

Johnson's two homers lead Eugene past Timberjacks 4-2

■ **BASEBALL:** Emeralds stay in playoff contention, remaining three games behind division-leading Boise

By **Chris Hansen**
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The hitting keeps on coming for the Eugene Emeralds offense and its rotation of Clutch-Hitter-for-a-Week.

On Saturday night in Portland, Adam Johnson hit his league leading eighth triple of the year, that scored the go-ahead run in the top of the 11th inning to get the Ems the win.

And on Monday night, back home against the Southern Oregon Timberjacks, Johnson delivered again, hitting two home runs in his first two at-bats to lead the Ems to victory and improve their record to 30-17, three games back of Boise for the division lead.

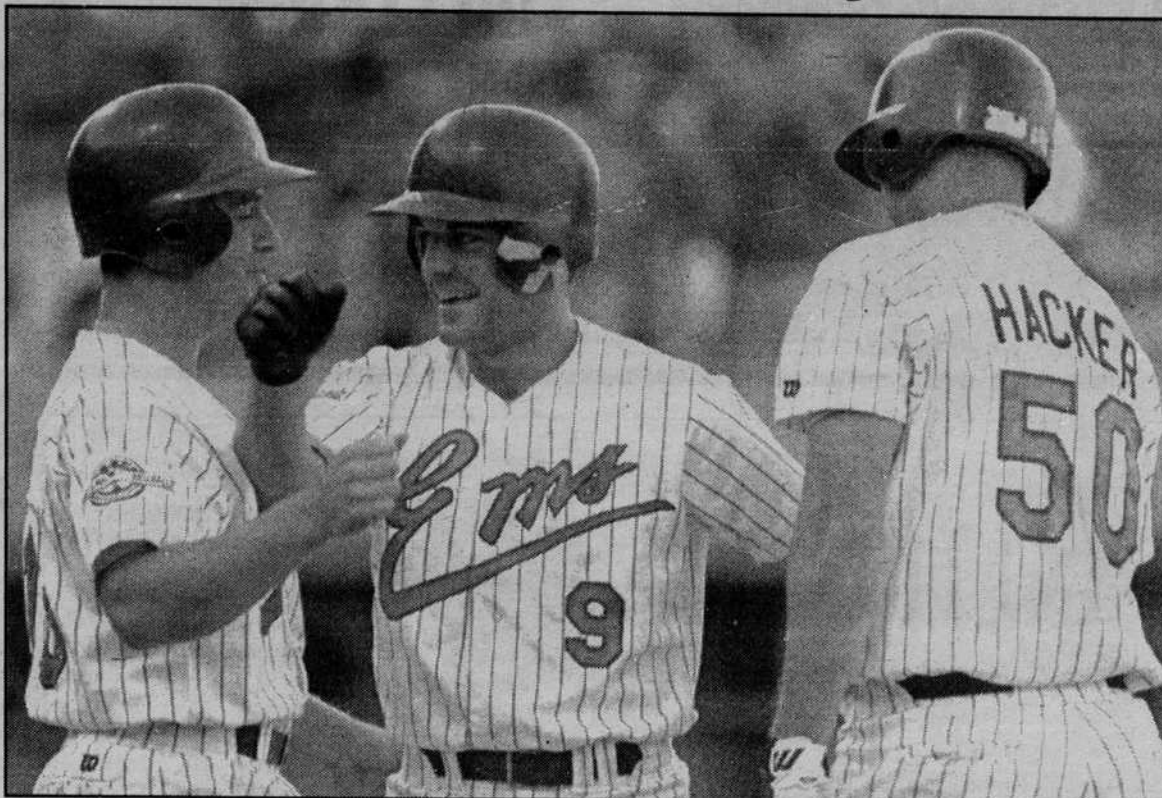
"The last three games, (Johnson) has been a plus for us," said Ems manager Jim Saul. "A couple times in Portland he saved us with some big hits and he did it again tonight."

Johnson's first home run, a solo shot that barely cleared the right field fence, came in the first inning giving the Ems a one-run lead.

The Timberjacks tied it up in the second inning, when Alex Rondon hit a homer of his own that shot over the fence in left field.

The home run derby continued in the bottom of the third when Johnson hit his second of the game and fifth of the year; a two-run smash that left the yard in the same spot as his first.

"I got the same pitch both times," said Johnson of the two change-ups that Timberjacks starter Jake O'Dell left hanging. "I just went up there with the idea of staying back. I feel good up there. I'm relaxed



Turn to **BASEBALL**, Page 6 Ems' centerfielder Adam Johnson is met at the plate by teammates after hitting his second home run of the night. MARK MCTYRE/Emerald

Seattle's bid for 2008 Summer Games raises many questions

■ **OLYMPICS:**

Seattle must convince residents, US Olympic Committee that the city can endure the size of such an event

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — After looking at Atlanta's experience with the Olympics, some Seattle residents have misgivings about the city's bid for the 2008 Summer Games.

"This city is not ready to host something like the Olympics," said Ken Register, 44, of West Seattle.

"Traffic congestion is a problem here. The two bridges across Lake Washington are a problem. We don't have any light rail. Metro is good. I ride the bus all the time. But transportation-wise, this city is not ready."

City Councilwoman Sue Donaldson said she has watched the Atlanta Games with some concerns.

"The Games have raised a lot of troubling issues like security and transportation that would have to be solved," Donaldson said.

Donaldson described herself as a fan of the

Olympics, but said she doesn't want the city to become so focused on trying to get the Games that leaders forget about the people and more pressing issues.

Representatives of Seattle have been in Atlanta the past two weeks laying groundwork for a bid for the 2008 Summer Olympic Games.

The Seattle group has raised \$600,000 to prepare its bid and has pledged for more than \$4.8 million. Boston also has a well-organized effort under way. Other U.S. contenders include Boston, Cincinnati, Chicago, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, Miami, New Orleans and New York City.

Some Seattle residents would jump at the chance to land the games.

Dan McLaughlin, 38, of Seattle is delighted by the prospect.

"I'd like to see the Olympics. I have two kids and I'd love to take my kids. I have never gone to any

Olympics, just the Goodwill Games," McLaughlin said.

He noted that the Puget Sound region reaped benefits from the 1990 Goodwill Games. A new Olympic-caliber aquatics center was built in Federal Way and an Olympic-quality track was added to Husky Stadium.

To win the Summer Olympics, the Seattle 2008 Olympic Bid Committee, led by Goodwill Games promoter Bob Walsh, must first persuade the U.S. Olympic Committee of Seattle's suitability.

The USOC will submit its list of U.S. cities to be considered as host sites to the International Olympic Committee in 1998.

The Seattle bid is supported by city representatives, the Port of Seattle, King County, the state of Washington, the University of Washington and about two dozen corporations, businesses and service organizations.

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