

# Emeralds: Team connects on only five hits during loss to Spokane

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## June 22: Ems lose 6-1 to Spokane

Eugene committed three errors, while connecting on only five hits in a 6-1 defeat at the hands of Spokane to even the series at one game apiece. "The Indians swung the bats well," Howell told The Register-Guard. "The bottom line is they beat us. We made some silly mistakes (in the field) that cost us."

The Indians scored a run in the first and last two innings, while tagging two more runs on the board in the fourth inning.

Ben Krosschell pitched 3 1/3 innings, giving up four earned runs on five hits and two walks to take the Eugene loss.

Cavanaugh scored the Ems' only run with a solo home run in the seventh inning.

## June 23: Ems win 3-2 against Spokane

Sansoe earned his way on base in each of his four at-bats, including the game-winning hit in the seventh inning of a 3-2 triumph over Spokane.

"The coaching staff preaches hitting fastballs," said Sansoe, who finished with three singles and two RBIs. "All you can do is take advantage of opportunities."

Sansoe took advantage in his final appearance at the plate, where he lined a first-pitch fastball up the middle to score Kelvin Vazquez, who hit a double in the previous at-bat.

"As a hitter, you've got to get on the

fastball and hit it," Howell said. "If you are looking for the breaking ball, the fastball gets by you. Get on the fastball and adjust to the slower speed."

Spokane scored two runs in the first inning; however, Eugene tied the game at two in the fifth. Richardson led off the inning with a single and Jones walked. Vazquez executed a sacrifice bunt, advancing the runners before Sansoe ripped an RBI single that scored Richardson. Jones scored on a fielder's choice by Rivera.

"The philosophy is get them on, get them over and get them in," Howell said. "Do the little things and we win the ball game."

## June 24: Ems outlast Spokane 10-8

Eugene completed its second

consecutive come from behind victory after a 10-8 survival over Spokane to win the series. Spokane broke a 1-1 tie with three runs in the third and two in the fourth inning. Eugene answered with a rally of its own by scoring three runs in the fourth and fifth inning.

"Obviously both sides were seeing the ball better; both sides were swinging the bat well," Howell said.

Killian came up with a three-run triple on the first pitch to give the Ems a 7-6 lead in the fifth inning.

"If you are going to swing at first-pitch fastball, you better barrel the ball hard somewhere," Howell said.

The ball was laced into the right-field corner, allowing Killian to slide into third base without a throw.

"When you see it (the ball) go to the outfield, it is nice to touch a couple of

bases," said Killian, who finished with two hits and four RBIs.

Sansoe, who led off the sixth inning with a triple, was brought home on a sacrifice fly by Cavanaugh.

Spokane tied the game in the eighth inning; however, the Ems answered with a rally of their own in the bottom half of the inning. Jones hit an infield single and advanced to second on an overthrow on the play to begin the inning. Vazquez sacrificed Jones to third before Sansoe slapped an infield single, where Jones scored as the ball hit him in the back during a play at the plate. Sansoe scored as the Spokane center fielder bobbled a single by Rivera in the next at-bat.

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## IN BRIEF

### Men's tennis team hires new assistant coach

Armando Espinosa has been named assistant men's tennis coach.

Espinosa has coached at Wichita State University, Arizona State University and most recently Marquette University.

"Armando is a great addition to the Oregon tennis family," Oregon coach Kevin Kowalik said. "His experience as a coach within the (Pacific 10 Conference) is going to be a big asset. Armando comes to Eugene with a firm understanding of what it takes to compete and succeed at the collegiate level."

Espinosa was a four-year letter winner at Drury University in Springfield, Mo., where he was named a two-time NCAA Division II All-America honoree. He was also a three-time academic All-American.

As a prep player growing up in Mexico City, Mexico, Espinosa was ranked in the top 10 players in the country.

### McCready wins Oregon Amateur Championship

Oregon golfer Kim McCready defeated Kristen Svcarovich of Vanderbilt 3 and 1 to win the women's final at the Oregon Amateur Championship June 25 at Pumpkin Ridge in North Plains, Ore.

McCready built a 4-up lead after 18 holes of the 36-hole final. Svcarovich connected on three

consecutive pars to open the second half of play, while McCready completed three bogeys in a row.

The match was within one stroke before McCready made par on the par-4 13th hole and Svcarovich suffered a double bogey. McCready closed the match with a par on the par-4 17th hole.

Oregon men's golfer Gregg Lavoie lost 2 and 1 in the round of 32.

### Freshman Rupp, coaches earn Pac-10 track honors

Freshman Galen Rupp was named Pacific-10 Men's Newcomer of the Year and the Duck men's track and field coaching staff combined for the Pac-10 Men's Coach of the Year.

Rupp's inaugural season featured the NCAA runner-up position in the

10,000 meter, top-five finishes in the 5,000 in both the West Regional and the Pac-10 Championships. Rupp also broke the U.S. junior record (28:15.52) in the 10,000 at the Oregon Twilight on May 7.

Associate Athletic Director Gary Gray, the interim director of track and field for the outdoor season and assistant coaches Lance Deal (throws), Bill Lawson (decathlon), Rock Light (jumps), Dan Steele (sprints, hurdles and relays) and Mark Vanderville (pole vault) were honored with a combined award for Coach of the Year.

### Young, Scherer named Academic All-Americans

Andy Young and Matt Scherer were named to the ESPN the

Magazine Academic All-America Men's Track and Field teams.

Young (3.81 grade point average) earned a second-team award, while Scherer (3.63 GPA) was a third-team winner.

The two were the only Pac-10 conference selections recognized on any of the three teams.

### Dukeminier honored as All-America Scholar

Oregon golfer Chris Dukeminier was selected as an All-America Scholar by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

Dukeminier, who holds a 3.43 GPA, was one of only three Pac-10 golfers selected for the national honor.

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
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