

SPORTS

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It's good vibes from all over

FOR THE OCCASION, the opening day of the World Veterans' Championships, Hayward Field was decked out with potted plants and flowers.

In return, competitors from far and wide tossed verbal bouquets of their own, effusively praising their reception in Eugene and the way in which the first day of the track and field competition — in the heptathlon and decathlon — was operated.

"Tremendous," said Gil Gonzalez, a Puerto Rican who lives in Florida and who won all five of his events Thursday in the men's 75 decathlon. "I'm telling you, we are going to write a letter telling them that this is how you should run a meet.

"Perfect! Perfect!"

Indeed, the ambitious schedule, with about 150 decathletes and 35 heptathletes, came off as if this sort of thing is done every day, which it isn't. Officials were praised for their professionalism and friendliness. Incredibly, the events ran on time.

"We're right on the money," marveled competitor Doug McFeters, a former Michigan State track athlete, in mid-afternoon. "We're right on the money."



Fred O'Connor

A big plus to come

competitors moving from one venue to the next could bring the whole show screeching to a halt.

There were a few minor glitches, but no disasters. The sun was shining, there were spectators — mostly other competitors and family members — scattered throughout the west grandstand, and the day belonged to the graying athletes.

Compared with other track competitions — and understand that watching the decathlon can be like watching paint peel — Thursday's events were fun and pleasant, at times inspiring, at times admirable, at times a little humorous.

At times, too, the flavor was bittersweet.

A Finn, No. 60375, Karri Wichmann, pulled a hamstring in the 100 meters, his first event, just after 9:30 a.m. It's a long way to come to pull a hamstring. Boo Richards, the former Olympic vault champion, wore a path between the track and the trainer's tent, hobbling on sore legs, and couldn't finish his final event of the day, the 400.

GONZALEZ, TALKING about his tour de force, five-for-five, mentioned that he had recently pulled out of the championships because his wife, Juanita, has ovarian cancer. She had surgery in June. She is undergoing chemotherapy, and is losing her hair.

"She said, 'I want you to go,'" Gonzalez said. "She said, 'God has told me you have a mission to fulfill.'"

Standing beside the track, 76-year-old Gil Gonzalez, a masters' track veteran and record-holder, leaned against a cyclone fence and wept.

It was a touching day, too, for Fred O'Connor, an Australian who actually — think about this — ran his age in the 400 meters (652 seconds) and was the first-day leader in the men's 65 division.

About a month ago, O'Connor's son died, with tragic suddenness, at age 29. O'Connor and his wife, Dorothy, debated whether to make the trip, and finally did. They have found, in the tremendous camaraderie that exists among masters athletes, and in the hospitality of Eugene's residents, some solace.

"No matter what happens, it's been a big plus to come," O'Connor said. "It's helping a great deal."

O'Connor said the Australians here have been warmed by the friendliness of Eugene. When the veterans' association discusses sites for future championships, O'Connor, an Australian delegate, will support small towns like Eugene over the big cities. "Every time you go into a shop, it takes you half an hour, because people are wanting to know about you," he said. "We Australians are so impressed. Being isolated, we appreciate the hospitality, because there, you do it as a matter of course."

O'CONNOR HAS been involved in sports since his youth. A building safety inspector, he was a good triple jumper as a young man, and might have been an Olympian, except World War II intervened. He became a soccer official, but didn't think about competing in track until 1978.

"A bloke said to me, 'Why don't you try masters' track?'" O'Connor said. "And my remark was, 'Oh, out there with those geriatrics?'"

He couldn't be said, however, to be wrong. "It's far from being geriatrics," he said. "These people are alert, they're capable of great efforts — the results speak for themselves — and they're getting better every year." To O'Connor, athletics add "value to your life." Every day is a bonus.

And now, after finishing fourth in the world championships pentathlon in New Zealand in 1981, and sixth at Melbourne in 1987, the former Australian national champion goes into today's competition yearning, burning, for victory.

"You can bet on that, mate," he said.

He didn't expect to sleep much Thursday night, maybe a couple of hours. "I'll be planning every step, jumping every event," he said. He was asked what it would mean, to him, to win.

"It would be like the Olympic Games," he said.

First race a sweep for Wales



Alun Roper (138), who broke away to win in the last few blocks, receives congratulations from runner-up Peter Jones

Older runners also applauded by large crowd

By SHANNON FEARS
The Register-Guard

Runners from around the world descended upon downtown Eugene on Thursday night, reshaping one of the city's favorite pastimes into a colorful celebration of fitness in the face of advancing age.

The World Veterans' Championships, which had begun earlier in the day with the start of the multi-events at Hayward Field, handed out its first medals on a warm summer's eve when an estimated 1,000 runners took part in the games' inaugural 10-kilometer road race.

The big winners both hailed from Wales — men's overall winner Alun Roper, 43, and women's overall winner Bronwen Cardy-Wise, 37.

But winning seemed less important than simply competing to most of the participants, who happily milled about in the post-race area in front of City Hall on Pearl Street.

Many of the participants, however, will be surprised to know that the race didn't go exactly as planned. The police escort mistakenly led the competitors south on Patterson Street, instead of Hilyard Street, between East 19th and East 23rd streets.

Because Patterson and Hilyard run parallel, it seems unlikely that the distance of the course could have changed. But Tom Jordan, executive director of the games, said the course would have to be remeasured and resubmitted to The Athletics Congress for certification, which is necessary to ratify records.

Shorter, longer or right on the mark, the course could not have served up a much better race than the men's, in which Roper broke from a competitive pack in the last few blocks and hit the tape in 30:43.4, beating fellow Brit Peter Jones by 5.6 seconds and European champion Omer Van Noten of Belgium by nine seconds.

"The pace was electric," said Roper, still struggling with jet lag after arriving here late Monday night. "It was really nerve-racking. There were six of us together until four miles and then four of us together until the last mile.

"Van Noten kept making bursts all the time. Finally I told myself, 'One more burst and I'll try to hang on.' That was all I could do."

That kind of competition was not
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On the spot in San Francisco

By IRA MILLER
The San Francisco Chronicle

ROCKLIN, Calif. — New San Francisco 49ers head Coach George Seifert proves that looks can be deceiving.

Seifert resembles a university professor, mild-mannered and thoughtful. He is organized and measured.

One of his players remembers thinking after his first meeting with Seifert that "he looks like he should never say anything dirty."

