey and Brandon Doman — Pickett could slip through the cracks onto the roster.

"He has potential," San Francisco general manager Terry Donahue told 49ers.com. "He had a torn pectoral muscle and he is a real tough guy; he played through it, but he did not have a good senior year. We knew that about him. During his workup in Washington he was very impressive to our coaches. (Head) coach (Dennis) Erickson was up there and said at the right value, if this guy is there, we ought to think about him."

Erickson obviously knows Pickett well, having seen him during his days at Oregon State.

Lewis is a bit more of an

unknown, a rather peculiar selection for a team trying to get away from less-than-positive attitudes. He's surely one who isn't afraid to do a little talking.

Still, when he's healthy, Lewis can be one of the fastest on the field. He can also be the toughest when he wants to be.

Some still argue that had he played against Stanford in 2001 — he was instead out with an injured ankle — the Ducks would have defeated the Cardinal and potentially gone on to play for the national title.

Now, Lewis was taken 198th overall, the fourth Oregon player to be taken in the draft. There are rumors circulating that the 49ers may release safety Zack Bronson, which would clear the way for Lewis to slide into a roster spot.

Both fell into the right situation with San Francisco. Neither, otherwise, would have the best of odds to land on an NFL roster.

Pickett's been assigned No. 10, Lewis has No. 45.

Let the fireworks begin.

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sits atop the leaderboard at 9-under par. The senior and Hogan finish finalist shot a 67-68-135 to finish four strokes ahead of a trio of players — Arizona's Henry Liaw and Chris Nallen and Arizona State's Chez Reavie — all of whom are tied for second at 5-under par 139.

"I came out really well today," Reavie said. "My putting was pretty bad, but other than that I had no mistakes. The back nine was the most difficult for me. Like I said, my putter just wasn't working. It was all about the putting today, and that wasn't working for me."

Host school Arizona and rival Arizona State finished tied for first with identical even par 357-363-720s. Defending champion UCLA is 12 strokes back, while Washington and Southern California sit fourth and fifth, respectively.

"Solid' is the word I'd use to describe us today," Arizona State head coach Randy Lein said. "We played great golf on a difficult golf course. But we are used to desert golf and the surroundings."

Only a handful of players were

unable to finish their second rounds and will tee off at 7 a.m. today with the third following immediately afterward.

Women's golf headed to NCAA Regionals

For the first time since 2001, the Ducks are going to the postseason.

Coming off their first multiple win season since 1996, the Ducks earned the No. 10 seed for next week's NCAA West Regional at Stanford.

"This is really a reward for the hard work these women have put in the last two seasons," Oregon head coach Shannon Rouillard said. "It's a great feeling to get back to regionals. At

the same time, we're not satisfied just to make it. The goal now is to advance."

The top eight teams in the regional will advance to the NCAA Championships in Auburn, Ala. None of the current Ducks has ever been in postseason play, but they should be helped by the fact that the regionals are held at the Stanford Golf Course, where they have already played this year.

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SPORTS BRIEF

Williams jury to begin deliberations today

SOMERVILLE, N.J. — Even if Jayson Williams' shotgun malfunctioned, the ex-Net was still criminally reckless when he "shot and killed" his limo driver, prosecutors charged Monday.

"When you choose to play with a deadly weapon, you choose to play with 'life and death,'" prosecutor Steven Lember said in closing arguments at Williams' manslaughter trial. "And when you choose to play with 'life and death,' 'accident' is no defense."

Earlier, in three hours of arguments to the jury, two defense attorneys decried the Feb. 14, 2002, shooting of Costas (Gus) Christofi as a "tragic accident" caused by a malfunctioning weapon.

They characterized the state's key witnesses as parasites who viewed Williams as "a meal ticket" — and who got immunity to save their own hides.

The jury that will decide Williams' fate is expected to begin deliberations Tuesday.

In two hours of arguments, Lember and co-counsel Katharine Errickson homed in on four main themes:

- Williams displayed an utter disregard for gun safety.
 - His behavior was altered by a night of drinking.
 - Witnesses did lie at first — but to protect their friend, Williams.
 - No evidence was ever produced to prove the Browning 12-gauge shotgun malfunctioned. But even if the gun did malfunction, it does not matter.
- "The defense has said accident, accident, accident, accident, accident, accident - on and on and on," Lember said. "Ladies and gentlemen, reckless conduct isn't made into an accident because you say 'accident' over and over and over again. The conduct is what counts."

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