

Sweep puts Ems in division chase

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The Eugene Emeralds are the hottest team in Northwest League baseball, winning seven straight games, as of Sunday, including a six-game series sweep of the Boise Hawks at Civic Stadium in Eugene.

On Sunday, the first of a five-game visit to Bellingham was suspended due to rain at the top of the third inning with the Ems leading 2-0. The game was scheduled to resume Monday and be followed by the regularly scheduled game later in the evening. The results of either game were not available at press time.

The Ems can account their unbelievable revival to two things: pitching and offense. During their home stand against Boise, the Ems' pitching staff only had two games in which the Hawks scored more than four runs, while the Eugene offense averaged more than seven runs a game. Much of the offense came from outfielder Roosevelt Brown and infielder Randy Hodges.

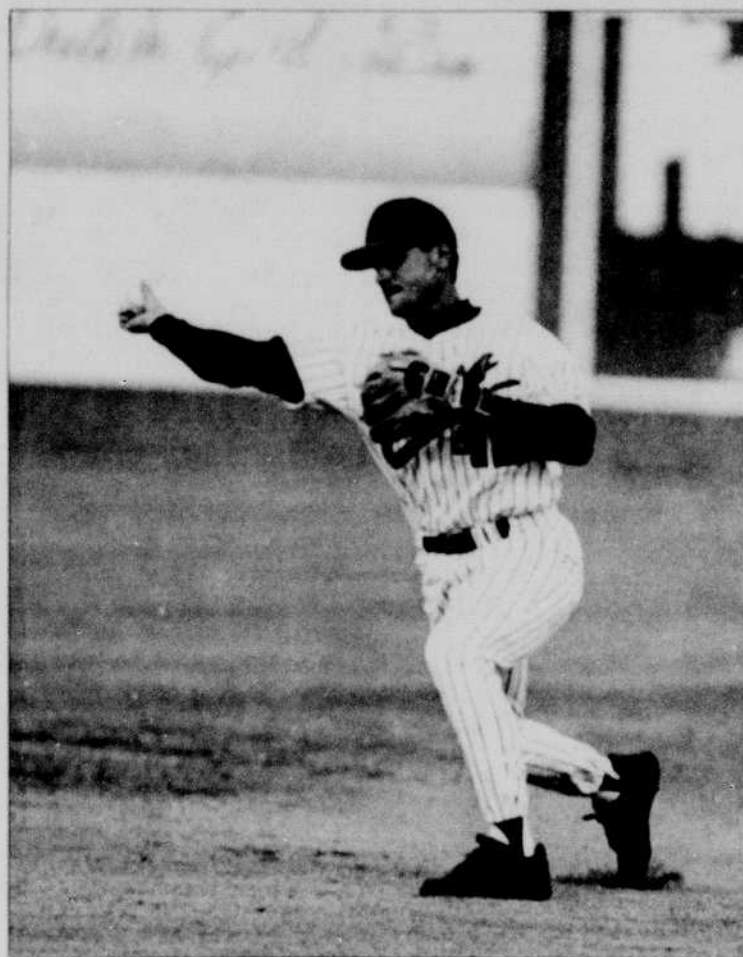


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- **Last game:** Monday Doubleheader vs. Giants (results not available)
- **Streak:** Seven straight wins, as of Sunday
- **Next game:** Tonight 7:05 pm at Bellingham
- **Next home game:** Fri., July 14
- **Radio:** KPNW 1120 AM

For the series, Brown batted .538, driving in five runs on two homers, raising his season batting average to .438. Hodges' offensive punch was not marked by power, but instead speed. While batting .388 for the series, Hodges hit two triples, driving in four runs.

With their record improved to 11-12 by the end of the Boise series, the Ems are holding third place in the Southern Division, six games behind leading Portland.



Randy Hodges has been a constant at second base for the Ems this year, batting .390 with 10 RBI and five stolen bases in 12 games.

This Corn is not good enough for the buyers

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The reluctance of out-of-state recruits and fans to adore the Cornhuskers' nickname is taking its toll: "Huskers" is the new selling point for Nebraska athletic officials.

The Cornhuskers nickname began in 1902. By the early 1980s, former football recruiting coordinator Steve Pederson said recruits didn't seem to like the name. Huskers, however, was just fine, so officials began cutting the corn from printed materials and logos.

"It seems that in the big cities, Huskers is just as accepted as 'Noles for Seminoles at Florida State and 'Canes for Hurricanes at Miami," said Pederson, now the director of football operations.

Even a national football championship might not salvage Cornhuskers and Herbie Husker, the farm boy mascot adopted during the late 1970s.

"We've found that Cornhuskers and Herbie (the mascot) just don't sell outside of Nebraska," athletic director Bill Byrne said. "We're looking at a secondary mascot that might be more popular because the 24-and-under age group — the group that buys these products — just doesn't go for Herbie."

Byrne, who previously served as athletic director at Oregon, said sales of licensed goods with Nebraska logos are significantly better with "Husker" than with "Cornhusker." The school now is going for more logos with the block "N" and "Huskers" incorporated within the letter.

Student-athletes selected for academic awards

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The Pacific-10 Conference announced its spring term all-academic teams recently, placing 11 Oregon student-athletes on the first team in their respective sports.

A total of 24 athletes from the University received at least honorable mentions to the all-academic teams.

To qualify,

a student-athlete must either be a starter or a prominent contributor with an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Picking up first-team honors for the Ducks were:

J. J. Astorquia in men's golf (3.50, math); Melisa Lemke in softball (3.29, exercise and movement science); Lisa Preston in softball (3.23, psychology); Mike Goldstein in men's tennis (3.59, exercise and movement science); Dusty Carlson in men's track and field (3.43, chemistry); Chris Nelson in men's track and field (3.28, fine and applied arts); Jenna Carlson in women's track and field (3.54, psychology); Nicole Commissiong in women's track and field (3.86, advertising); Christie Engesser in

women's track and field (4.03, exercise and movement science); Camara Jones in women's track and field (3.49, international studies); and Kelsey Stellick in women's track and field (3.30, marketing).

Second team accolades went to Susie Roh in women's golf, Angie LeRoy and Kathy Stahl in softball, Dara Partovi in men's tennis, Rick Cantwell, Jeremy Robinson and Sol Sallos in men's track and field and Jamila Godfrey and Sara Jessie in women's track and field.

Receiving honorable mentions from the conference were Becca Giersdorf in women's golf, Paul Pappas and Eric Trice in men's track and field and Jill Callero in women's track and field.

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