But Seifert occasionally utters an oath, and he even loses his temper. In 1987, he broke his big toe kicking a chalkboard at halftime of a game against Chicago which the 49ers were winning big, and went on to win 41-0.

Ex-Oregon coach follows a legend

Seifert — an assistant football coach at the University of Oregon from 1967-71 under Jerry Frei — is a complex man.

For years, he gave the impression that football, only football, defined the boundaries of his life.

He rarely had time for small talk.

"He could go in his little office and sit there diagramming plays and look at film for eight hours, easy, just getting up to go to the bathroom," said Mike Holmgren, the 49ers' offensive coordinator.

"Now," he has this big, plush office, and

he sits in there sometimes (with nothing to do) so he wanders around the building a lot.

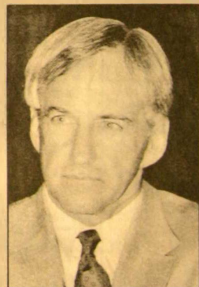
Seifert, who celebrated his 49th birthday the day the 49ers won Super Bowl XXIII, is the team's 12th head coach since it joined the NFL. In 1950 — and the first who was born in San Francisco.

This is his 10th year with the team, including three as defensive backfield coach before the last six as defensive coordinator.

Seifert is an outdoorsman. He loves these.

In college, recalls assistant coach Lynn Stiles, a long-time friend and one-time roommate at the University of Utah,

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George Seifert

Walsh comparisons inevitable



Al Harley beat the throw to Josh Miles on a steal much as Pepsi jumped to first-game win

Pepsi, Klamath split; one cares a lot more

By JACK HALL
The Register-Guard

Klamath Falls and the Pepsi Challengers AA split an American League doubleheader at Swede Johnson Stadium Thursday night, but the results left Challenger Coach Garry Selby relaxed as he dragged the infield after the game on his three-wheeler while Falcon Coach Pete Whistler faced a nervous ride home, his team's fate up in the air.

The reason? At this time of the season, with the regular schedule winding down and spots in the state playoffs up for grabs, Selby's Challengers can take it easy, having a berth in the state tournament assured by virtue of their assignment as host of the eight-team, double elimination tourney which begins Aug. 8 at Swede Johnson Stadium. That's why Pepsi's 7-1 win in the open-

er Thursday night didn't matter much more to the Challengers than Klamath Falls' 10-5 win in the second game.

Klamath Falls, Roseburg and Medford have all guaranteed themselves a trip to the playoffs, the only question to be settled is the placings for first, second and third.

As you might expect, the club that surfaces as the Southern Oregon champion gets to play its best two-of-three series at home, but the second-place team travels to play an Eastern Oregon team and the third-place team must face the Portland champion in the Rose City.

At the moment, Klamath Falls is leading the pack, having completed its schedule with a 22-4 record. Roseburg is a half-game back at 20-7 with three games left and Medford is at 20-8 with

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MORNING BRIEFING

Can Oilers hit a gusher in nowhere?

From news service reports

The Houston Oilers are training in San Marcos, located in the scrub-brush country of southwest Texas, and Houston Coach Jerry Glanville said: "You oughta see our training room. There's nothing in there but cockroaches."

Glanville wasn't complaining. In fact, he thought it was great.

He told Ed Hinton of the Atlanta Journal: "I've always believed you gotta go someplace miserable if you want to come out of camp as a team that can win. You gotta have that isolation."

His only complaint about San Marcos is that it's too close to civilization. He liked it better when the Oilers trained in San Angelo.

Said Glanville: "A man at a gas station in San Angelo once told me, 'I'd pull for you guys if you'd give the ball to Earl Campbell more.' Well, hell, Earl hadn't been with us for three years. San Angelo was so far out there, those people didn't know us from nothin'."

Trivia time

According to their nicknames, how would you rank Gary Mathews, Ralph Houk and Gene Hauck? (Answer to follow.)

Endangered species

Ed Schuyler Jr. of the Associated Press, on the possibility of a Mike Tyson-George Foreman match: "There is a certain pro wrestling, burlesque appeal to Tyson fighting the massive Foreman. There also is the risk of the best being picketed by the Save the Whales Movement."

A lot of golf

Many golf buffs like to play a few rounds when possible, but two Manchester, Conn., pros pushed that to the limit by playing more than 29 rounds in one day.

John Nowobilski and Don Gilha, members of the Professional Golfers Association, played a record 536 holes in a 24-hour period, according to the PGA. Starting at 10 a.m. July 21, playing at the Tallwood Country Club in Hebron, Conn., the two produced some respectable scores as they raced from tee to fairway to the greens in record time. They teamed for 164 birdies and 11 eagles. Less than 23 hours into their marathon stroke-test, the two passed the previous record of 513 holes. They averaged 2 minutes, 40 seconds, per hole.

For 28 full rounds, Nowobilski averaged 72.20 strokes and Gilha 72.98.

This date in sports

On July 28, 1976 — John Odum (five innings) and Francisco Barrios (four innings) combined on a no-hitter as the Chicago White Sox beat the Oakland Athletics 2-1.

The third two-sporter

He's played professional baseball and he'll be trying pro football, but let's get this clear:

"I don't consider myself the next Bo Jackson," said Brian Jordan, who, like Jackson and Deion Sanders, is planning to pursue two sporting careers.



Oilers Coach Jerry Glanville (left) believes his team's training camp site is dusty, filled with cockroaches — and just perfect

For Jordan, baseball season is over. After spending 11 games with the St. Louis Cardinals Class A St. Petersburg team this summer, Jordan traded in his red Cardinals cap for a red Buffalo Bills football helmet.

The Bills made the University of Richmond play their seventh-round draft pick in this year's NFL draft and Coach Marv Levy says he is a legitimate candidate to make their roster as a safety this fall.

The baseball Cardinals feel the same way. According to Jordan, St. Louis scouting official Ted Simmons made one last plea with Jordan to stay with St. Petersburg after watching him bat 350 with two home runs, a triple and four doubles in his big time in Class A ball.

"He told me, 'I think you're making a big mistake (by leaving to join the Bills),' " he said. "He said, 'I think you're going to make the big leagues.' He was doing his best to change my mind. But he can't make decisions for me."

Wasting away?

From Terry Boers of the Chicago Sun-Times: "You can talk all you want about the 30 pounds that Dougie Manager Tommy Lasorda has lost since spring training, but the guy looked a lot healthier to me when he was a chubby rascal with clam sauce dripping down his chin."

