

Sports briefs

Giambi slugs past Sosa

MILWAUKEE — Talk about a tough act to follow.

Yankees slugger Jason Giambi was the next batter to follow Sammy Sosa in the first round of Monday night's All-Star Home Run Derby, which was a little bit like taking the solo after Pavarotti in his prime.

Sosa smashed 12 balls out of Miller Park — one of them completely out of the building — while Giambi watched in awe from the on-deck circle.

"He's unbelievable. He's a Manimal," Giambi said of Sosa. "He's the best of the best, and it's really fun to have the opportunity to go against him."

But Giambi responded to the challenge, going on to win the contest by beating Sosa in a head-to-head duel in the final round.

With lightning flashing in the distance, and the rumble of thunder adding an apt soundtrack, Giambi launched seven home runs in the last round.

Sosa hit only one home run to counter Giambi's final round, despite hitting off his personal batting practice pitcher, Cubs coach Benny Calajere.

Yankees' third base coach Willie Randolph pitched to Giambi.

— Pete Caldera, *The Record*, Bergen County, N.J. (KRT)

MVP award to honor Williams

MILWAUKEE — During a pregame ceremony Tuesday night honoring the late Ted Williams, baseball commissioner Bud Selig will announce that the All-Star Game MVP award will be named after the former Red Sox Hall of Famer.

Baseball officials are waiting until tonight to comment publicly regarding the award, but word spread among the players Monday.

"It's great," said Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra. "It's a nice tribute to Ted."

Several of the current All-Stars

were aware that Williams is to be honored, but Mike Piazza was one of the few who seemed to know anything about the dispute between son and daughter over John Henry Williams' apparent decision to have his father's DNA frozen and preserved.

"It's unfortunate," said Piazza. "He was a real-life John Wayne, and he deserves to be treated as a hero."

— John Harper, *New York Daily News* (KRT)

No strike vote from players association meeting

CHICAGO — More than 30 baseball players spent the first day of their All-Star break in a basement meeting room at the O'Hare Hyatt, discussing preparations for a possible strike. But the tone of the meeting, as well as that of union leader Donald Fehr afterward, made it clear major-leaguers don't want to stage a summer rerun, especially if 1994 is the year in question.

Fehr, executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association, did not ask the players for a vote on a specific strike date at the meeting Monday. He indicated that one could be forthcoming if negotiations set for the next few weeks don't bring the sides closer to agreement.

Yet Fehr sounded hopeful about satisfying the owners' desire to increase significantly the amount of local revenue shared without subjecting fans to what could be a second season-ending strike in eight years.

The most recent rounds of talks have brought some small concessions from the owners, which may have encouraged players that there is a way for the sides to meet in the middle. The players are concerned that in the absence of a negotiated agreement at the end of this season, Major League Baseball will declare a bargaining impasse and unilaterally impose new terms, including some form of salary cap.

— Phil Rogers, *Chicago Tribune* (KRT)

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30 Oregon athletes recognized for academic success

Eight student-athletes represented Oregon on the Pacific-10 Conference's spring all-academic first teams, released in June.

Seniors Adam Bergquist, Billy Pappas and Jenny Kenyon, redshirt junior John Stiegeler and redshirt sophomore Ryan Andrus each received first team honors for their academic performances during the track and field season.

Tennis players Monika Gieczys, a junior, and senior Janice Nyland also earned first team status. Senior golfer Kathy Cho was a first team recipient as well.

A total of 30 Oregon athletes were recognized for their academic performances this past spring. One softball player, one golfer, three tennis players and 17 track and field athletes also earned second team or honorable mention status.

Academic eligibilities require students to maintain a 3.0 GPA and be either a starter or a significant contributor to their respective teams.

— Brad Schmidt

UO football tickets go on sale today

Single-game tickets for six of Oregon's eight home games go on sale today to the general public for \$29 each.

Tickets are available for games against Mississippi State, Fresno State, Idaho, Portland State, Arizona State and Stanford. Only the USC and Washington games are sold out.

The University suspended ticket sales in June after surpassing last season's total by almost 10,000 tickets, marking the fourth year in a row that sales have been curtailed before the start of the season.

The expansion of Autzen Stadium — which will increase the seating capacity from 41,698 to about 54,000 — allows for the growing ticket sales.

Tickets can be purchased over the Internet at www.goducks.com, in person at the Casanova Center or over the phone by calling 1-800-WEBFOOT.

— Brad Schmidt

Oregon to host NCAA Tournament in 2003

The NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament is coming to Oregon.

On July 1, McArthur Court was selected as one of 16 first- and second-round sites for the 2003 college basketball championships.

Oregon, which won the WNIT tournament this past season, and Stanford are the only Pacific-10 Conference teams hosting games in the first two rounds of the 2003 NCAA Tournament.

The games will be played March 22 through 25.

— Brad Schmidt

Oregon recruit named 'impact' player

Oregon freshman Carolyn Ganes was recently named one of 21 "Freshmen of Impact" players for the 2002-03 season.

Ganes, the first basketball signee under second-year coach Bev Smith, received recognition from womenscollegehoops.com.

A native of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, the 6-3 post player averaged 25 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks per game during her senior year of high school.

Oregon ended its season at 22-13 and won the WNIT title last year.

— Brad Schmidt

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award, chosen by USA Baseball, is given each year to the collegiate player who displays exceptional athleticism and exemplary sportsmanship.

Greene hit .480 last year while at Clemson and ranks second in the NCAA all-time in hits and doubles.

"It's pretty exciting," Greene

said. "It's something to look back on over my career."

The Ems split the first four games of their series with the Indians, knocking off Spokane 8-7 Thursday and squeaking past the club 9-8 Saturday in a game that went into an extra inning. In the two losses, the Ems got swiftly beaten 8-3 Friday and 9-4 Sunday.

Today marks the first day — and one of only three for the entire sea-

son — that the Emeralds will have off. The Ems will host a series against Everett beginning Wednesday and going through Friday, with a double-header Friday night beginning at 6:05 p.m. The double-header, which will consist of two seven-inning games, will make up the July 5 game that was canceled due to rain.

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ownership. Some players questioned whether it was ethical for the Montreal Expos to make trades, because the team is owned by MLB.

Boston pitcher John Burkett didn't make the All-Star team, but he said he would have boycotted the game had he been selected. Burkett felt that strongly about Selig and the labor issues. And on the eve of the game, the players' union met in Chicago to discuss a possible strike date.

A possible strike? Steroid testing? Contraction?

"It definitely takes away from it," Giambi said. "Especially for the guys who are here the first time. You kind of feel bad for them. This is supposed to be special."

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slightly offended, roll her eyes and spout off, "The only reason Serena is here today is because I taught her everything she knows. And by the way, Serena likes girls, if you know what I mean."

The two could then part ways and live unhappily ever after.

Finally, we'd have something to differentiate the two. We'd have the cocky youngster with the bruising game against the aged veteran who knows what her op-

ponent will do before she does.

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