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"The crowd's been incredible and I got to watch some other races like the 100s and 400 hurdles earlier in (the) week."

Terrence Trammell won the 110 meter hurdle final, clocking in at 13.09. American record holder Allen Johnson crossed the finish line at 13.25 to place third.

Among collegians, Mitchum ranked third in Sunday's semifinal behind Ohio State's Joel Brown (ninth overall, 13.39) and Ole Miss'

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Oregon hurdler

Antwon Hicks (11th, 13.45).

Before Sunday, Mitchum said improving his start, which "wasn't that great," Mitchum said. "I've run against these guys before at the (Prefontaine) Meet, ... so I'm not scared of letting it come out."

At the Prefontaine Classic meet held at Hayward Field in mid-June, Mitchum finished sixth in the 110 meter hurdles (13.66) as the only collegiate entry.

Oregon's other two representatives at the Olympic Trials saw mixed results.

Redshirt junior Sarah Malone took second place in the women's javelin final after posting a mark of 177 feet, 11 inches on her sixth and final throw of the event.

To make the U.S. Olympic Team headed to the Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, on August 20, Malone needs to meet the Olympic 'A' qualifying standard of 198-5 by August 8.

In the men's pole vault, Oregon freshman Tommy Skipper missed advancing to next round after the preliminary round, where he missed his three tries at 18-0 1/2.

Skipper holds the Pacific-10 Conference and school record of 18-10 1/4 from the NCAA West Regional Qualifier meet in late May.

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Emeralds first baseman Orlando Diaz lets a pitch go by in Sunday's 7-5 loss to Everett at Civic Stadium. Diaz is batting .240 this season. **Jared Paben** Editor in Chief

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"It's still early and we got a lot more games left to play," said Morton, who is batting .272 with nine home runs this season through Sunday. "It's about getting base runners on and scoring them and getting key base hits."

Eugene starting pitcher Vern Sterry (2-2) took the loss after giving up six earned runs off five hits in 5 1/3 innings. Sterry's ERA jumped more than one run from 2.12 to 3.34.

"I felt good and my stuff was working," Sterry said. "I don't think (Everett's hitters) made any adjustments. I think they just put the ball out there and baseball is baseball. You get a hit, you give up a hit and that's how it works. Next time I face this team, I'm going to keep pitching the same."

After Sunday's game, Howell said it is tough for any team to come back in the latter innings from a deficit when the opposition sends out their best pitchers.

"In the seventh, eighth and ninth innings, you're going to face the best stuff," Howell said. "We battled and we kept coming back. That's all you can ask for. They got their five runs and they capitalized on that. We didn't capitalize when we had the chance and when you face their closer and setup guy, it's a little bit tougher."

Tough times occurred last Friday when the Emeralds suffered their worst offensive output of the season

in an 8-0 loss. Spokane used three pitchers, who allowed only two hits and struck out eight batters.

Morton, who had one of the two hits, said figuring out the team's offense is puzzling. The team is last in the league with a batting average of .228 through Sunday.

"We got so many good hitters in this lineup and we got so much potential to drive in a lot more runs," Morton said. "Unfortunately, it seems like all of our hitters click on one night. If we get a lot more guys working together, especially on nights when we're not all hitting the ball, we'll probably be more consistent." Eugene continues its series against Everett tonight at 7:05 p.m. at Civic Stadium. The six-game series ends Friday.

NOTES

The San Diego Padres, Eugene's major league affiliate, signed non-drafted free agent pitcher Joel Santo and outfielder Chris Kolkhorst. Both were assigned to Eugene. Santo, who was 8-7 with a 4.54 ERA for Idaho Falls of the Pioneer League last year, will make his debut Wednesday. Kolkhorst batted .371 for 2003 national champion Rice University. ... Eugene outfielder Craig Johnson was assigned to the Padres' Arizona Rookie League team in Peoria, Ariz. last week. ... The Padres will hold an open tryout camp for undrafted players between the ages of 16 and 25 on Saturday, July 24 at 10 a.m. The camp is free and will be held at Civic Stadium.

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