Trivia answer

Mauch was known as the Little General, Houk as Major, and Mathews as Sarge.

People in Sports

West German Jens Wehmann upset No. 1 seed Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 Thursday in a second-round match of a Grand Prix tournament at Stuttgart, West Germany. NASCAR driver Mike Alexander will race competitively for the first time in five months Saturday night when he competes in a Late Model Stock Car event at Nashville Motor Raceway. Alexander, 32, has not driven competitively since the Daytona 500 in February. He has been undergoing therapy for brain damage suffered in a wreck in Pensacola, Fla., in December. Bill Casper, the runner-up last year, gained a bogey-free 5-under-par 67 Thursday and took a three-stroke lead after the opening round of the British Senior Open golf tournament.

Gold medalist left out

Withdrawals hurt festival field

By BOB BAUM

The Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Olympic gold medalist Louise Ritter was rejected Thursday in her late bid to enter the U.S. Olympic Festival.

Ritter, who won the high jump at the Seoul Games, had asked permission Wednesday to compete in this week's competition at Norman, and festival organizers even issued a news release late Wednesday night saying she would compete.

The release said the addition of Ritter was "a tremendous boost" to the track and field competition.

But the eight head coaches of the festival's men's and women's teams Thursday and voted 7-1 not to allow her to enter in the competition.

"I think the coaches felt we weren't in a position to deviate from the normal selection process," the festival's track and field commissioner, Phil Benson, said. "There's always a yard of worms, how do you close it?"

"This is not intended to be an all-comers meet," he said.

Henson agreed that Ritter, the American record holder at 6-8, would have added some much-needed luster to the festival field.

"I still admit there was a lot of flimflam on my part," Henson said. "We've had some dropouts and I'd love to add a big name like that."

Under the track and field rules at the festival, the competitors are chosen based on performances at the Ath-

letics Congress meet. Two men and two women in each event are invited to compete for the North, South, East and West U.S. Olympic Festival.

If those who qualify decline to compete at the festival, the coaches choose others to take their place.

Henson said Ritter had qualified and initially turned down the bid because she would be competing elsewhere.

"Apparently her season wasn't going as she had planned and she changed her mind," he said.

The rejection of Ritter came shortly after festival organizers announced that Dawn Sowell, the Louisiana State sprint sensation and national 100-meter champion, had withdrawn from the competition because of a hamstring injury suffered in last Saturday's New York Games.

"She won't take a risk," the East women's coach, Mark Young of Yale, said. "She's got a lot more races this summer."

Sowell was scheduled to run the 100 meters on Sunday. One of her main competitors, Olympian Diane Dixon, also apparently won't show up for the competition, although no one at the festival knew for sure.

"All we know is she wasn't on the flight she was supposed to be on and one of the other athletes said she told her she wasn't coming," Young said.

Dixon was a member of the silver medalist 1,600-meter relay team at the Seoul Games.

The 100-meter field was further di-



Louise Ritter

Wanted to enter late

luted with the withdrawal of Esther Jones, another Louisiana State sprinter, because of a back injury. Caryl Smith of UCLA was named to replace Jones, but no replacement has been chosen for Sowell or Dixon.

Earlier, Schowanda Williams of Longwood, Va., withdrew from the women's 400-meter hurdles.

Ban urged on rugby players' entry into South African tour

By The Associated Press

LONDON — The Commonwealth Games Federation has asked Britain's sports minister to stop the country's rugby players from joining a tour of South Africa next month.

Officials said Thursday they feared that failure to halt the tour could lead to a boycott of next year's games at Auckland, New Zealand, by black African nations.

Federation secretary David Dixon, whose organization represents 63 nations, said Wednesday's 45-minute meeting with Sports Minister Colin Moynihan was "friendly and helpful," but he declined to give details.

"I hope that events in the next few days will show what action will be taken," Moynihan, Dixon said. "Britain does not withhold passports, but there are other powers of persuasion."

Moynihan's office said neither the minister nor his press spokesman was available for comment.

The English, Welsh and Scottish rugby unions have said that invitations from South Africa to individual players to participate in several matches celebrating the 100th birthday of rugby in the republic will be given to the players.

South Africa is barred from some international sports because of its apartheid policies. Anti-apartheid groups have warned that participation by foreign nations in next month's proposed tour could lead to a second consecutive Commonwealth Games boycott.

In the 1986 games at Edinburgh, Scotland, 32 of the eligible 58 nations boycotted in protest of the British government's refusal to impose economic sanctions on South Africa.

Authorities in New Zealand and Canada, host of the 1992 Commonwealth Games, have urged rugby organizations in Britain to stop their players from joining the South Africa tour.

Half a million guaranteed for long jump prize

From news service reports

DALLAS, Texas — SCA Promotions Inc., a Dallas-based company, has contracted with the Jack in the Box Invitational Track Meet to guarantee \$500,000 for the World Record Long Jump Challenge on Aug. 6 at UCLA's Drake Stadium.

The Challenge was conceived by Al and Don Franken of Franken Enterprises of Beverly Hills, Calif., as a way to focus attention on the upcoming event. The record, 29 feet 2 1/2 inches by Bob Beamon at the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City, if broken, would provide the biggest award in track history. The payout would be made over a 20-year period.

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TERRY FREI

Can Cooper keep incentive with big pact?

Wayne Cooper got what he wanted — a three-year, to-the-end-of-career contract, great money and a familiar working environment.

As Cooper sat in the meeting room of the Portland Trail Blazers' offices Monday, he passed during the relentless one-on-one interviews to warmly shake hands with Blazer broadcasting moguls George Wasson and Tom McEnry. That's the way it had gone all day.

Cooper isn't the new guy on the block; he's the neighbor returning. "We still have a lot of friends here," Cooper said. "We've come back just about every summer."

The only negative in Cooper's signing with the Blazers is that his Lake Oswego home, on the market and in the hands of renters for three years, finally was sold in 1987.

So is he going to be worth it? A guaranteed \$1.1 million a year? For three years? For a backup center?

Such a deal is not available in the class. At least it wasn't Thursday.

Because of the salary cap, it isn't just a matter of paying that much to Cooper. His salary, more than twice what the Blazers would have had to pay Caldwell Jones, means that much less will be available for other players.

Regardless, Cooper was worth a shot. The Blazers had to get a decent backup center — and one who won't be a whining, disruptive presence on the bench, in the locker room and on the planes.

