



## Mariners

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of innings as he did last Thursday — 4 1/3.

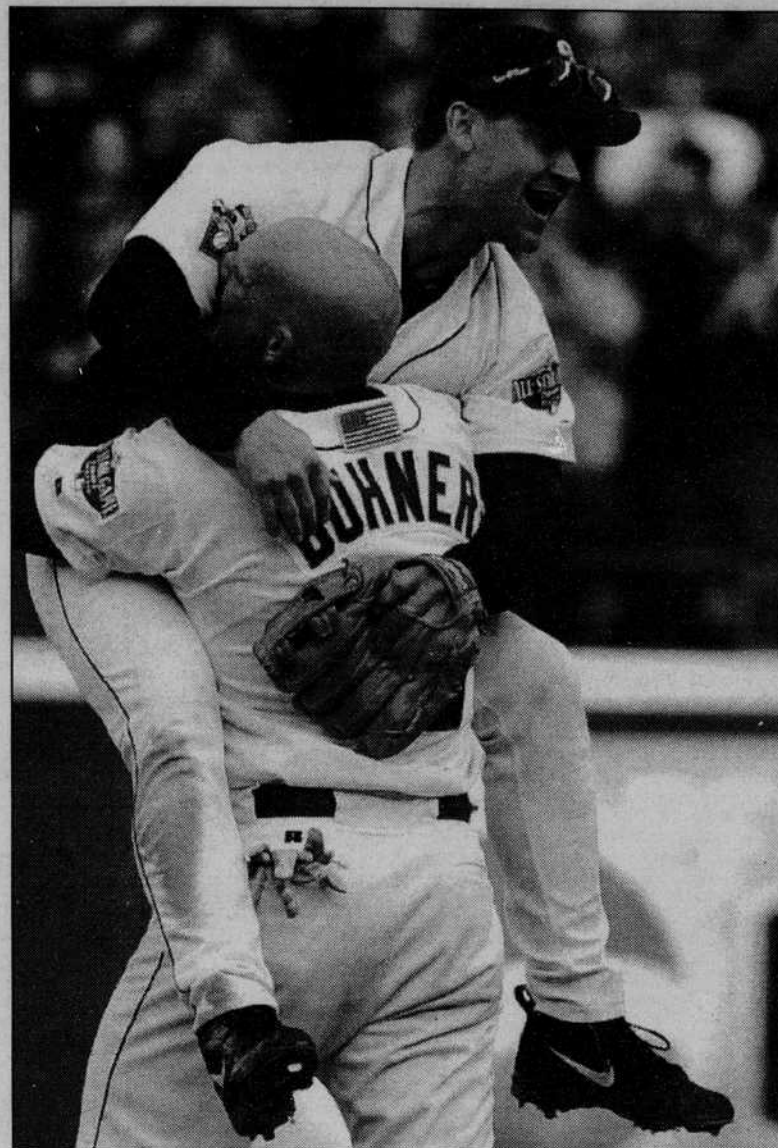
Plagued by wildness — with four walks, a wild pitch, a hit batter and five other pitches in the dirt — Finley loaded the bases in the fifth by allowing two hits and a walk with one out. David Riske, a Renton native, relieved Finley, then struck out Boone and got Martinez to ground meekly to shortstop to end the threat.

The Mariners had runners on second and third with two outs in the sixth, but Ricardo Rincon came in for Riske and struck out Mark McLemore looking. Then, in the seventh, they came up with an insurance run that all but sealed victory.

Ichiro led off with an infield single, his third such hit of the game and team-high 12th of the series. Stan Javier sacrificed Ichiro to second, and Rincon was removed in favor of Dany's Baez. The Cleveland reliever struck out Boone, who went down on strikes for the third time in the game and 11th of the series. But Martinez ripped a 1-0 pitch into center field, driving in Ichiro.

Martinez was given a standing ovation as he jogged off the field for a pinch runner, Al Martin.

