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keep it up."

Mallory kept alive a five-game hitting streak when he laced a 2-2 pitch to left-field in the bottom of the first for an RBI single that tied

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Danny Sheaffer
Ems manager on his Korean catcher Yoon-Min Kweon

the game at one. The Ems would tack on one more run in the first when Blair Barbier singled home Mallory and another one in the second when catcher Yoon-Min Kweon blasted a solo home run over the left-field fence.

"Kweon is coming around, but he still has a lot to work on," Ems manager Danny Sheaffer said. "His game will improve at the pace that he improves on his English. It's a tough language to learn."

The starting battery for the Ems was certainly English-challenged as Kweon caught foreign pitcher Jose Cueto, who took the loss (1-3). Cueto, who is one of only two

returning players from a year ago, struggled with his control and surrendered five earned runs, five hits, four walks, while striking out five in his 4 2/3 innings of work.

"He's a guy that's going to be a very good pitcher when he learns to work both sides of the plate well," Sheaffer said.

A key stat to the game was the base on balls as the Ems issued a total of seven walks as opposed to only one given by Everett.

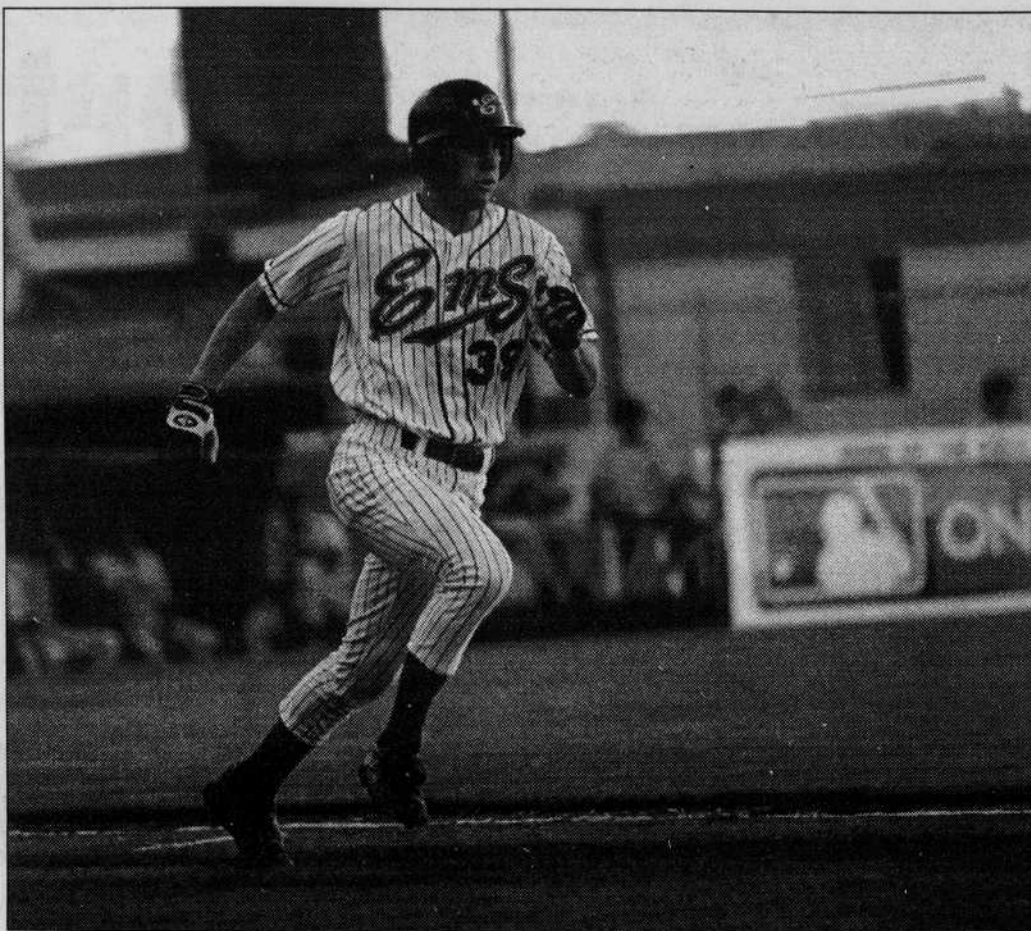
Everett starter Roy Wells (3-1) didn't issue any in his six innings of work as he has only walked two batters in his last five starts.

Even though the Ems dropped its first series since an early July tilt with Yakima, they still find themselves in first place in the South Division of the Northwest League — but only a precious half-game ahead of the Portland Rockies, who beat Yakima 8-3 Monday night.

Mallory, for one, isn't just satisfied with being in first, however.

"It's all starting to come together for us and I think we need a cushion between Portland and us," Mallory said. "It's going to be a battle and we'll be ready for it."

Eugene now gets a must-deserved day off today before it goes on a five-game road trip to Boise. It then comes back home next Monday for a six-game homestand that begins with a visit from those pesky Rockies.



Ryan Jorgensen picked up two hits over the weekend to raise his average to .327, the second-highest mark on the team.

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attempts at 7-2 1/2.

"It was cool to be down there, but it was disappointing," Boness said. "It was definitely a step up from what I'm used to and it only makes me want to come back harder next year."

Boness said that he will have his third knee surgery within the next month to get healthy for a year in which his "whole focus is to win the national championship."

"I just wish I was healthy be-

cause I really believe that making the Olympic team was attainable," he said. "Once I'm healthy, I'll be able to rock and roll next year."

Reed, competing at nearly the same time as Boness, also missed three attempts at the opening height. Reed's personal best of 13-5 1/4 was just three inches higher than the opening height.

Senior Steve Fein was forced to scratch in the 5,000 due to a calf injury. The race was scheduled to be Fein's last in an Oregon uniform. Fein's senior year was plagued by injury. After earning All-American honors in each of the three seasons since transfer-

ring from Wisconsin, Fein was forced to sit out much of the track season with a sinus infection and knee and calf problems.

The future looks quite bright for up-coming Duck Katy Polansky. The recent high school graduate set a national prep record in the javelin with her toss of 174-2, good enough for sixth place. Polansky, who will bypass Oregon track to walk on and play basketball for Jody Runge's Ducks next year, was just inches out of fifth place and 12 feet out of an Olympic bid. The 18-year-old threw in the mid-160 foot range in her first three throws before un-

leashing her personal best.

Also competing in the javelin was current Duck Karis Howell. The junior and All-American finished 13th in her qualifying flight with a throw of 144-7.

Although the event will not be contested at the Olympics, Lisa (Karnopp) Nye competed in the women's 3,000 meter steeplechase. The former Duck placed second in the inaugural race in 10:00.6. The 3,000 steeplechase will be added to the women's event sheet at the World Championships next year.

Some disappointment came to three former Duck women in the

distances. Annette Peters barely missed an Olympic bid in the 10,000 meters, finishing fifth in 32:09. The former American record holder missed third place by less than eleven seconds. Peters also ran in the 5,000 meters, finishing 10th in 15:37. Melody Fairchild finished 19th in the 10,000 in 34:12. Milena Glusac finished 12th in her qualifying heat of the 5,000 in 16:01.

The Olympic games get kicked off with the Opening Ceremonies on September 15 in Sydney, Australia.

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