Cooper provides a shotblocker and more offense than Jones has been able to deliver since his days in the American Basketball Association. And at 32, he's not ready for Social Security.

Signing Cooper, even for that amount of money, will turn out to be wise for the Blazers unless — and this is a big "unless" — he plays as if the no longer has financial incentive.

He has to play every season as if his contract is about to expire.

He has to be hungry.

Or he can be a small-change center.

Although the Denver Nuggets indeed have a new policy of not offering contracts longer than two years to players older than 30, they probably would have made that decision in Cooper's case even without that publicly stated stand. They offered Cooper \$1 million a year for two years, and the position he changed after the team's sale was announced earlier this month.

The Detroit Pistons brought Cooper in for a physical last week, and there were rumblings that they saw a few things they didn't like. But that probably isn't surprising news about a 32-year-old, 11-season veteran of NBA pounding. Other teams, including the Blazers, remained interested. Cooper passed his Portland physical.

"As far as the Nuggets are concerned, it came down to a business decision," Cooper said. "They took their stand. We took ours. There are no hard feelings because Denver was a steppingstone in my career. That's the way I felt when I left here before. That's why I'm comfortable to be coming back."

The fact is, Denver coach Doug Moe was unhappy when the Nuggets' management gave in and signed Cooper to his previous multiyear contract. He believed that if Cooper became too secure financially, his effectiveness would be diminished. And minor injuries would become major in Cooper's mind. So now it's up to Cooper.

Instead of playing for a new contract, he has to be just as fervent about trying to justify his current deal. The Blazers have stuck their necks out for him; he has to justify their faith. The money will come no matter how he plays. That's where pride comes in.

"I think if you look back over my career, there were some years I had injuries and all of a sudden people were saying things about me," Cooper said. "A lot of people go through that. But that has happened in the past."

"I've learned and I've grown. This past year, at 32, I had one of my best years. Look, injuries are something you can't predict. And I'm coming into a good situation as a backup. I've been a role player throughout my career. I know that's why I've been in the league so long."

"Now the only important thing is to win games and win the ring. I don't need the attention."

Cooper had back problems two seasons ago, playing in 45 games for the Nuggets. In some corners, he was written off. He says he worked harder than ever in the next off-season and calls himself more "driven" since those months of uncertainty. Unfortunately, when Cooper came back and played 79 games last season, there were those who said it was because his contract was up.

He has to show it was a coincidence.

Veteran athletes begin 11 days of competition

Those in the medical tent are in the minority as the Eighth World Veterans' Championships begin in Eugene

By DANA TIMS

Correspondent, The Oregonian

EUGENE — As a lifelong track athlete, 62-year-old Karri Wichmann has experienced agony of the feet and just about every other minor physical ailment imaginable.

But the Finnish physician was completely unprepared for the hamstring pull he suffered Thursday only hours after the Eighth World Veterans' Championships began at Hayward Field in Eugene.

Like the other 4,850 athletes from 58 nations entered in the games, Wichmann had trained long and hard for his events — the decathlon, high jump, pole vault and

100- and 300-meter hurdles.

"Now, I don't know that I can make any of them," said Wichmann, rubbing the aching right hamstring he pulled during the decathlon's first event, the 100 meters. "I've never hurt this part of my body before."

From the looks of things, Wichmann appeared to be among an unfortunate minority of athletes who were checking in at the medical tent with sore backs, turned ankles and strained muscles.

With the men's decathlon and women's heptathlon starting precisely at 7:30 a.m., runners and jumpers speaking dozens of languages began a competition that will run nearly non-stop for 11 days.

"The whole thing has been like a hot-air balloon needing so much air to lift off," said Tom Jordan, the games' executive director who has logged two years advance planning time. "At last long, we're finally off the ground."

From Jordan's viewpoint, the only hitch came two days ago when he learned that a large number of the 117-athlete contingent from India had been denied entrance visas by the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi.

Although a few Indian competitors were granted last-minute visas when they reappeared, most have now missed both their flights and their chance to compete.

"We called the embassy and they just didn't have any good reason for the delays," Jordan said. "All we can do at this point is complain."

It was not known Thursday whether the games' oldest entrant, 102-year-old sprinter

Khubi Ram Baghel, was among those granted visas.

A first-day highlight promised to be the 10,000-meter road race, set to take off through the streets of Eugene at 7:30 p.m.

"It should be a great race," Jordan said.

"It could well be the most competitive event of the whole show."

The 58 countries represented at the games are the most ever assembled for the event, which got its start in 1975 in Toronto.

Slightly more than half of the contestants come from foreign countries. Some 3,700 of the athletes are men, with the women numbering about 1,250.

Each competitor is entered in an average of four events.

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Where's home plate?



Boston Red Sox baserunner Kevin Romine (right) dances around the attempted tag of Kansas City Royals' catcher Bob Boone to score on a base hit by teammate Mike

Greenwell in the third inning Thursday. Boston went on to score a 7-2 home victory in the American League contest. Baseball reports on Page D2.

Murphy goes on HR spree

The Atlanta slugger ties two records with two homers and six RBI in one inning as the Braves rout the Giants 10-1

By TOM SALADINO

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Dale Murphy put on a record-tying power display Thursday night but was at a loss to explain his rediscovered home run swing.

Murphy tied two major-league records by hitting two homers and driving in six runs in one inning as the Atlanta Braves routed the San Francisco Giants 10-1.

Murphy, who has 345 career home runs in 12 major league seasons, had only six homers this season until going on a recent spree. He has five homers and 14 RBI in his last nine games, giving him 11 homers and 54 RBI for the season.

"I don't know what to say," Murphy said. "The home runs are not something I have been trying to hit the last couple of days. I just wish I had been doing more before this."

Murphy's home runs equaled a record shared by 13 other players. The last to do it was Von Hayes of the Philadelphia Phillies on June 11, 1985. The six RBI matched a record shared by nine other players, the last Andre Dawson of the Montreal Expos on Sept. 24, 1985.

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By PAUL BUKER

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All right, let's start the countdown again. Miami, Sebring, Road Atlanta, Lime Rock Park, Mid-Ohio, Watkins Glen, Road America — those are the race tracks where the Nissan beat everybody to the checkered flag in IMSA's GTP series.

The people who follow the big prototypes say the competition has never been closer. They say the Nissan, driven by defending Camel GT champion Geoff Brabham and 1987 Camel GT champion Chip Robinson, isn't even the fastest car on the track anymore.

