

I kill over 4 million people worldwide every year.
 500 million people alive today will eventually be killed by me.
 Half a million acres of forest are lost each year to make me.
 20 million people could be fed worldwide if food
 was grown instead of me.

I am cigarettes.



Sports briefs

Sica struggles individually

After the Oregon men's golf team was unceremoniously axed by a surprise team cut at the NCAA Championships, Duck junior Mike Sica was left to carry the torch for Oregon into the finals. He was ranked 13th in the field and was invited to stay along with the top players from each of the losing squads.

But Sica couldn't continue the magic without his teammates. He struggled in the final round and shot a 12-over-par 84 on the final day of the NCAA tournament in Stillwater, Okla. He finished the tournament tied for 43rd overall.

Sica said he missed a lot of fairways Friday, which led to his demise.

"I felt confident coming into the round, but it just didn't happen today," Sica said. "You can't play this course if you're not in the fairway."

It's that simple."

Sica and the Ducks have now ended their 2002-03 campaign.

— Peter Hockaday

Softball squad earns national respect

The Oregon softball team's dream season ended with a wake-up call — now other people know how good the Ducks were.

Oregon, which finished one win shy of the College World Series, also finished one spot shy of the nation's top 10. The Ducks earned a No. 11 ranking in the final ESPN.com/USA softball poll of the season. Their previous highest ranking was 18th.

Oregon was a unanimous choice to finish last in the Pacific-10 Conference before the season started but ended the season tied for third in the nation's toughest league. The Ducks made it to the championship game of the Fullerton, Calif., regional but fell to Louisiana-Lafayette.

— Peter Hockaday

Clemens fails again in attempt at No. 300

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DETROIT — As if George Steinbrenner stomping around and breathing fire in the wake of an unacceptable 11-17 record in May hadn't placed enough pressure on the New York Yankees, they now have Roger Clemens' pursuit of history causing them stress.

It showed Sunday in the form of four errors and a blown six-run lead.

The Yankees survived and did what matters most to Steinbrenner, beating the lowly but pesky Detroit Tigers, 10-9, in 17 arduous innings at Comerica Park.

Outside of the Bronx and Steinbrenner's Tampa headquarters, however, the Yankees' 33rd win of the season was a mere subplot to Clemens' bid for win No. 300, a quest that has now gone unrequited for two straight starts.

The Tigers frequently have trouble filling a quarter of the seats in their shiny home ballpark, but under a sunny sky they had their biggest crowd ever at Comerica Park — 44,095. Those who couldn't get seats climbed to the roof of a nearby parking garage and looked down on the action.

Were they there to see Clemens become the 21st member of Club 300 or to see him be denied?

That answer came in the bottom of the seventh, when the Tigers tied the game at 8-8, completing a comeback from a 7-1 deficit and eliminating Clemens' chance for the historic win.

Shane Halter, who drove in the tying run, pumped his fist with a little more emotion than usually seen on a sacrifice fly.

Players in the Tigers' dugout jumped to their feet and high-fived Dmitri Young, who scored the tying run.

In the stands — and on the roof of the parking garage beyond center field — giddy fans raised their arms and shouted.

Not in our house, Rocket. Better luck Saturday in Wrigley Field.

"It'll be great to get it over and move on to something else," Clemens said.

That notion was echoed in the Yankees clubhouse, where the players were clearly drained emotionally by the 5-hour, 10-minute game and by the feeling they had let Clemens down on a day when he had friends and family in the stands.

"Everyone was probably pressing a little," said shortstop Derek Jeter,

who made an error in the Tigers' five-run fifth inning. "We want him to win it so bad."

Facing baseball's worst hitting team, Clemens took a 7-1 lead to the mound in the bottom of the fifth. He allowed a leadoff single to Brandon Inge and a two-run homer to Gene Kingsale. Alex Sanchez and Ramon Santiago followed with singles, and the Yankees' defense began to unravel as Clemens labored through a 31-pitch inning.

Leftfielder Juan Rivera made a throwing error. Then Jeter made one. Then second baseman Alfonso Soriano made one. The Tigers parlayed those errors into five runs, cutting the Yanks' lead to 7-6.

"It's disappointing, no question, that Roger didn't get the win," manager Joe Torre said. "That's what added to our problems in the fifth inning. Everyone is trying to do it for Roger, and that caused anxiety. Everyone is trying to slam the door by themselves."

When Clemens left the game leading 8-6 after six innings, the Yanks' bullpen picked up where the defense left off and failed to preserve the lead. Sterling Hitchcock allowed hits to two of the three batters he faced. Antonio Osuna then gave up an RBI single, a walk and a sacrifice fly as Detroit tied the game, 8-8, in the seventh.

"Some of the relievers apologized," Clemens said. "But they wouldn't have been in there if I didn't have problems in the fifth inning."

The game went so long that David Wells, who began the game in sneakers, had to put on his spikes and pitch 5 2/3 innings. He got the win, thanks to homers by Soriano and Jorge Posada in the 17th.

Clemens' next chance at 300 will come Saturday against Cubs righthander Kerry Wood. The two hard-throwing Texans are the only men to strike out 20 batters in a nine-inning game.

The last time the Yankees played at Wrigley Field was in the 1938 World Series. Before that, it was the 1932 World Series, in which Babe Ruth hit his famous called-shot home run.

Could there be some more Yankees history Saturday at Wrigley?

The Yankees sure hope so, because as great as Clemens' pursuit of 300 may be, it sure is nerve-racking.

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