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Eugene loses 9-1, unable to gain ground on division leader

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Ems starting pitcher Rob Bell gets taken out of the game in the fourth inning after giving up nine runs and six walks.

By Chris Hansen
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The Eugene Emeralds were in trouble long before the opening pitch in Monday night's game against Everett. It came when Joe Victery was penciled into the line-up as the AquaSox starting pitcher. And as it turned out, his name was prophetic of his game.

Victery held the Northwest League's second best hitting team to three hits while keeping Eugene scoreless through the first six innings, to earn his fourth win of the year in a 9-1 defeat of the Ems at Civic Stadium.

Eugene starter Rob Bell, on the other hand, got clobbered for the second time in as many starts. He allowed all nine of Everett's runs and walked six batters in only three and two-thirds innings of work.

"The starting pitching in the last three games has just not gone enough innings for us," said Ems manager Jim Saul. "It has been taxing on our bullpen.

"(Bell) got behind to many hitters. You can't pitch when your behind hitters."

That was proven when Bell walked the bases loaded in the first inning after giving up a one-out single to Brian Lindner. Matt Sache then crushed a pitch that dented the rightfield scoreboard for a grand slam home run.

In the fourth inning, Bell once again walked the bases full, then committed one of baseball's cardinal sins, he walked in a run. Saul had seen enough, yanking the starter for reliever Joe Giuliano whose first pitch was sent deep into the right centerfield gap for a bases clearing double that propelled the AquaSox to a five-run inning.

Victery's pitching performance ended the

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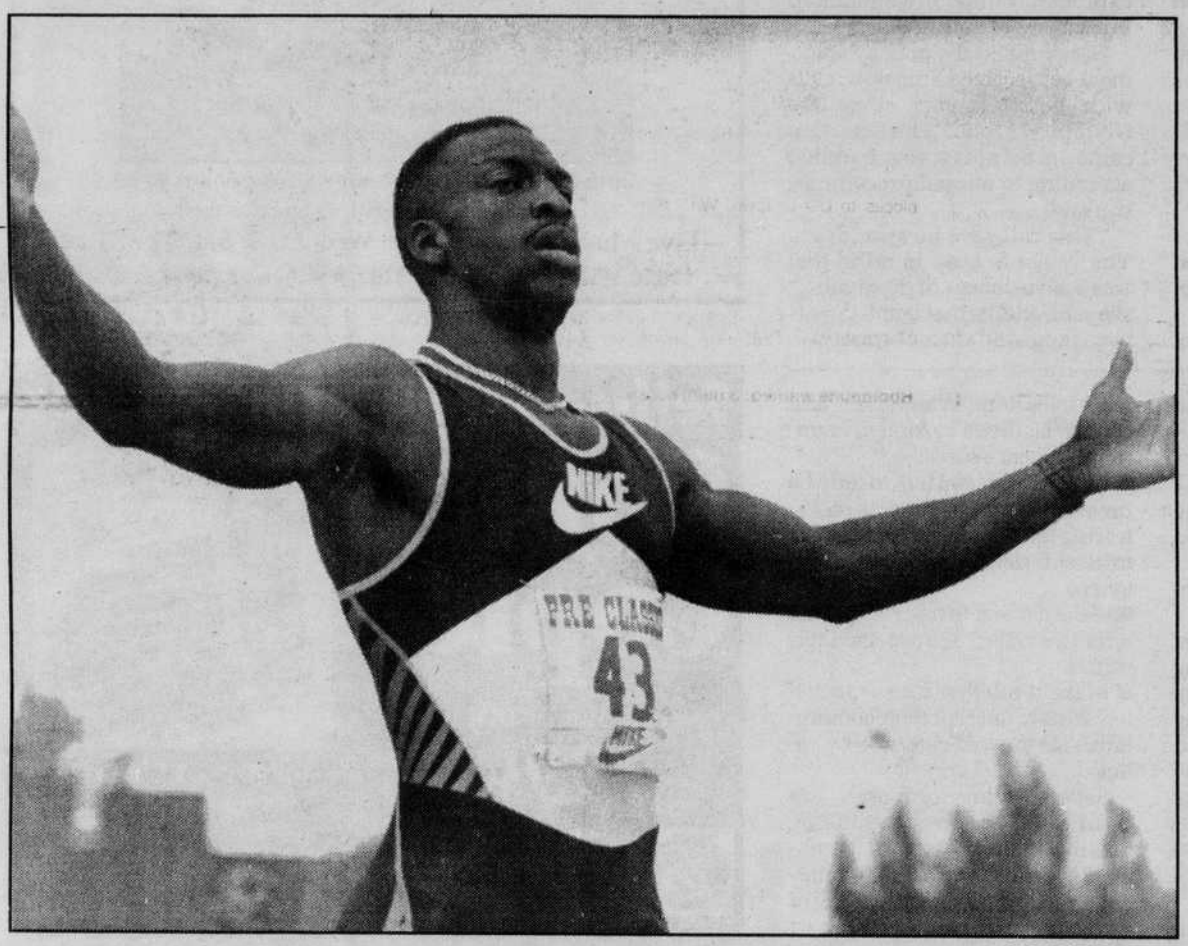
■ **BASEBALL:** *Everett pitcher Joe Victery leads AquaSox to win with impressive performance*

