

Coe, Nehemiah set world records



AP photo
Sebastian Coe sets record

Briton again mile king; Renaldo clocks sub-13

The Associated Press

ZURICH, Switzerland — Britain's Sebastian Coe regained the world record for the mile Wednesday night with a time of 3 minutes 48.53 seconds at the Zurich invitational track and field meet.

Coe took almost three-tenths of a second off the old record of 3:49.80 established last year by fellow Briton Steve Ovett. Coe had previously held the world mark with a 3:48.95 in 1979.

Earlier, Renaldo Nehemiah of the United States broke his own world record in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 12.93, becoming the first ever to accomplish the feat in less than 13 seconds.

Nehemiah, a former University of Maryland athlete from Scotch Plains, N.J., clipped seven hundredths of a second of his old mark set May 6, 1979 at UCLA.

A near-capacity crowd of 25,000 at Letzigrund Stadium erupted into a roar of applause as the time of the 24-year-old Coe was announced.

Coe failed in his announced attempt to recapture the 1,500-meter record en route to his mile mark. His 1,500 time was 3:33.27, well off Ovett's 3:31.36.

Coe, who also holds the world record in the 800 and 1,000 meters, said, "At first, I thought I would miss both marks. That was after about 1,000 meters. But then I gave it all I had and it paid off."

Conditions were perfect on a warm, almost windless summer evening.

The race had been saved until the end of the four-hour meet to build up tension in the stadium and give Coe a better chance of success at lower temperatures.

Tom Byers of the United States set the pace on the first two laps. Then, Coe, trailed by Kenya's Mike Boit, took command, steadily building his lead.

Steve Cram, another Briton, followed in third place, about five yards behind. Boit slowed about 100 meters from the finish as Coe raced to victory.

Boit finished the mile in 3:49.74, with Cram taking third



UPI photo
Renaldo Nehemiah becomes first man to crack 13-second barrier in the 110-meter highs

in 3:49.95. The best American finisher was Steve Scott, who was eighth in 3:53.98, more than three seconds slower than his personal best this year.

Coe's triumph came less than an hour after Nehemiah shattered his own world record of 13.00 in the 110-meter hurdles.

"I am so excited. I knew I could do it," Nehemiah told ABC Radio Sports. "It means so

much to me.

"Greg Foster and I got out of the blocks at the same time and in the same manner. But it was technique that was the difference.

"Greg is an outstanding runner and was just behind me but I gave it everything I had and, this being the fifth race after the injury" — a broken bone in his right foot — "I knew I could pull

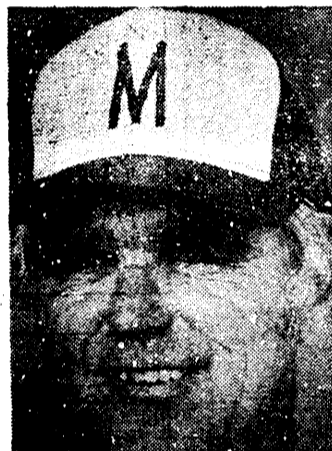
a sub-13.

"This proves that I am far from being washed up and that I am over my earlier complacencies and I'm almost untouchable. My next goal is 12.6 and there's no doubt in my mind that I can get it. It proves to me and to everybody in the United States how good I really am and how good I've yet to become." Foster was second in 13.03.

MJC keeps baseball reins all in the family



Bo Aiello



Jerry Streeter



Dick Windemuth

By LINDA CEARLEY
Bee staff writer

After 16 years as head baseball coach at Modesto Junior College, Jerry Streeter is stepping down. But responsibility for the Pirates will remain in the "family."

Taking over as head coach for the 1982 season will be former Davis High and MJC star Paul "Bo" Aiello, who has been a Streeter assistant the past two seasons.

Streeter will serve as an assistant to Aiello, along with former Modesto and Davis High coach Dick Windemuth. That means three generations of Modesto baseball history will join efforts on the field.

Windemuth was the high school mentor of both Streeter, at Modesto High, and Aiello. And Streeter was Aiello's coach at MJC.

"I'm thrilled to death to be working with them," said the 28-year-old Aiello. "They are two men

who've meant so much to me and I have the utmost respect for them."

Aiello starred in both basketball and baseball for the Spartans, but devoted his time to the diamond at MJC. His performance as a catcher earned him a full athletic scholarship to the University of Oregon.

Aiello earned his bachelor's degree at Oregon and his master's degree in education from Chapman College. He is a part-time physical education instructor at MJC.