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Ready for action

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Bell's triple off relief ace Randy Myers gave the Pirates, who blew a 5-0 first-inning lead, their fifth consecutive victory. The last time the Pirates swept a three-game series in New York was April 28-30, 1981.

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Massachusetts says NFL betting could bring in \$50 million

From wire reports

Betting on National Football League games alone could bring in \$50 million, according to a study by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission already in progress. Opposition from top officials of the New England Patriots and the National Football League.

Rep. William Galvin, D-Boston, House Chairman of the Government Regulation Committee, recently proposed that Massachusetts sanction sports betting to increase revenues.

The study estimated gross revenues for football betting at \$150 million a year, with the state keeping \$50 million.

David Ellis, a spokesman for the lottery, said it would be relatively easy for the state to use the lottery's 5,000 outlets to accept sports bets.

"It's the kind of thing we would be more than happy to implement," Ellis said.

"I'm not talking about gambling our way to fiscal solvency," Galvin said. "But at a time when we're talking tax increases, this would be a reasonable alternative."

The Oregon State Lottery announced last week that it will begin accepting bets on NFL games in September. Players in the Oregon game, called Sports Action, would wager \$1 to \$5 per game and pick the outcome of four to six games on point spreads set by Nevada oddsmakers.

The game is expected to raise \$4 million to \$5 million for Oregon, including athletic and some college scholastic scholarships.

Delaware briefly had a game based on professional football in 1976. The game was discontinued, primarily due to lack of public interest.

State-sponsored gambling is a fiscal narcotic, James Heffernan, NFL director of public relations, said via telephone from NFL headquarters in New York. "We're opposed to it on the basis that we don't feel that sports should be connected with gambling in any way, shape or form."

Patriots General Manager Patrick Sullivan also criticized the Massachusetts proposal.

"You don't have to look any farther than baseball to see how the allegations of gambling affect a sport," Sullivan said, alluding to the controversy over Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose's alleged association with gamblers. "The NFL's posture on gambling is not new, however. Many more players are more intimidated by the penalties for drug abuse."

Sullivan and Heffernan acknowledged that millions of dollars are wagered illegally on football games every year, but they said the objections to the state lottery proposal are based on the fact that teams and play-

ers are involved that we object to," Heffernan said. "Even though it's government-operated, government-promoted and government-licensed, it's still gambling, and unfortunately, there are too many gamblers in the world."

Joseph Browne, NFL director of communications, said states should "not be in the business of promoting, licensing or endorsing" sports betting.

Galvin said the state would be drawing from an existing amount of money and would not necessarily be attracting new bettors.

Heffernan said the NFL would watch the progress of the Oregon lottery before considering legal action against it.

ESPN has grand slam in 'Home Run Derby'

By LARRY McSHANE

The Associated Press

Willie, Mickey and the Duke were there. So were Aaron, Kaline and Killebrew. Ernie Banks played three.

The classic 1959 television series "Home Run Derby" is back on ESPN's sports schedule, and this time gets in head-to-head home run hitting contests. The shows were filmed and aired 30 years ago; since then, they've remained a well-kept secret.

"The programs were just collecting dust in a vault somewhere at MGM," said Bob Tobias of ESPN, which airs the show weekdays at 3 p.m. EDT. "The viewer response has been incredible. I mean, it hasn't been seen for 30 years."

ESPN first aired the shows in December as part of its overnight programming, but its success there convinced executives to move its time slot. The show, which numbers comedian Billy Crystal and syndicated columnist Bob Greene among its fans, has simple rules: if it's not out of here, it's an out. Three outs per inning, nine inning games.

Two identified batting practice pitchers serve up the gophers. The winning hitter collects \$2,000, the loser \$1,000; anybody who cranks three in a row gets \$500, with a four run good for \$1,000 and anything above that \$1,000 per homer. Good money in a year where Willie Mays made \$80,000.

The 20 participants racked up 7.5 million homers; they include seven members of baseball's 500 Home Run Club Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Frank Robinson, Harmon Killebrew, Mickey Mantle, Eddie Mauer, and Ernie Banks.

Twenty-six half-hour episodes were filmed in the old Wrigley Field in Chicago, the late Mark Scott. Scott was hitting his campy exchequer with the ballplayers are almost as entertaining as watching future Hall of Famers match homers.

Although the match-ups date back to another generation, many of them are still remembered by the participants. ESPN's Tobias ran into Mantle at the former Yankees' Manhattan restaurant shortly after the network began running the shows.

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BROADCASTING

The series began with a Mays-Mantle matchup. Before the Mick overcomes an 8-2 deficit with seven unanswered homers to win, the man with 536 lifetime homers has this exchange with the host:

Mantle: "This is getting embarrassing."

Scott: "Well, I wouldn't call that. You just don't happen to have your swing with you right now. . . . They say a ballgame's never over 'til that last man is out."

The host, who died shortly after the shows were completed, also offered this advice to Mays (660 homers): "Well, keep on swinging. That's the name of the game."

The rest of the lineup featured Bob Allison, Ken Boyer, Orlando Cepeda, Bob Cerv, Rocky Colavito, Gil Hodges, Jackie Jensen, Al Kaline, Jim Lemon, Wally Post, Duke Snider, Dick Stuart and Gus Triandos.

Banks more than got his wish to play two; he loses to Mantle, comes back to beat Hodges, then loses to Jensen.

Fittingly, Aaron, the all-time home run king, puts on the best show with consecutive defeats of Boyer, Lemon, Matthews, Kaline, Snider and Allison. Post finally pines the Braves' slugger to end the run.