One down, 200 meters to go for Johnson



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American runner Michael Johnson, a former winner at Hayward Field's Prefontaine Classic, accomplished the first of his two-part goal Monday night as he won the Olympic 400-meter final. Johnson's next goal is to win the 200-meter final, writing himself into the record books as the first athlete to ever win both the 200 and 400-meter finals.

■ **OLYMPICS:** *Michael Johnson sets Olympic record while leaving all competitors behind in 400-meter final*

By Bob Baum
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The celebration was emotional but subdued. There is still work to be done.

Now, Michael Johnson moves on to the 200.

"I've got 48 hours to get ready for the 200, and I feel like give me two hours and I'll be ready to go," he said.

In a classic performance of methodical domination, Johnson won the Olympic 400-meter gold medal Monday night, reaching the halfway point in a quest for an unprecedented 200-400 double.

When it was over, Johnson almost seemed not to know how to celebrate. He tentatively grabbed an American flag and held it awkwardly above him.

Halfway around his victory lap, he stopped to lend a hand to injured U.S. teammate Mike Powell as he tried to lift himself from the sand of the long-jump pit.

"I was watching him jump and it looked like he was really in pain so I just went over to see if he was OK," Johnson said. "He's a great competitor and I would have liked to see him win."

This is no wild egotist. This is a man with an economics degree from Baylor who approaches his sport with the organization of an accountant and deadly seriousness of a soldier, with just a little flair tossed in.

He had thrown his first pair of gold shoes away to the crowd after Sunday night's semifinals. But he had a new pair on Monday and they sparkled under the bright Olympic Stadium lights.

As he stood on the awards stand, the gold medal hanging from his neck and the national anthem playing, the reality of what he had done seemed to hit this young man from Dallas. Tears streamed

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Tribe deal Baerga, Espinoza to Mets

■ **TRADE:** *Infielders Jose Vizcaino and Jeff Kent move from National League to American League pennant contender*

By Lisa Corwell
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Carlos Baerga, struggling this season after four years as one of baseball's best second baseman, was traded Monday from the Cleveland Indians to the New York Mets for infielders Jose Vizcaino and Jeff Kent.

"Obviously, this is a very difficult decision for us," Indians executive vice president and general manager John Hart said. "Carlos was one of the players who helped turn this franchise around in the early 1990s."

The Indians also sent utilityman Alvaro Espinoza to the Mets.

"We feel this will strengthen our ballclub, especially on defense," said Hart, whose team is seven games ahead of second-place Chicago in the AL Central after reaching the World Series last season.

Baerga, who made up for his shortcomings defensively with a potent bat, especially for a middle infielder, drew the ire of the Indians when he reported to training camp well over his playing weight.

Through this weekend, the 27-year-old is batting .267 with 10 home runs and 55 RBI. In the four previous seasons, he hit between .312 and .321 while averaging almost 19 home runs and just over 97 RBI per season.

Assistant general manager Steve Phillips of the Mets said the team was surprised when Cleveland added Baerga's name into trade talks this weekend.

"The trade took on a bigger magnitude than we expected," Phillips said. "They had been saying he was the heart and soul of their team and we didn't think he would be available. His name only came up this weekend."

Phillips said the deal fills a big void for

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TRACK
Carl Lewis won gold medal in long jump, becoming only fifth Olympian to win gold in four straight games; American Allen Johnson won gold in 110-meter hurdles.

GYMNASTICS
Americans Shannon Miller (gold on balance beam), Jair Lynch (silver on parallel bars) and Dominique Dawes (bronze on floor exercise) won medals. Lilia Podkopayeva of Ukraine won two medals — gold on floor, silver on beam.

DIVING
China's Xiong Ni and Yu Zhuocheng finished 1-2 on men's springboard. American Mark Lenzi won bronze medal.

TENNIS
No. 1 seed Monica Seles lost to Jana Novotna, 7-5, 3-6, 8-6.

BASKETBALL
U.S. women defeated South Korea 105-64 to finish preliminary play at 5-0.

SOFTBALL
United States advanced to gold medal game with 1-0 victory over China on Sheila Cornell's 10th-inning RBI single.