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Fred Meyer Challenge,
ESPN (34), 1:30 p.m.

SPORTS

DAILY TRIVIA

What brother combination holds the record for most combined wins?
See scoreboard for answer.

Freeman earns first Aboriginal win; Johnson in 400 final

■ TRACK:
Michael Johnson advances to the 400 final after a mistake on Sunday almost cost him a spot in the semifinals

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Cathy Freeman made history and Michael Johnson made amends.

Freeman, a 24-year-old Australian, became the first Aborigine to win a world or Olympic title, taking the women's 400 meters at the world championships on Monday night.

"Tonight, I will be a proud girl," Freeman said after her dramatic triumph and slow victory lap around Olympic Stadium with both the Australian and Aboriginal flags. "It gives me a special feeling. Being the first is always special.

"I'm so glad of what I am, Australian and Aboriginal. They're two and the same."

Freeman has been campaigning throughout the world for Aborigine rights, so her victory took on great political significance.

"It was very important because it shows I can deal with the pressure ... the pressure put on me by outsiders," Freeman said. "It makes little children feel they have a chance when they see me, feel me, touch me. I take my role seriously as a role model."

Johnson, taking his role seriously as the world's best 400-meter runner after a mistake Sunday that almost cost him a place in the semifinals, reasserted his authority by winning his heat and advancing to Tuesday night's final.

"Yesterday, I was very disappointed in

myself," the world and Olympic gold medalist said, after high-fiving his three other American teammates who reached the final, along with three Britons.

Freeman was not the only athlete to make history Monday night.

Llewellyn Herbert became the first South African to win a medal in the world championships, earning the silver in the men's 400-meter hurdles.

However, it was Freeman who was the most emotional. On the victory stand, she jumped in jubilation when her name was announced. After the Australian anthem, she broke into tears.

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Cathy Freeman
Medal winner

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scoreboard

MONDAY'S NEWS AND RESULTS

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Detroit..... 2	Kansas City..... 4
Toronto..... 3	Boston..... 11
Minnesota..... 9	Texas..... 5
Milwaukee..... 5	
Anaheim..... 2	

National League

Houston..... 1	Atlanta..... 6
Florida..... 4	Pittsburgh..... 0
Colorado..... 3	San Francisco..... 9
Philadelphia..... 7	Cincinnati..... 1
St. Louis..... 2	
NY Mets..... 4	

Oregon eighth in preseason Pac-10 media poll

The Oregon Ducks were picked to finish the 1997 Pacific-10 football season in eighth place, West Coast media voted in poll released July 31.

Washington received 28 of the 31 first-place votes in its selection as the conference champion with 306 points.

Stanford, picked second, was the only other school to garner any first-place votes with three.

The rest of the Pac-10 was selected as follows: USC, third; UCLA, fourth; Arizona State, fifth; Arizona, sixth; Washington State, seventh; Oregon, eighth; California, ninth; and Oregon State, 10th.

In 1994, Oregon was picked to finish eighth in the conference, but won the conference championship and played in the Rose Bowl.

Dallas Cowboys coach arrested at airport

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys coach Barry Switzer was arrested Monday after a loaded revolver was discovered in his carry-on baggage at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Switzer was detained, his .38-caliber revolver was confiscated and he was released about two hours later on his own recognizance, said airport spokeswoman Angel Biasatti. Switzer returned to Austin to rejoin the team for training camp.

"There was no criminal intent," Biasatti said, pointing out that 38 handguns have been confiscated at the airport this year. "We have to arrest individuals. It's the law. Most of the time they forget that they have them at the airport. ... It's an unfortunate situation for Barry Switzer."

