

# Segui leads Rangers to victory

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ARLINGTON, Texas — David Segui provided the Texas Rangers another ninth-inning victory while taking over the American League batting lead.

Segui hit a game-winning, two-run homer in the ninth inning and had five RBIs Wednesday to lead the Rangers over the Seattle Mariners 7-6.

After being unable to scoop shortstop Royce Clayton's errant throw that led to an unearned run and a 6-5 Seattle lead in the top of the ninth, Segui pulled a fastball into the right-field stands to give Texas its third ninth-inning victory in six games.

"I didn't want to fire him up. I couldn't have felt any worse, but that's what teammates do, they pick you up," said Clayton, who entered the game in the ninth as a defensive replacement.

Rafael Palmeiro reached on a bloop single off the glove of sec-

ond baseman Mark McLemore to set up Segui's game-winner off of Kazuhiro Sasaki (1-1).

"I kind of expected him to step up," McLemore said of Segui. "I know that the felt he should have had that ball. It's how he reacts."

Segui, who was 3-for-5, swung when he saw the fastball coming.

"You don't want to take any fastballs for strikes because you're probably not going to get another one. He's uses that to set up his split-finger," Segui said. "Against a guy like that, you can't miss the fastball."

By going 23-for-52 (.442) during a 13-game hitting streak, Segui has raised his average 40 points to .387, overtaking Anaheim's Darin Erstad for the league lead. The Angels outfielder's average has dropped from .449 to .378 since May 1.

Rangers reliever John Wetteland (3-1), still seeking his 300th

career save, won his third straight game for the first time in his career. He entered with the score tied in the ninth.

Segui's RBI single in the first drove in the Rangers' first run, and then broke a 2-2 tie with a two-run single in the fifth.

Seattle overcame a 5-2 deficit, going ahead after McLemore scored on Clayton's bad throw on Edgar Martinez's two-out grounder. McLemore led the ninth off with a pinch-single.

"With this club, I'm throwing up one half inning and the other half inning I'm doing jumping jacks," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "I can't be like this all year."

Wetteland was warming up for the chance to get the save when Seattle tied the game at 5 on David Bell's two-run double off Tim Lincecum with two outs in the eighth. Wetteland, who had not pitched since Saturday, still came out to pitch the ninth.

# Matchup pits old against new Ducks

■ The Oregon Club Sports rugby teams get psyched up for their annual alumni match this weekend

By **Shigenari Matsumoto**  
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It is going to be the Ducks against the Ducks this weekend.

It is not another football scrimmage but the annual alumni match for the Oregon Club Sports men's and women's rugby teams.

Bob Pierce, an Oregon graduate who was selected as an all-colle-



giate American in 1993, said the men's match has been going on for at least 50 years. It is special not only because of its history but because the alumni get a chance to reunite with their old teammates and play against the younger, more physical team that won the Pacific Northwest league this season.

It's not as if the alumni team is an old-timers team that quit playing years ago. Actually, most of the players on the alumni team still play on various city club teams. Pierce himself plays for the Eugene men's team with several other former Ducks.

"The Ducks may be younger, faster and more physical," he said, "but we are smarter. We are going to show that the older guys are better than the younger guys."

The winner of the match gets to keep the Clegg Cup, a silver cup named after former Oregon coach Ben Clegg.

"He dedicated a lot of his time and energy to rebuild the Oregon rugby program into a very good program, and we appreciate that," Pierce said.

According to Pierce, last year's match was a draw, but the younger Ducks do not agree and claim they won for the second year in a row.

Alumni matches are typical of rugby clubs, which are famous for their close bonds among players, the reason that many players continue to play this physically punishing sport.

"You can play rugby until your wife tells you not to, but even then, you can occasionally sneak out and play," Pierce said.

The alumni match usually draws a crowd of about 100-200 spectators which consists of player's parents, children, wives, girlfriends and friends. Considering that regular season matches draw around 30 spectators, this is a relatively large crowd.

"The most important thing about this match is to have fun," Pierce said. "We're going to have a crazy time."

For the women's team, this is going to be the first alumna match since the team's inception in 1998. The women's team also had a successful season, finishing second in the Pacific Northwest and putting up a successful showing at the Santa Barbara Invitational two weeks ago.

"We're really looking forward to playing this weekend because we played the best game this season in Santa Barbara," senior Kathy Gabrielidis said.

The women's game is scheduled at 11 a.m. and the men's at 1 p.m. Saturday at the intramural field.

## Triathletes successful

Fourteen members of the Oregon Club Sports Triathlon team were among the more than 2,500 to compete in one the biggest — if not the biggest — competitions in the world.

Four athletes highlighted the Ducks efforts at the national collegiate competition in San Luis Obispo, Calif. Hailey Foster finished 32nd, and Ashley Collins came in 34th out of 150 competitors in the women's college field.

And on the men's side Zach Winter finished 32nd and Brian Fuentes came in 43rd.

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Oregon. Although they fought into the third set, then-No. 2 Jong-Min Lee and Brandon Kramer were, in the end, too much for Eisinga and Carter.

It was some consolation for the team when they were selected for

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the NCAA tournament, along with a team berth against Fresno State. With at least two matches remaining for Eisinga and Carter, the two could break the school record for wins in a season.

Eisinga has thrived in the tournament atmosphere, succeeding in both the post-and pre-season. In the fall, Eisinga went 8-4, including impressive wins over Washington's Mark Woolley and teammate Thomas Schneider.

"I like the tournaments more; it's more of an individual effort," Eisinga said. "I have to get used to the team matches. They bring a little more pressure. I hope I can do better next season."

Eisinga has made Oregon a much deeper team, and has benefited from the team's depth. In the past, Eisinga would have had to play higher up in the Duck lineup. But playing most of the season at the No. 4 spot, Eisinga has adapted to the Pac-10 with more ease than if he were playing the No. 2 or 3 spot.

"It has allowed [Leslie] to see what it takes to play at a higher level," Russell said. "And allowed him to get some confidence."

Eisinga is eager for the future. "I think I can improve a lot more," he said. "I'm going to set more goals for next year. Now that I know how strong the competition is, I can set higher goals."

Eisinga is a key part of a young nucleus of players that will lead the Ducks into the future. That nucleus includes Schneider, a sophomore, and fellow freshmen Oded Teig and Jason Menke, as well as heralded Duck recruit Buck Mink.

"I wanted to help this team build up to a higher level," he said. "I think we're headed in the right direction."