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TV AND RADIO LISTINGS

- BASEBALL**
- Friday:** New York Mets at Chicago Cubs, 11:15 a.m., WGN Cincinnati at Atlanta, 4:35 p.m., WTBS Seattle at Oakland, 7:30 p.m., KPDZ (49)
 - Saturday:** New York Mets at Chicago Cubs 10:15 a.m., KGW (8) San Francisco at Houston, 1 p.m., KGW (8) Cincinnati at Atlanta, 4:05 p.m., WTBS
 - Sunday:** Cincinnati at Atlanta, 11:05 a.m., WTBS New York Mets at Chicago Cubs, 11:20 a.m., WGN Seattle at Oakland, 1 p.m., KPDX (49)
 - Monday:** Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia (first game), 2:30 p.m., WGN Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia (second game), 5:30 p.m., WGN
 - Tuesday:** San Francisco at Los Angeles, 5 p.m., KGW (8) Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 5:30 p.m., WGN
 - Wednesday:** Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m., WGN San Diego at Atlanta, 4:35 p.m., WTBS
 - Thursday:** Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m., WGN San Diego at Atlanta, 4:35 p.m., WTBS
- OTHER**
- Friday:** U.S. Olympic Festival, diving, gymnastics, track and field, 6 p.m., ESPN
 - Saturday:** U.S. Olympic Festival, diving, volleyball, track and field, gymnastics, 11 a.m., ESPN Horse Racing, Haskell Invitational, 2 p.m., ESPN Golf, Buick Open, third round, 3 p.m., KOIN (6) U.S. Olympic Festival, track and field, gymnastics, diving, 4:30 p.m., ESPN Prep Football, 42nd North-South Shrine Hospital All-Star Football Game, 7 p.m., KOIN (6) Tennis, Sovran Bank Classic, 7 p.m., USA Prep Basketball, Nike Prep Basketball Championship, 9 p.m., ESPN
 - Sunday:** Auto Racing, Formula One Grand Prix of Germany, 9 a.m., ESPN Auto Racing, Talladega 500, 10 a.m., KOIN (6) U.S. Olympic Festival, diving, gymnastics, track and field, 11 a.m., ESPN Golf, Buick Open, final round, 1:30 p.m., KOIN (6) Auto Racing, IMSA G.I. Joe's Camel Grand Prix for Portland, 2 p.m., ESPN Boxing, Julius Jackson vs. Terry Norris, WBA junior-middleweight Championship, 2:30 p.m., KATU (2) U.S. Olympic Festival, diving, volleyball, track and field, closing ceremonies, 5 p.m., ESPN Tennis, Sovran Bank Classic, 7:30 p.m., USA Tennis, Volvo International, early-round matches, 11 a.m., ESPN Boxing, Orrin Norris vs. Dee Collier, heavyweight bout, 6 p.m., ESPN

State judge refuses to halt Texas Little League games

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — A state judge Thursday refused to issue a temporary injunction that would have halted all Little League playoff games with effect on the outcome of a lawsuit.

State District Judge Arthur Leshner denied the requested freeze, meaning the games will continue as scheduled, attorney Blaise Heaney said.

The suit was filed by James R. King Jr., the father of a Little League player who was upset that another team was not disqualified from the playoffs even though a team member was not eligible.

Leshner's ruling most likely marked an end to the lawsuit because a trial would not take place for months, long after the playoffs are over, Heaney said.

"It's kind of a moot question now," Heaney said. "I would think that somewhere down the road we will end up dismissing the suit."

Heaney said King probably will instead lobby the league to implement more clear-cut rules regarding eligibility violations.

The controversy began after

North Houston National's 85 playoff Little League All-Stars last week. Northside filed a protest over the participation of North Houston player David Lezcano, who lives outside the team's eligibility area.

Galvin said the league official in South Williamsport, Pa., ruled Lezcano was ineligible and disqualified him from further play but determined that he didn't affect the outcome. King then filed the suit.

Heaney said his client believes that North Houston should have been disqualified.

During the Thursday morning hearing, the judge suggested that the league have more specific rules to avoid similar lawsuits in the future.

"Hopefully, they (the league) will try to correct the situation," Heaney said. "In any way, we may have won a small victory because the end result may be rule change."

Last Friday, Leshner temporarily halted all league playoff games in Texas because of the suit. He ruled that on Monday, League officials said the weekend freeze caused few disruptions.

The next game for North Houston, the champion of District 25 Little League, was scheduled for Thursday night.

Games: 58 countries represented

Great Britain's Jean Hull, 51, a fourth-place finisher in the veterans' 400-meter final four years ago in Rome, is competing in the seven-event heptathlon, as well as the open 300-meter hurdles.

USA's Tatyana Lebedeva, fourth event of the day, she burned through the 200 meters in a time of 28.6, a clocking that would have placed her less than one second behind the eight-place finisher in last spring's girls' Class AAA state track championships.

"I'm leading so far, but I'm abso-

lutely useless in the javelin," said Hull, a resident of Conley Kent in Huddersfield, England. "I had only a hope I know which end you throw first."

The games' official opening ceremonies get under way Friday evening, when the athletes will march into Hayward Field according to age.

A gold medal winning middle distance runner from the 1968 Mexico City Olympics, whom organizers declined to name, will carry the games' torch.

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IMSA Camel GT fastest qualifier list, 1971-1989

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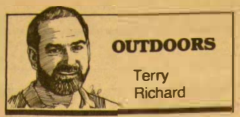
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Nevada's King Lear Park offers the ultimate in solitude

The topographical map for Nevada's King Lear Peak says just about everything most people want to know about such an area. The U.S. Geological Survey's 15-minute series map covers 246 square miles around King Lear Peak in Humboldt County. The total population in the mapped quadrangle is zero.

Zero, as is no towns, no resorts, no ranches. The only evidence of humans is a dirt road that runs along the western base of the Jackson Mountains, plus several other dirt tracks that reach prospect sites into the mountains. The very remoteness of King Lear Peak is one of its greatest attractions. It provides the ultimate escape for someone wanting a break from city life.

Located 50 air miles south of the Oregon border and Denio, Nev., King Lear Peak is



OUTDOORS
Terry Richard

surrounded by the basin and range province of the Great Basin Desert.

Desert Valley and the Black Rock Desert flank King Lear and the Jackson Mountains on the east and west, while mountain ranges such as the Steens, Pueblo and Trout Creek can be seen to the north in Oregon. The Pine Forest, Santa Rosa, Black Rock, Calico and Granite ranges are visible in Nevada.

Because King Lear Peak is well off the beaten tourist track, the 8,923-foot peak has

something that few other U.S. mountains can offer in the late 20th century. A climb of King Lear is devoid of obvious signs of previous human visitation, until the summit is reached.

There are no climbers' trails worn into the rock, no signs of campsites and no human garbage. Of course, a U.S. Geological Survey employee has been to the top and has embedded a round, brass marker on the summit, a fate shared by many mountains in the West. But the survey marker blends in so well that it can easily be overlooked.

