

Rockers roll to Boatnik fastpitch crown

For the second year in a row, the River City Rockers of Sacramento, Calif., went unbeaten to win the Boatnik Men's Fastpitch Softball Tournament championship.

The Rockers, who went 6-0, beat Portland Fast Pitch Club 8-1 in Monday's championship game at Riverside Park.

The Rockers had beaten Team Jones of Medford 6-4 during a Monday afternoon semifinal game and started the day with a 20-2 victory against Mock Mazda of Grants Pass.

Portland Fast Pitch beat Brotherton Pipeline, the last of four Grants Pass teams standing, 4-1 in the other Monday semifinal.

The Rockers and Portland Fast Pitch Club each had one of two co-most valuable players and one of two co-most valuable pitchers. Catcher Mario Pereira of the Rockers shared co-MVP honors with designated hitter



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Portland Fast Pitch's Ryan Daly is tagged out trying to steal second base by River City Rocker Bill Kenelty during the fastpitch championship game Monday afternoon.

Rob Gehrke of Portland, pitcher in the tournament championship game for River City, Ed Gasper, the winning

was honored as one of the tournament's top pitchers, as was Portland's Matt Barnes, Gasper's counterpart in the championship game.

The Rockers had three players named as all-tournament selections, including outfielder Mark Summers, Rob Penticoff and infielder David Bostick.

Infielder Pat Sorenson of Mock Ford was an all-tournament selection, as were infielder Jeff Weiss and pitcher Morgan Mapes of the Grants Pass Bandits, outfielder Ryan Wilson and third baseman Kevin Ray from Brotherton Pipeline, third baseman Josh Agnew and first baseman Scott Nokes of Team Jones, and outfielder Ryan Daly and first baseman Jeff Farrell of the Portland Fast Pitch Club.

First baseman Gary Lyons from Northwest Old Growth, a team from Portland that competed in the Masters' pool, was also an all-tournament choice.

Outdoor notes

■ LOPER, JOCO CHAPTER HONORED BY OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION. Brett Loper of Grants Pass was named the Oregon Hunters Association's Organizational Member of the Year, and the Josephine County chapter was named the statewide organization's Chapter of the Year at the OHA's annual convention in Lincoln City May 17. Loper, president of the Josephine County chapter, was singled out for his work in boosting the local chapter's membership and participation in youth programs and promoting the chapter's annual fundraising banquet. The chapter was honored for its work on several habitat improvement projects, sponsorship of Youth Day and donations for a variety of studies and projects.

■ ODFW BIG GAME HUNTING TAGS YIELD NEARLY \$600,000 FROM AUCTION, RAFFLE. Auctions and raffles for big game hunting tags this year grossed \$559,776. A total of \$335,992 goes toward Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Access and Habitat program, and \$189,384 toward big game research and management. A bighorn sheep tag was auctioned off for \$87,500 and a pronghorn antelope tag was sold for \$10,000, grossing \$215,776. A total of 67,427 raffle tickets were sold, grossing \$215,776, including \$68,353 in bighorn sheep tag raffle sales. Winners of the special tags enjoy an extended season and expanded hunting area.



Mauresmo advances at rainy French Open

Associated Press

PARIS — Amelie Mauresmo held her nerve and her serve when it counted Tuesday, reaching the second round of the French Open by beating Olga Savchuk 7-5, 4-6, 6-1 in a match disrupted by rain.

Mauresmo, who missed both the Italian and German Opens because of a rib injury, looked shaky much of her time on center court.

"The problem was my serve because I have a minor injury," said Mauresmo, who won the Australian Open and Wimbledon in

2006. The start of play Tuesday was delayed 2 hours, 50 minutes because of rain, but Russians Svetlana Kuznetsova and Dinara Safina reached the second round before another rain delay of nearly three hours.

When play resumed, No. 14 Agnieszka Radwanska beat Mariya Koryttseva 6-4, 6-3. Among the men, fourth-seeded Nikolay Davydenko beat 2002 Australian Open champion Thomas Johansson 6-3, 6-3.

Each of the first three days of the French Open has been affected by rain, but Tuesday was the worst yet. At least 20

matches were postponed, including top-seeded Maria Sharapova's encounter against Evgeniya Rodina.

The fourth-seeded Kuznetsova defeated Aiko Nakamura of Japan 6-2, 6-3 before the rain interrupted play.

"I was first. I was lucky with that," said Kuznetsova, the 2004 U.S. Open champion. "I get in my match, so I have the rest of the day to relax."

Safina, seeded 13th, defeated Kateryna Bondarenko of Ukraine 6-1, 6-3.

"I'm really happy that I could go through in two sets, especially before the rain started," said Safina, who missed the Italian Open with a back injury.