**Notes:** In keeping with the patriotic spirit of the current times, a new design was painted on the grass behind home plate at Safeco Field. The major league baseball logo of a batter about to swing was painted its customary red, white and blue, with stars and stripes added for an American flag look ... The Mariners replayed video highlights of their Game 2 win for all at Safeco Field to see before the game, including the Cleveland players. Cleveland did the



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Bret Boone and Jay Buhner celebrate after defeating Cleveland 3-1 Monday.

same thing at Jacobs Field, replaying highlights from their two wins in the series not long before the start of the two games there ... Construction workers were seen watching the game from the west roof panel of the new football and soccer stadium be-

ing built to the north. The workers got up to the roof and broke out binoculars to see the action ... Ichiro went 12-for-20 in the series for a .600 batting average.

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## Football

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ed, the weekly sports magazine that forecast the Beavers as the No. 1 team in the country.

Oregon State (2-3 overall, 1-2 Pacific-10 Conference) opened its season with a 44-24 loss at Fresno State. Then it held off a scare by New Mexico State and won, 27-22. But the Bruins ran all over them in Corvallis, 38-7, and the following week, the Cougars took a 31-3 halftime lead against the Beavers en route to a 34-27 victory.

So, sitting at 1-3 and facing a do-or-die-type game against Arizona, Simonton decided to challenge his troops and throw some cold water in their faces.

He wanted to remind his teammates that the 41-9 Fiesta Bowl thumping of Notre Dame was in the past.

"We're not fighting for each other," Simonton said. "I think one of the biggest differences was the commitment this summer. We had so many guys who wanted to go home and show off their new rings. I was one of those guys who didn't really like staying up here, it was kind of forced on me, but the one thing I realized was that my line needed to see me out here.

"This team is so new, we're still getting a feel for each other. Those are the things that need to be ironed out during the summer."

Instead, the Beavers are just now getting comfortable with their new faces in new places. While they know that a second straight Pac-10 championship is out of the question (the Ducks, Beavers and Huskies all were co-

champs last season), the Beavers are preparing to make a run at a bowl bid.

Up next for Oregon State is a trip to Tempe, Ariz., to face the Sun Devils before coming back to Corvallis to take on California. And the following Saturday, Nov. 3, the Beavers head to Los Angeles to take on Southern California. Should the Beavers win two of those three, that would leave them two wins shy of the six victories needed to earn a trip to a bowl game.

One of those games, a Nov. 17 game against Northern Arizona, is practically a gimme, leaving games against Washington at home and Oregon at Autzen Stadium.

There's still a long road ahead, but Saturday's 35-point victory has re-energized the Beaver nation as they try to regain their winning ways.

"These guys are learning a valuable lesson that we've had to learn, as well — learn how to be underdogs," Simonton said of his younger players. "They inherited a championship legacy, but it was only a one-year legacy. So if they want to retain that, they've got to earn that."

Simonton, whose Heisman Trophy campaign all but fizzled away with his 26-yard outing against UCLA and 19-yard total versus Washington State, rebounded with 104 yards rushing in the win over Arizona.

His campaign Web site, ken35.org, remains updated and this week there will be a 30-minute special on Simonton that will be aired on ESPN Classic at 4:30 p.m. Friday and 6:30 a.m. Saturday.

## Pac-10 Honors

UCLA's convincing 35-13 win against Washington not only leapfrogged the Bruins over Oregon into the No. 4 spot in the Associated Press poll, it also garnered two of its players with awards.

Bruin tailback DeShaun Foster was honored as the Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Week after he ran all over the Huskies for 301 yards on 31 carries. He also scored four touchdowns, including one that went for 92 yards. It was the third-best rushing game in Pac-10 history.

On defense, Bruin linebacker Robert Thomas earned the league honors after recording a league-high 12 tackles. Washington State's Josh Moen won it for special teams after he blocked a key punt that was taken back for a touchdown in the Cougars' 45-39 victory at Stanford.

## Hockaday

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same time.

Duck fans cheered whenever a group of players took the field for warm-ups. Cal fans cheered louder for their band than their team.

A trip to Berkeley is sort of like seeing your girlfriend's ugly sister. It makes you appreciate the original.

Next road trip: Wazzu. Woohoo, woop-de-doo. I'll be there. Will you?

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