King Lear Peak is reached by driving 32 miles southeast of the Oregon border on Nevada 140. Turn right on the paved Leonard Creek Road and follow it eight miles before keeping left on a dirt road that continues another 22 miles to the mouth of McGill Canyon, which serves as the

gateway to King Lear. Two working ranches are passed while driving along the base of the Jackson Mountains, but both are too far north to be shown on the King Lear top map. In addition to having an unusually attractive name, King Lear is a very interesting mountain. The mountain's summit is hidden from view by a connecting butte that rises 3,000 feet in a little over a mile. King Lear itself climbs 4,900 feet in four miles from the edge of the Black Rock Desert.

Climbers bound for the summit hike a mile up McGill Canyon to a fork in the creek. Either branch of the creek leads steeply to a saddle from where the summit can be reached. The two routes make for a possible loop trip.

The top 200 feet of the mountain is shaped like a beehive and involves some

exposed rock scrambling in order to reach the highest point.

During a spring climb, the mountain still had many snowfields that kept the creek cool and alive and the waterfalls dancing. Unfortunately, the desert vegetation is the home for numerous ticks, which made scanning of clothing and gear the necessary. King Lear is also the abode of a herd of bighorn sheep. Two trophy rams allowed an approach within 200 yards before they disappeared over a ridge.

Nevada is not known as a mountain-climbing state. Tourist promotion campaigns tend to ignore the outstanding camping and desert hiking opportunities available.

But any user of more popular and over-worked wilderness areas can understand the value of a ratio of 246 square miles to zero humans.

God medaist Ritter barred from festival

By BOB BAUM
The Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Olympic gold medalist Louise Ritter was rejected Thursday in her bid to enter the U.S. Olympic Festival at the last minute. Ritter, who won the high jump at the Seoul Olympic Games, had asked permission Wednesday to compete in this week's competition at Norman, and festival organizers even issued a news release late Wednesday night saying she would compete.

The release said the addition of Ritter was "a tremendous boost" to the track and field competition.

However, the eight head coaches of the festival's men's and women's teams met Thursday and voted 7-1 not to allow her to enter in the competition.

"I think the coaches felt we weren't in a position to deviate from the normal selection process," said Phil Henson, the festival's track and field commissioner. "There's always a danger that when you open a can of worms, how do you close it? This is not intended to be an all-corners meet."

Henson agreed that Ritter, the American record holder at 6 feet, 8 inches, would have added some much-needed luster to the festival field.

"I still admit there was a lot of temptation on my part," Henson said. "We've had some dropouts and I'd love to add a big name like that." Under the track and field rules at the festival, the competitors are chosen based on performances at The Athletics Congress meet. Two men and two women in each event are invited to compete from the North, South, East and West festival teams. If those who qualify decline to compete in the festival, the coaches choose others to take their place.



Kim Zmeskal of Houston performs on the balance beam during the compulsory portion of the gymnastics competition at the U.S. Olympic Festival. She was in first place.

Henson said Ritter had qualified and initially turned down the bid because she would be competing elsewhere. "Apparently her season wasn't going as she had planned and she changed her mind," he said. The rejection of Ritter came shortly after festival organizers announced that Dawn Sowell, the Louisiana State sprint sensation and national 100-meter champion, had withdrawn from the competition because of a hamstring injury suffered in the New York Games on Saturday.

Sowell was scheduled to run the 100 meters on Sunday. One of her main competitors, Olympian Diane Dixon, also apparently won't show up for the competition, although no one at the festival knew for sure. "All we know is she wasn't on the flight she was supposed to be on and one of the other athletes said she told her she wasn't coming," Henson said.

The 100-meter field was further diluted with the withdrawal of Esther Jones, another Louisiana State sprinter, because of a back injury.

Caryl Smith of UCLA was named to replace Jones, but no replacement has been chosen for Sowell or Dixon.

FESTIVAL NOTES: More than \$21 million has been awarded to American athletes in a new aid program designed by the U.S. Olympic Committee, USOC president Robert Helms said. The USOC said the first major portion of funds allocated for the development and training of potential Olympians has been spent. A total of \$16 million has been dedicated to the project, leading up to the 1992 Olympics. So far, \$2.19 million has been awarded to both elite athletes and rising competitors. All of the funds from the Athlete Substance Program come from the sale of Olympic coins in 1988.

Mark Lenzi, 21, of Frederickicks, Va., became the first diver in history to complete 4 1/2 somersaults off the 3-meter springboard. He completed the dive, but was not very well. He didn't have a good takeoff, recovered to complete 4 1/2 revolutions in about 2 1/2 seconds in the tuck position, but landed poorly. He received scores of one 3, three 3.5s and one 4.0 to 10 perfect.

SPORTSCENE

Tennis group backs ouster of S. Africa

The International Tennis Federation, anxious to keep its sport in the Olympics, is backing a move to expel South Africa, one of its founding members.

Nigeria proposed that the South African Tennis Union be thrown out of the 1992 Olympic ITF "until the policy of apartheid in South Africa is abandoned."

The resolution, also supported by Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, will be voted on at the ITF's annual meeting in Buenos Aires in September. No member nation ever has been expelled from the ITF.

The ITF's management committee said they wanted to avoid offending International Olympic Committee members opposed to links with the racially divided nation.

GOLF

CASPER IN FIRST: Billy Casper, runner-up to Gary Player last year, carded a bogey-free 5-under-par 67 and took a three-stroke lead after the opening round of the British Senior Open at Turnberry, Scotland.

Agim Bardha, a 52-year-old hairdresser from Birmingham, Mich., in only his second season of pro golf, won four matches with Neil Coles and Bob Charles. Player shot a 72.

THOMPSON LEADS: Leonard Thompson, seeking his first victory in 12 years, shot a 7-under-par 65 to take the first-round lead in the reinstated Buick Open at Grand Blanc, Mich.

BASEBALL

TRIAL POSTPONED: A federal judge in Cincinnati agreed to postpone for nearly a month the start of a trial on drug and tax charges for Thomas Gioiosa, a former housemate of Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose.

FOOTBALL

APAOLOGY: Pittsburgh gladiators coach Joe Haering apologized for

decking Arena Football League Commissioner Jim Foster with a punch to the jaw during a game Saturday and asked to be reinstated as coach.

STERIODS

SENTENCED: Justin Rogers Routh, a Miami-area man accused of operating the largest clandestine steroids laboratory ever found in the nation, was sentenced to 22 months in federal prison.

AUTO RACING

SMART ON POLE: Mark Martin pushed his Ford to 194.800 miles per hour to win the pole position for Sunday's \$637,311 DieHard 500 NASCAR stock car race at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway.