Scoreboard

Pro basketball

NBA Playoffs
Sunday's score
San Antonio 103, L.A. Lakers 84, L.A. Lakers lead series 2-1
Monday's score
Detroit 94, Boston 75, series tied 2-2
Tuesday's game
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 6 p.m.
Wednesday's game
Detroit at Boston, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday's game
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 6 p.m.
Friday's game
Boston at Detroit, 5:30 p.m.

Monday's score
Pistons 94, Celtics 75
BOSTON (75) — Pierce 3-14 10-11 16, Garnett 6-16 4-16 16, Rivers 4-6 2-4 10, R.Allen 2-9 7-9 11, Rondó 2-8 0-14, Brown 0-4 4-4 4, Cassell 0-3 0-20, Posey 3-6 4-4 11, Davis 1-4 1-2 3, House 0-0 0-0 0, T.Allen 0-0 0-0 0, Powe 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 21-66 32-99 75.
DETROIT (94) — Prince 3-12 1-2 7, McDyeess 8-14 5-6 21, Wallace 6-9 2-2 14, Hamilton 8-10 4-4 20, Billups 3-12 3-5 10, Hayes 1-2 0-3, Maxwell 6-6 2-3 14, Stuckey 1-4 1-2 3, Hunter 0-1 0-0 0, Ratliff 0-0 2-2 2, Afflalo 0-0 0-0 0, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-70 20-26 94.

Pro hockey

NHL Playoffs
Stanley Cup Finals
Monday's score
Detroit 3, Pittsburgh 0, Detroit leads series 2-0
Wednesday's game
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m.
Saturday's game
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m.

Colleges

Baseball
NCAA Division I Baseball Regionals
Friday Elimination
Double's games
At Cary, N.C.
Game 1 — North Carolina Wilmington (42-15) vs. Elon (43-16), 11 a.m.
Game 2 — North Carolina (46-12) vs. Mount St. Mary's, Md. (21-32), 3 p.m.
At Raleigh, N.C.
Game 1 — South Carolina (38-21) vs. Charlotte (43-14), 11 a.m.
Game 2 — N.C. State (38-20) vs. James Madison (38-17), 4 p.m.
At Conway, S.C.
Game 1 — Coastal Carolina (47-12) vs. Columbia (22-28), 10 a.m.
Game 2 — East Carolina (40-19) vs. Alabama (34-26), 4 p.m.
At Athens, Ga.
Game 1 — Georgia (35-21) vs. Mississippi (37-24), 9 a.m.
Game 2 — Miami (47-8) vs. Bethune-Cookman (36-20), 1 p.m.
At Tallahassee, Fla.

Sports on TV

Tuesday's lineup

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: Los Angeles Dodgers at Chicago Cubs (4 p.m., ESPN)
■ WNBA BASKETBALL: Indiana at Connecticut (4 p.m., ESPN2)
■ NBA BASKETBALL: Los Angeles Lakers at San Antonio, Western Conference finals, Game 4 (6 p.m., TNT)
■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: Boston at Seattle (7 p.m., FSN)
Wednesday
■ PRO TENNIS: French Open, early round, Day 4 (9 a.m., ESPN2)
■ NHL HOCKEY: Detroit at Pittsburgh, Stanley Cup finals, Game 3 (5 p.m., KOBI)
■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: Los Angeles Dodgers at Chicago Cubs (5 p.m., ESPN2)
■ NBA BASKETBALL: Detroit at Boston, Eastern Conference final, Game 5 (5:30 p.m., ESPN)
■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: Boston at Seattle (7 p.m., FSN)

Game 1 — Florida (34-22) vs. Tulane (37-20), 10 a.m.
Game 2 — Florida State (48-10) vs. Bucknell (29-22), 4 p.m.
At Ann Arbor, Mich.
Game 1 — Arizona (38-17) vs. Eastern Michigan (25-32), 11 a.m.
Game 2 — Michigan (45-12) vs. Kentucky (42-17), 4 p.m.
At Baton Rouge, La.
Game 1 — LSU (43-16) vs. Texas Southern (16-32), 2 p.m.
Game 2 — Southern Mississippi (40-20) vs. New Orleans (42-19), 7 p.m.
At Lincoln, Neb.
Game 1 — Nebraska (40-14) vs. Eastern Illinois (27-28), 11:05 p.m.
Game 2 — UC Irvine (38-16) vs. Oral Roberts (46-12), 8:05 p.m.
At Stillwater, Okla.
Game 1 — Wichita State (44-15) vs. TCU (43-17), 11 a.m.
Game 2 — Oklahoma State (42-16) vs. Western Kentucky (33-25), 5 p.m.
At Houston
Game 1 — Texas (37-20) vs. St. John's (41-14), noon.
Game 2 — Rice (42-13) vs. Sam Houston State (37-23), 4 p.m.
At College Station, Texas
Game 1 — Dallas Baptist (37-17) vs. Houston (39-22), 10:30 a.m.
Game 2 — Texas A&M (43-16) vs. Illinois-Chicago (34-20), 4:30 p.m.
At Tempe, Ariz.
Game 1 — Vanderbilt (40-20) vs. Oklahoma (34-11), 2 p.m.
Game 2 — Arizona State (45-11) vs. Stony Brook (34-24), 7 p.m.
At Stanford, Calif.
Game 1 — Pepperdine (36-19) vs. Arkansas (34-22), 1 p.m.
Game 2 — Stanford (33-21) vs. UC Davis (34-22), 5 p.m.
At Fullerton, Calif.
Game 1 — UCLA (31-25) vs. Virginia (38-21), 4 p.m.
Game 2 — Cal State Fullerton (37-19) vs. Rider (29-26), 8 p.m.
At Long Beach, Calif.
Game 1 — San Diego (41-15) vs. California (33-19), 2 p.m.
Game 2 — Long Beach State (37-19) vs. Fresno State (37-27), 6 p.m.

