



BASEBALL
U.S. team defeated South Korea 7-2 for second straight win.

BASKETBALL
Dream Team defeated Angola 87-54 to improve to 2-0.

BOXING
Rhosii Wells and Floyd Mayweather Jr. won as U.S. team improved to 6-0.

GYMNASTICS
Perennial power Russia won the gold medal in the men's team competition, and the improving United States finished fifth. The Americans, who finished a distant 6.525 points from a medal in Barcelona, wound up .923 short of a bronze this time.

SOCCER
U.S. men's team defeated Tunisia 2-0 after losing opener to Argentina.

SWIMMING
Americans Beth Botsford and Whitney Hedgepeth took gold and silver in the 100-meter backstroke on a day that began with a surprising disappointment for four-time gold medalist Janet Evans. She failed to qualify for the 400-meter freestyle finals after a controversial arbitrator's ruling permitted Ireland's Michelle Smith to compete. Smith won the gold medal in the event Monday night, her second gold of the games.

Evans, 24, will have one more shot at matching Bonnie Blair's U.S. record of five gold medals for a woman athlete — the 800-meter freestyle.

Botsford, of Baltimore, won the 100 backstroke in 1 minute, 01.19 seconds. Hedgepeth, of Rocky Mount, N.C., was timed in 1:01.47.

Another U.S. gold came in the women's 400-meter freestyle relay, where an Olympic-record time of 3:39.29 was recorded by Catherine Fox of Shawnee Mission, Kan.; Angel Martino of Americus, Ga.; Jenny Thompson of Dover, N.H.; and Amy Van Dyken of Englewood, Colo.

Gary Hall Jr. of Phoenix was edged out by Russia's Alexander Popov for the gold medal in the 100-meter freestyle. Tom Malchow of St. Paul, Minn., won a silver in the 200 butterfly behind Russia's Denis Pankratov.

VOLLEYBALL
United States women's team beat the Netherlands 12-15, 15-10, 17-15, 15-7.

WRESTLING (GRECO-ROMAN)
Four of the five Americans were prelims winners. Gordy Morgan was a 10-0 winner over Rudolfo Hernandez of Mexico at 163 pounds. Brandon Paulson pinned Joel Basaldua of Peru in 1:36 at 114 1/2 pounds. David Zuniga, a 136 1/2-pounder, won 3-2 over Ainsley Robinson of Canada. Super heavyweight Matt Ghaffari defeated Shermukhammad Kudiyeov of Uzbekistan 7-1. Derrick Waldroup fell into the losers' bracket with a 3-0 loss to Alexander Sidorenko of Belarus.

TOTAL MEDALS
United States led with 15 (4-9-2). Germany (0-5-7) had 12. Russia (7-2-2) and France (3-3-5) had 11 each.

Eugene defeats Rockies in bottom of ninth



Eugene Emeralds pitcher Joe Nelson attempts to gun down a runner at first after a line drive glanced off his glove. The runner was safe, but the Ems still beat Portland 5-4.

■ **SWEEP:** Ems take the four-game series on Steve Hacker's RBI single in the final frame

By Chris Hansen
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The Eugene Emeralds did a little house cleaning Monday night in preparation for its home stand against division leading Boise as it swept the four-game series versus the Portland Rockies.

The Emeralds improved their record to 23-11 with a dramatic 5-4 win in front of 2,600 fans at Civic Stadium. First baseman Steve Hacker laced a pitch down the left field line to bring home the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning.

With the score tied at four, second baseman Angel Espada led off with a perfectly placed bunt down the third base line. Catcher Dax Norris followed with a bunt of his own, sacrificing Espada to second. Left fielder Corey Pointer was intentionally walked to bring up Hacker. And the Ems clean-up hitter made Portland pay, scoring Espada with his game-winning hit.

"I'm very happy to help get the team a win," Hacker said after the game. "I honestly can't say I like [an intentional walk] to get to me, but it has been happening to me all year so I am going to go up there and swing as hard as I can. Sometimes it will work and sometimes it will not. Luckily tonight it did."

"Hacker has been a pretty good clutch hitter for us all year," Saul said. "I think that he was trying to prove a point that he comes to play. And that is what it takes."

But it was Espada who sparked the Ems offense all night, going 3-5 at the plate.

The Ems jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the first inning helped by a bases clearing triple off the bat of third baseman Brian Rust. From there, starting pitcher Joe Nelson took over, throwing four scoreless innings. But Nelson got into a jam in the top of the sixth, giving up back-to-back triples to Aaron Myers and Mark Hamlin to lead off the inning, before handing the ball over to David Cortes.

"Joe has had the flu the last two days," Saul said. "We probably went with him one inning too long but I had to give him the opportunity."

The Rockies would eventually tie the game at four in the sixth, where the score stood, until Hacker's winning hit.



RUST

Crucial series begins Tuesday

■ **DIVISION LEAD:** Eugene chance for first place lies in the Ems next five games

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In what is easily the most important home stand to date for the Eugene Emeralds, the league leading Boise Hawks bring their 25-9 record into Civic Stadium for a two-game series starting tonight.

The importance of these two games, which are the first of five consecutive contests against the Hawks, can be measured in each team's standings. The Ems hold second place in the South Division, behind the Hawks at 23-11. A sweep at home would send the Ems to Boise on Thursday tied for first place. A split of the series would keep the Ems two back. But getting swept by the

STATS

- **BOISE RECORD:** 25-9
- **EUGENE RECORD:** 23-11
- **SEASON SERIES:** Boise leads 2-0
- **WHO'S HOT:** Eugene Emeralds are 9-1 in their last ten games

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