BOXING

COMING CLEAN: Heavyweight Bert Cooper, who tested positive for cocaine or other drugs after failing to come out for the third round in a June 1 bout against George Foreman, agreed to forego \$1,500 of a \$17,500 purse and to undergo drug tests for six months at his own expense.

IN THE REGION

MACK ATTACK: Defending champion George Mack Jr. and his father, George Mack Sr., won quarterfinal matches at the Oregon state golf tournament at Astoria Golf and Country Club. Mack Jr. beat his father in the tournament last year.

Mack Jr. edged Mark Watson 2 and 1, and Mack Sr. had to go to the 21st hole to outdo Randy Heriot. In the senior division quarterfinals, Mack Leonard eliminated defending champion Tom Edleson 2 and 1. In the women's quarterfinals, George Mack Jr.'s sister, Lara, defeated Kate Howe 2-up.

SERIES BEGINS: The Metro-State All-Star Volleyball Series for recent Oregon high school graduates will begin Friday at Lane Community College in Eugene. The Class AAA game is scheduled at 7 p.m., and the Class A-AA contest will be at 8:30 p.m. The order will be reversed on Saturday, when the series concludes at Portland State University.

— From staff and wire reports

Racquetball star runs out of opponents in Ontario

By TINA FORDE
The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Michelle Rae Gilman, a member of the world champion U.S. racquetball team making its debut at the U.S. Olympic Festival, has about run out of opponents at home in Oregon and nearby Idaho.

"I just beat Idaho's men's open champion," said the 19-year-old from Ontario, on the eastern border of Oregon. "I only play men in my area. You learn a lot more from playing them. They are more aggressive, more powerful. You should always try to play people who are better than you."

Indeed, her coach and regular playing partner is her father, Larry Doht. "Who wins those matches?" "I do," Gilman said. "I'm 5 feet 10 1/2 — 'Don't say I'm 5-11, please!' — and 155 pounds, is likely to clinch an unprecedented grand slam of American titles in

the next major tournament in October. In 1989, she has won the U.S. high school, junior and open national championships. Coming up is the national doubles tournament.

"You have to be the perfect age to do it, still in high school," she said.

Gilman, the tallest and youngest member of the festival racquetball team, is also the captain. A national team member since the age of 14, Gilman began playing racquetball at 10, when her father gave her a membership in the local club.

"My whole family played," she said. The others are her mother, Brenda, and brother John, 21. A 1989 graduate of Ontario High School, Gilman plans to attend Boise State University. There's no racquetball program at the university, so she is starting one on her own, raising funds and writing rules.

Gilman lives at home and drives 32 miles to her new club in Caldwell, Idaho, every day, some-

times twice a day. She will remain at home when she starts school at Boise State, 28 miles beyond Caldwell.

"It's a good thing that my father is an auto mechanic," she said. Gilman has had some injuries playing racquetball, a game in which the hollow rubber ball can reach speed of 170 mph. She fractured her left cheekbone in a collision with a racket, requiring plastic surgery, she ripped back muscles and she has developed bone spurs in her ankles.

But she participates in volleyball, golf, water skiing and archery, as well as racquetball. "I enjoy doing everything," she said. "I'll try anything once."

Gilman, who also coaches racquetball, is happy to be exposed to the variety of sports presented at the festival. "I'm glad to be able to see the different sports, what they do and how they train," she said. "Where I live I don't get to see a lot of sports. Some of them I've never heard of."

State 800-meter champ a globe-trotting runner

By FLOYD SCHNEIDERMAN
The Oregonian staff

One more race remains for Karlyn Doht, who has run all over the world this summer.

Doht, the Mount Hood Conference and state high school 800-meter champion, will run in the TAC Junior International Summer Games this weekend. That event, in Pullman, Wash., will complete an odyssey that has included races in Hong Kong, New York and Seattle in the month since her graduation from Central Catholic High School.

Those trips do not include an additional one to Hawaii that Doht counts as an important personal date.

"That was a family trip right after graduation," Doht said. "When I stopped in Seattle on my way to Hawaii, I called Mike Johnson of the University of Washington track staff and he informed me of my decision to enroll there."

"I actually made the decision on the plane between Portland and Seattle. When we arrived in Hawaii, we had a picnic and I signed my letter of intent on Poipu Beach and mailed it back to Seattle."

Doht's Seattle race was in a qualifying event for this weekend's TAC meet, where she ran a non-winning 2:53.

She ran in the New York State Games last Saturday in a special high school women's invitational 800, matching the best high school graduates from throughout the United States.

Doht had one of the nation's top 800 times this spring, 2:17, which she clocked in winning the event at the 1989 Oregon Class AAA meet in Eugene. It was that time that led to

the invitation to the New York race, in which she finished seventh.

"It was a very disorganized situation, and I never did get my personal time," Doht said. "I feel good about finishing. One of the favorites, Sandra Burke of Brooklyn, dropped out. I think it was a valuable experience to get into that atmosphere before running in college."

The race was won in 2:09.99 by Charlene Neptune of Clara Barton School in Brooklyn. Doht returned to Portland on Monday and was aboard the American Airlines plane that was forced to make an emergency landing at Waterloo, Iowa, after its primary electrical system failed. "It was very scary, and was typical of how the weekend went," Doht said.

Doht also ran in a meet in Hong Kong as part of a trip with 26 other athletes from Oregon. The meet was against 18 track clubs from the British Crown Colony, with competitors ranging in age from 12 to 35.

Doht got some publicity as the subject of a major story in the English-language newspapers there, and she went on to win the 800 meters and also ran two winning relay teams.

Doht's grandmother, Marguerite Hoeffler, accompanied her to both Hong Kong and New York, and her mother, Lynette Doht, also made the trip to New York.

Doht had specialized in the 400 until the past year. In spite of her string of strong performances in the 800, she has run the event competitively only eight times and considers herself still apprenticing in the race.

Doht said it was difficult to choose a college. She said she had also been offered a scholarship to the University of Oregon.

"I have always wanted to go to a



Karlyn Doht will don her racing shoes for one more summer run at the TAC Junior International Games this weekend in Pullman, Wash.

big school," she said, "and I liked what I saw of that aspect of Washington when I visited there. I felt that I should make the choice on

the basis of what I wanted to do. No matter what program I enter, or who's my coach, what I accomplish will ultimately be up to me."