Baseball America Top 25 Record Pvs

1. Miami	47-8	3
2. Florida State	48-10	4
3. North Carolina	46-12	1
4. Arizona State	45-11	2
5. Louisiana State	43-16	10
6. Oklahoma State	42-16	7
7. San Diego	41-15	11
8. Cal State Fullerton	37-19	6
9. Rice	42-13	5
10. Georgia	35-21	8
11. UC Irvine	38-16	14
12. Missouri	38-19	9
13. Nebraska	40-14	12
14. Texas A&M	43-16	13
15. Stanford	33-21	16

Sisters 11, Ontario 4
Tuesday's games
Class 6A
Lake Oswego at Clackamas
North Medford at Tigard
Class 5A
Pendleton at Ashland
Thurston at West Albany
Class 4A
Newport at North Bend
Sisters at Astoria
Class 3A
Santiam Christian at Westside Christian
Burns at Colton
Class 2A-1A
Portland Christian at Elgin
Nestucca at Umpqua Valley Christian

Softball
Tuesday's games
Class 6A
Grants Pass at Sheldon
Jesuit at Roseburg
Class 5A
Glencoe at Century
The Dalles at Crater
Class 4A
Scappoose at Henley
Gladstone at Marist
Class 3A
Dayton at Willamina
Valley Catholic at Elgin/Imlbler
Class 2A-1A
Glendale at Nestucca
Pilot Rock at Union

Boatnik

Boatnik Men's Fastpitch Softball Tournament
Monday's scores
At Gilbert Creek Park
River City Rockers (Sacramento, Calif.) 20, Mock Mazda 2
At Riverside Park
River City Rockers 6, Team Jones (Medford) 4
Portland Fast Pitch 4, Brotherton Pipeline 1
Championship, River City Rockers 8, Portland Fast Pitch 1

Transactions

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with OF Todd Linden and INF Jorge Velazquez on minor league contracts and assigned them to Buffalo (IL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Activated RHP Dustin Moseley from the 15-day DL and optioned him to Salt Lake (PCL).
NEW YORK YANKEES—Activated INF Wilson Betemit from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Alberto Gonzalez to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
National League
FLORIDA MARLINS—Optioned RHP Eulogio De La Cruz to Albuquerque (PCL). Purchased the contract of RHP Joe Nelson from Albuquerque.
Carolina League
FREDERICK KEYS—Announced Tommy Thompson, manager, has been granted a leave of absence for personal reasons. Named Richie Heber manager.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
PHOENIX COYOTES—Signed G Joel Giestek.

Calendar

Softball
Grants Pass at Sheldon, Class 6A state semifinal, 4:30 p.m.
Glendale at Nestucca, Class 2A-1A state semifinal, 4:30 p.m.

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he is given even more time to warm up after already doing so in the bullpen.

And then there's at least 40 minutes worth of commercial time for every game, while teams often stretch the breaks between innings with promotional stunts, music and videos to keep short attention spans up.

It all adds up to nine inning games averaging nearly three hours, up 18 minutes from 1981. Games like the one the White Sox and Angels played in 2:05 on Sunday are the aberration when they once were the norm and, even with that quickly played contest, games averaged 2:58 on Sunday, compared to 2:28 the same Sunday in 1968.

Blame part of that increase on simple greed. Baseball added another television commercial between innings in 1985, which

increased games at least 10 minutes, and there are even more in the playoffs. Each World Series game last year averaged 3 hours, 46 minutes, ending on the East Coast long after most kids had been ordered to bed.

Predictably, both players and managers reacted to the enforcement effort by either making fun of it or saying it wasn't necessary. Tigers manager Jim Leyland did both, first by saying he can't hurry to the mound because he smokes three packs of cigarettes a day, and then adding

that part of the allure of baseball is that it doesn't have a clock like other sports.

"To me a baseball game is like a movie," Leyland said. "If it's a good movie, you stay. If it's a bad movie, you leave."

If people keep seeing too many bad movies, though, they stop buying tickets. Selig seems to grasp that idea, even if the people on the field don't.

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