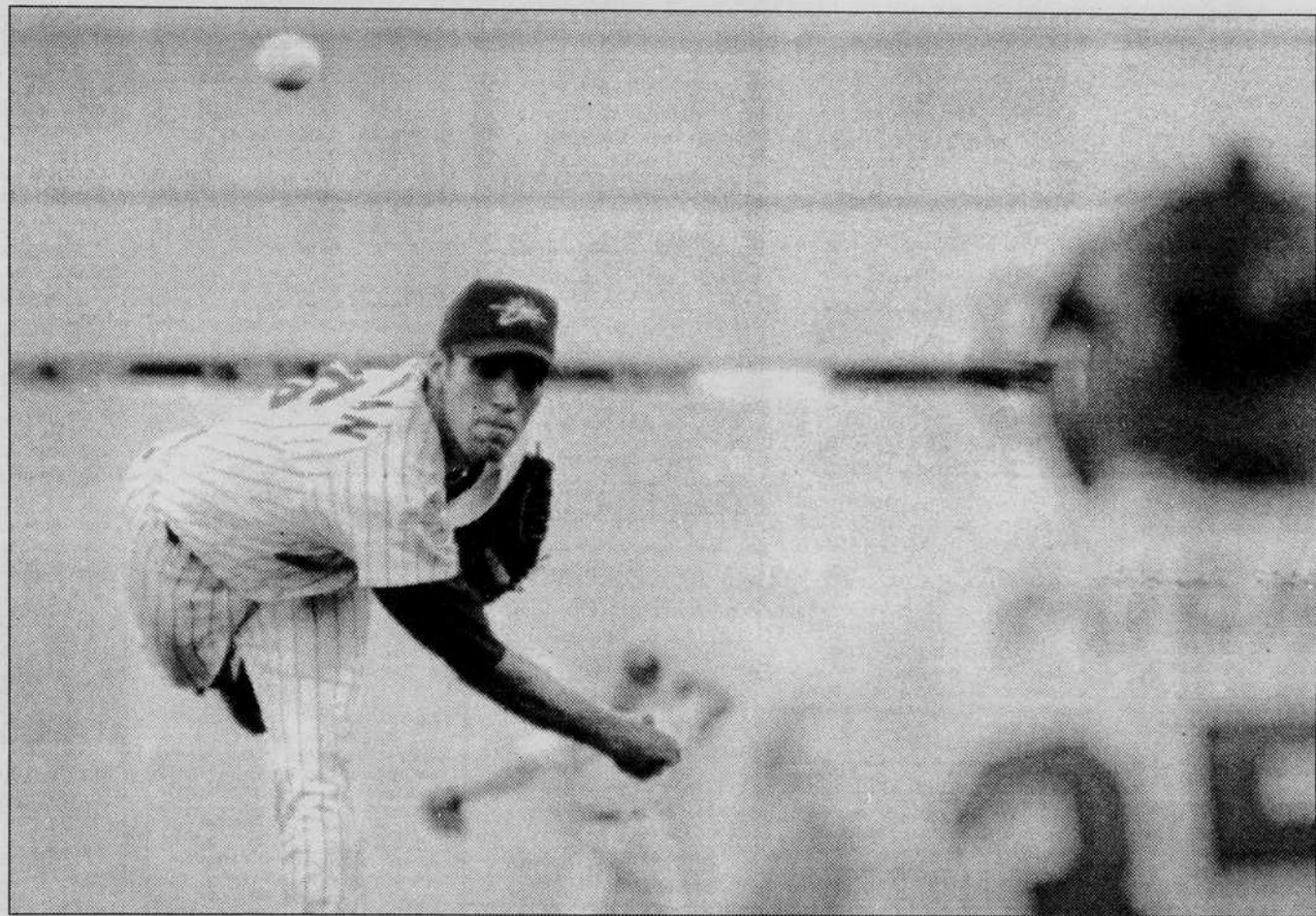
Carrying a weapon into an airport is a third-degree felony. Airport security officials said Switzer did not have a permit for the gun.

Security personnel discovered the weapon in Switzer's canvas bag as he went through a Terminal 3E checkpoint, Biasatti said.

DAILY TRIVIA ANSWER

Phil and Joe Niekro have a combined 539 wins, first all time between brothers.

EMS 11, BOISE 0



CHAD PATTESON/Emerald

Ems pitcher Ryan Schurman won his fourth game Monday, striking out nine batters and allowing only one hit in seven innings.

Schurman's effort sparks Ems' win

■ EMERALDS: The Tualatin native gave up only one hit and struck out nine in seven innings of work for his fourth win

By Ryan Frank
Associate Editor

So much for statistics. The Eugene Emeralds' Ryan Schurman gave up one hit and retired 21 of the 24 batters he faced in seven innings to help shutout the Boise Hawks, the Northwest League's best hitting team, 11-0 at Civic Stadium Monday night in front of 2,557.

Eugene, the league's worst hitting team pounded out 13 hits, including a Jeff Spencer grand slam in the eighth inning, got two solid innings of relief from Jamie Wise and played stellar defense to hold the Hawks to three hits and improve their record to 17-30.

Boise (34-13) came into Monday night's action with an eight-game cushion over Spokane in the Northern Division and held the league's best record by 7 1/2 games over Southern Division leader Portland.

"Schurman did an outstanding job of mixing pitchers and keeping hitters off balance," Eugene manager Jim Saul said. "I would say he is a stopper for our club right now. When we've not won too

many games, he's been the man that says 'I'm going to give you a game, and he does.'"

In the first of two five-game series against the Hawks earlier this season, the Ems were outscored 48-19 in a five-game sweep.

Not only was Monday night's win the Ems' first over the Hawks this season, but it also marks their first three-game winning streak of the season. Eugene had won two straight on four previous occasions. In addition, the win was the Ems' seventh in their last 10 games.

"Me and [catcher] Mark Mortimer were on the same page all night," Schurman said. "We just found a groove and went with it for seven strong innings, and the guys behind me played great defense."

Schurman (4-4) allowed only two balls to leave the infield through the first six innings, one on a first-inning single and the second on a flyout in the fourth.

"When you got a lead and you're up by four runs, there's no need to fool around," Schurman said.

Boise manager Tom Kotchman said there wasn't much his team could do.

"There's not a whole lot you can say when a guy throws seven innings of shutout ball against you,"

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■ MONDAY HIGHLIGHTS: Jeff Spencer hit an eighth-inning grand slam and Manny Sanchez went 2-for-5 with three RBIs to help lead the Ems to their first win over Boise this season.

■ WHAT'S NEXT: The Ems host the Boise Hawks for the next four nights at Civic Stadium