

## Ems tighten gap in division title chase

■ **BASEBALL:** Eugene moves within 3½ games of the division-leading Portland Rockies

By J. Daniel Pearson  
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Hitting a round ball with a round bat is arguably one of the most difficult tasks in professional sports. Just ask the Everett AquaSox.

Three Eugene pitchers combined to throw a two-hit shutout with 11 strikeouts as the Emeralds won their 11th straight game at home by a score of 3-0 in front of a crowd of 2,493 at Civic Stadium Monday night.

Jose Garcia, who was originally slated to start for the Ems, was scratched at the last minute due to a finger injury. In his place, manager Paul Runge decided to go with Greg Gerland, who made the most of the opportunity by pitching seven innings of shutout ball, including six strikeouts. The left-handed Gerland threw 99 pitches, 66 for strikes, and had a no-hitter through four innings.

"I knew I had one [a no-hitter] going into the fifth," said Gerland. "I was trying not to think about it, but I was. It didn't really matter though when it got broken up."

Everett designated hitter Javier Rodriguez ended the no-hitter by driving a 2-2 pitch into left field to lead off the fourth, and was then picked off first base before Gerland even delivered a pitch to the next batter.

Eugene jumped out to an early lead in the first inning, when DH Glenn Williams, who was batting .207 coming into the night's contest, jumped all over a 2-2 pitch, driving it over the right-field fence and clearing the trees



**EUGENE EMS**

■ **Last Game:** Monday vs. Everett (Ems won 3-0).

■ **Streak:** 11-game home winning streak; four-game win streak overall.

■ **Next Game:** Tonight vs. Everett at 7:05 p.m.

■ **Radio:** KPNW 1120 AM

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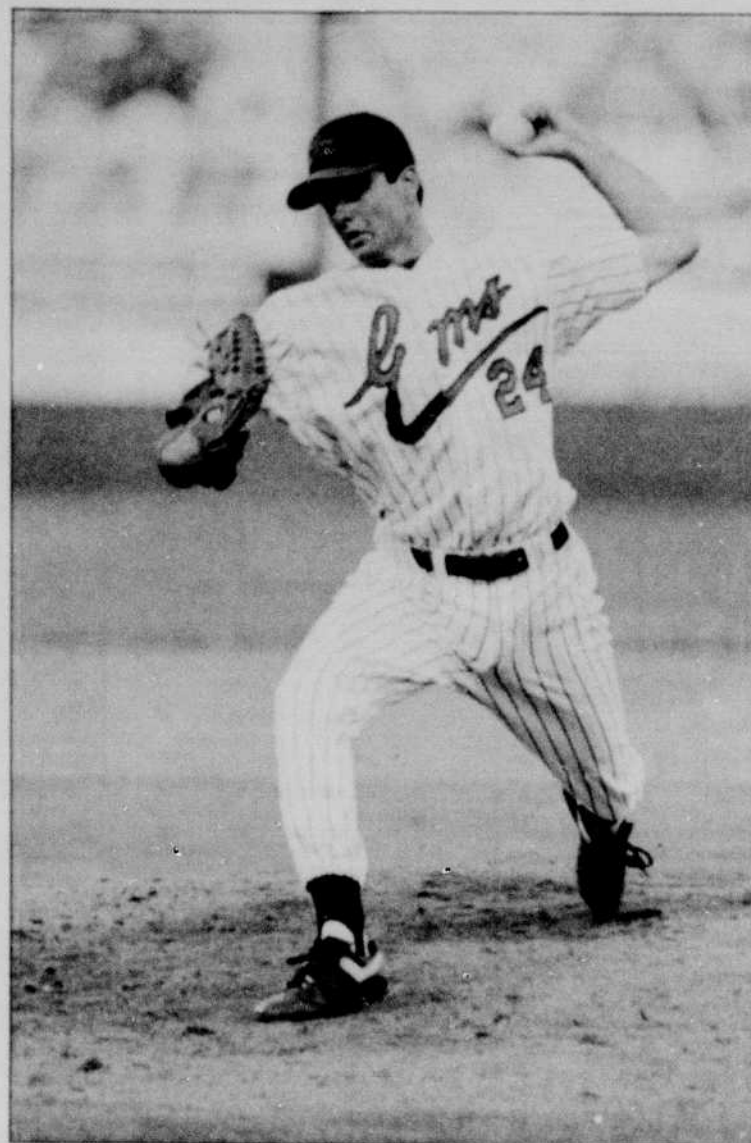
Ems catcher Fernando Lunar walked to lead off the second and reached third on what should have been an easy double-play for the AquaSox. A sharply hit ground ball to the right side was fielded cleanly by second baseman Joel Ramirez, who should have tossed the ball to the bag, which would have started a routine 6-4-3 to end the inning.

Instead, he attempted to tag Lunar, who saw the play coming a mile away. Lunar stopped three-quarters of the way to the bag, and headed back toward first, causing Ramirez to chase him before eventually having to gun the ball to first to get the sure out.

Everett first baseman Joe Pomierski then wheeled and threw the ball to second, in what should have been an easy tag-out, but instead, hit the sliding Lunar in the back. The ball rolled into left-center and Lunar easily advanced to third.

Next up was Williams, who slapped a ball into center field for his second RBI of the night before Ems center fielder Joe Trippy grounded out to end the inning.

Eugene put up its third and



MARK MCTYRE/EMERALD

Ems pitcher Greg Gerland executed near-perfect pitching Monday night, tossing a two-hit shutout to improve his record to 3-0 while extending Eugene's home winning streak to 11 games.

final run of the evening when shortstop Robert Sasser hit the first pitch he saw over the left-field fence to lead off the third.

Williams came through again in the fourth, when he crunched a 3-1 pitch off the scoreboard in right for what was an apparent home run, according to groundrules, but home-plate umpire Dave Perez ruled that it hit the

fence, staying in play.

"It was a fastball down and in," said Williams. "I thought it was out. I heard it hit metal and everything. The team thought it was gone too."

Adam Butler came on in the ninth to close the door on the AquaSox for his fourth save, as Eugene improved its record to 17-15.

## Three-time champion honored with scholarship

**TRACK:** Camara Jones awarded \$5,000 for student-athlete excellence

By Mark McTyre  
Sports Editor

Oregon all-American sprinter Camara Jones has been chosen as one of 31 Division I women athletes in the country to receive a \$5,000 post-graduate scholarship by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Considered by the NCAA as one of its highest honors, the scholarships are awarded annually to graduating seniors who intend to continue their education, with the criteria for selection weighing heavily on academic and athletic excellence.

The Ducks' three-time Pacific-10 Conference 400-meter champion placed third in last month's NCAA meet before finishing sixth in the USA Track and Field Championships. Jones graduated in June with a double major in international studies and Span-



ish with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.50 on a 4.00 scale.

Jones, who was accepted for admission into law school by no fewer than 10 institutions, is expected to delay enrollment into Oregon's School of Law until the 1996-97 academic year while training for next summer's U.S. Olympic Trials. She will compete in the 400 meters in the World University Games later this summer in Japan before taking part in the World Championships August 4-13 in Goteborg, Sweden.

The Vancouver, Wash., stand-out becomes the University's 20th honoree to be selected for the award since the post-graduate scholarship program originated during the 1964-65 academic year.

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