Sports briefs

Padres to hold tryouts at Civic Stadium

The San Diego Padres will host open tryouts today at the home of their single-A affiliate, the Eugene Emeralds. The tryouts will begin at 9 a.m. at Civic Stadium.

The tryouts are open to all players who are high school sophomores through seniors in college. Padres scout Rich Bordi will run the tryouts. Players must provide bats, catchers' gear and other equipment, although the Padres will provide balls and helmets.

For further information, call the Padres' tryout hotline at (619) 881-6592 or the Emeralds at 342-5367.

Martinez goes on disabled list

SEATTLE — Seattle Mariners All-Star designated hitter Edgar Martinez was placed on the 15-day disabled list Monday night because of a strained left quadricep muscle. Martinez, the No. 3 hitter in Seat-

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tle's batting order, was injured in Sunday night's 8-0 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks. Left-hander John Halama will

take Martinez's place on the Mariners' roster. He was recalled from Triple-A Tacoma and started Monday night's game against the Diamondbacks.

Martinez, 38, was hurt in the first inning of Sunday night's game while running to second on a hitand-run play.

Martinez was hitting .299 (86 for 288) in 84 games for the Mariners this season. He has 14 home runs, 27 doubles and 70 RBI.

All-Star second baseman Bret Boone was Seattle's DH and batted third in Monday night's game with Mark McLemore replacing him at second base. Boone has batted fifth in Seattle's batting order most of the season.

Manager Lou Piniella said he also plans to use right fielder Ichiro Suzuki, center fielder Mike Cameron and first baseman John Olerud as the Mariners' DH while

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Martinez is sidelined.

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Griffey spurs Reds CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. H showed the complete package for the first time all season.

Griffey hit two of Cincinnati's four homers and made a running over-the-shoulder catch Monday night as the Reds beat the Detroit Tigers 9-1 behind rookie starter Lance Davis.

Limited all season by a torn hamstring, Griffey hasn't been able to make the sensational defensive play or put together a big offense game. It looked like old times Monday night.

Griffey, who left the clubhouse before reporters entered after the game, also made his best play in the field so far. He ran down Shane Halter's fly ball to the warning track in center field in the second inning, turning his back to the infield to make the catch.

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and cross country. In 1994, Heinonen was honored as a master coach by U.S.A. Track and Field, the chief recognition in coaching education. Men's track and field head coach Martin Smith is in his third year at Oregon.

Sports camps

Ross Smith, an eighth grader who runs the mile and 400-meter dash, said Steve Prefontaine was "pretty cool" for all that he achieved in his running career. Seven-year runner Leesl Merritt, who runs the 1,500, 3,000 and 5,000, said she has learned from Prefontaine's accomplishments as a runner to always try her best.

The track and field and cross country runners' stay at Oregon will be at an end Thursday night, and the Oregon Track Club will put on an All-Comer track meet open to the community to bid farewell to the Prefontaines of the future.

All in all, the youth sports camps held at Oregon build confidence in the nation's athletes.

Denise Wall, Monroe High School's dancing coach whose squad participated in the dance camp last weekend, said her girls' confidence with themselves and teammates has improved because of what the camps offered to them.

"We hope to stay at this facility," Wall said. "The camp benefits the girls. It helps them to bond with one another, and their confidence rises."

Litzenberger

Kent said he welcomes Litzenberger's presence because of his vast knowledge.

"I have known Litz since 1987 and because of our friendship and working with him in the past, he is familiar with our system and our terminology, and I Sharon Haga, Bandon High School's dancing coach, said that the dance camp was broken up into four different skill levels so that all the girls would be provided with the opportunity to learn to their fullest potential.

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"Level four is for girls that know dancing and the terminology that goes along with it," Haga said. "Through the three years that I've coached, the intermediate girls have always shown other girls what to do and not do, especially for evaluations. There's no comparing. The girls all help one another."

Haga said the camp is designed to teach more than dance and individual techniques.

"They learn different ways to move," Haga said. "But there are also seminars on health and body issues that influence them."

Haga and Wall said that staying at this camp has left a lasting impression of Oregon on their squads.

"The girls love the campus," Haga said.

anticipate a smooth transition," Kent said.

Among Litzenberger's many accomplishments are a National Invitational Tournament crown as a coach at Fresno State in 1983 and a 194-62 overall record as a head coach.

"The transition should be easy," Litzenberger said. "I know the players are ready."





