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Ems shortstop Glenn Williams, about to place the tag on Giants center fielder Alex Morales, who later succeeded in another attempt to steal second base.

Bellingham draws Blood in series opener

■ **BASEBALL:** Giants' pitcher Darrin Blood hurls a bold shutout

By J. Daniel Pearson
Freelance Reporter

San Francisco Giants roving pitching coach Ron Perranoski had never seen Bellingham's Darrin Blood pitch before.

"I was impressed," said Perranoski. "He showed good command at getting his pitches over the plate."

"Good command" might be just a bit of an understatement.

Blood threw 91 pitches, 62 for strikes, and struck out eight Eugene batters over seven innings, as the Giants went on to shut out the Emeralds 2-0 in a Northwest League game last night at Civic Stadium.

"This is the best outing I've had all year," said Blood. "The key was being able to get my breaking ball over in the later innings when I started getting tired."

No one has been able to slow the Giants down as of late. The team has won nine of its last 10 games, including

six in a row, while improving its record to 23-15 at the season's half-way mark.

"I have a good idea why we've been playing so good lately," said Giants manager Glenn Tufts, "but I'm afraid if I say what, it'll jinx us."

Maybe some of their luck will rub off on the Ems during this week's five-game series.

Eugene just can't seem to pull it together. The loss to Bellingham was the team's sixth in a row, and second straight at home. No one seems to be able to put their finger on what's going wrong.

"We just can't seem to get any breaks," said Ems center fielder Joe Trippy. "We keep hitting the ball right at people. Someone's just going to have to get hot and spark the team."

The Ems had plenty of opportunities to score last night. On five different occasions, the Ems had runners in scoring position with less than two outs, but were unable to drive a run home.

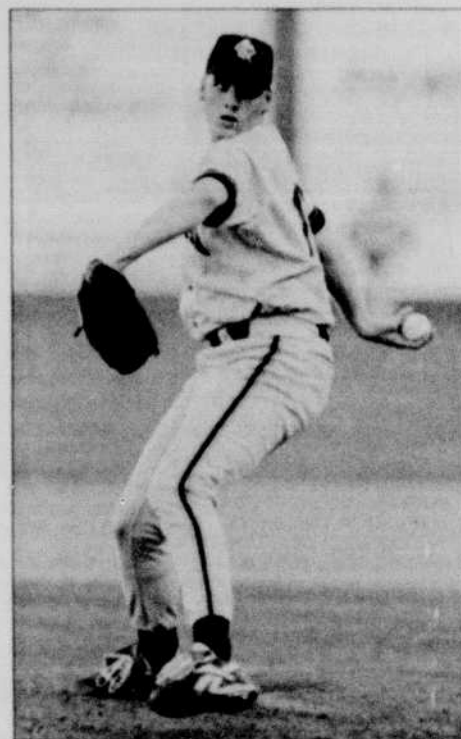
The closest they came was in the eighth inning, when catcher Fernando Lunar led

off with a scorcher down the third base line into the corner for a stand-up double. Lunar was then replaced by pinch runner Brian Rust, before Trippy smacked a ball into shallow left field for a single. But instead of holding the runner at third, Ems' manager Paul Runge waved Rust home. The throw arrived with enough time for Bellingham catcher Dan Topping to catch the ball and decide the color of Rust's eyes before tagging him out.

The only bright spot for the Ems came in the performance of starting pitcher Charlie Cruz, who struck out eight Bellingham batters over five innings, and allowed only one run to score. Cruz was credited with the loss, however, and his record fell to 2-4.

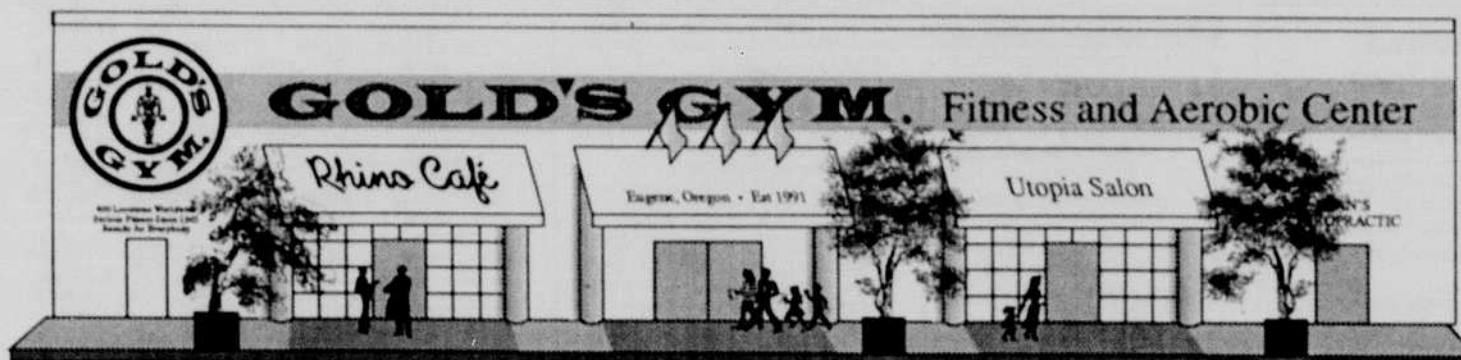
James Woodrow came on to pitch the final two innings for the Giants, picking up his second save, and helped Blood improve his record to 2-2 for the season.

With the loss, the Ems' record dropped to 17-21. The five-game series between the two teams will continue tonight at 7:05 p.m. at Civic Stadium.



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In two appearances against the Ems, Darrin Blood has compiled 17 strikeouts.



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Madden dismissed from team

By Mark McTyre
Sports Editor

Oregon men's basketball head coach Jerry Green announced Monday that junior forward Henry Madden has been dismissed from the team and will be released from his scholarship.

"He's being dismissed from the squad for failure to meet team academic standards," Green said. "He's free to transfer to the school of his choice."

The 6-6 Fresno, Calif., native was indefinitely suspended from the squad in May. He averaged 8.3 points and 5.0 rebounds as a sophomore last year, ranking himself among the team leaders while pacing the team with 22 blocked shots. Madden started 20 games over the past two seasons, including nine last year, in averaging 18 minutes per contest.