Aiello said, "I feel tremendous. It's just like a dream. I've always wanted to coach at this level because the kids are here because they want to be, not because they have to be."

Streeter played football, basketball and baseball at Modesto High, then moved on to MJC and the University of the Pacific. After six years of playing professional baseball, Streeter became the

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McAbee, Adams power Li'l A's

FRESNO — Monte McAbee and Dwight Adams toted the heavy lumber Wednesday night and the Modesto A's crafted an 11-4 victory over the Fresno Giants at John Eulless Park.

McAbee 16th homer of the season opened the scoring in the third inning and lit the fuse on a 4-for-5 night while Adams capped a decisive six-run rally in the sixth.

The win keep the A's on the fringe of the California League playoff picture. With 12 games left in the regular season, fifth-place Modesto trails league-leader Lodi. But the real scramble is for the two "wild card" berths that go to teams — aside from the champions of each half — who compile the best season records.

Seven of the eight Cal League teams are still in the playoff picture. Only cellar-dweller San Jose has been mathematically eliminated.

Modesto plays at Fresno again tonight before coming home Friday to open a critical four-game series against the defending champion Stockton Ports, the team currently between Modesto and the playoffs. Friday

is also Wendy's Night with free tickets available at Wendy's Hamburgers in Modesto, Ceres and Turlock.

Mike Warren ran his record to 8-7 for the A's Wednesday. After McAbee homered in the third, he also singled home Adams in the

fourth make it 4-0. In the sixth, McAbee's leadoff double was followed by Terry Harper's run-scoring single, back-to-back walks to Joe Soprano and Mickey Tettleton, a two-run single by Tim Pyznarski and Adams' three-run homer.

Thompson at home in minors

By JIM JENKINS
McClatchy Newspapers Service

FRESNO — Eulless Park may not be the worst stadium in the California League, but it's close.

At best, it is light years away from the comforts of a major league broadcasting booth, where for a decade nasal-toned Bill Thompson sat with Lon Simmons and did the play-by-play of the San Francisco Giants.

"But this is home," said Thompson, entering his third year as general manager of the Fresno Giants, a San Francisco Class A farm club.

Bill Thompson's home, as he calls it, is a small, three-room office near the entrance to Eulless Park, a decaying facility owned — but not maintained — by the local junior college.

The only hint that Thompson even works there is a sign posted on a weary-looking chain-link fence near the entrance. It tells visitors venturing over a pot-holed parking lot that Thompson has at least one executive luxury — a space set aside for his car.

Guests are not required to knock. An open

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McKay breaks tie as Oakland wins 5th straight

OAKLAND — The Oakland A's, with five straight victories, have the best record in major league baseball, just as they did in the early days of April.

"This team is hungry enough. I know I am because the strike hit my pocketbook hard," Cliff Johnson said after Wednesday night's 4-2 victory over the Bos-

ton Red Sox. "We're not going to stand around just because we won the first half of the season," said pitcher Matt Keough, 7-3.

The A's left no runners on base in the game.

Dave McKay broke a 2-2 tie with a fifth-inning double and Johnson homered in the sixth as the A's improved their second-

half record to 6-2. Oakland totaled only four hits, but benefited from a two-run throwing error in the first inning by loser Frank Tanana, 3-5.

Johnson walked and Tony Armas singled with two outs in the first, and both scored when Tanana fielded Mike Heath's slow roller and threw the ball

past first base.

Keough scattered eight hits, including three by Jerry Remy, and pitched his eighth complete game in 13 starts.

Shooty Babbit singled with one out in the bottom of the fifth and McKay drove him home with a double off the center field wall. Johnson hit his 10th homer of the season with two out in the sixth.

Pittsburgh power too much for SF

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Pirates pounded their way out of a slump Wednesday night with a 12-hit barrage that powered a 7-3 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

Lee Lacy and Tony Pena slammed solo home runs and Bill Madlock cracked a two-run triple while Odell Jones, 1-0, earned his first big league victory in over two years.

"It was nice getting starting. It made my job easy. We're too good a hitting ballclub not to score runs," said Pirate Manager Chuck Tanner.

Six of the 12 Pirate hits off four Giant pitchers went for extra bases. The beneficiary was Jones, who was recalled from Portland just last week and won his last game in the majors in 1979 for Seattle.

"I always thought I belonged in the big leagues," said Jones, who went 5 1/3 innings before giving way to Grant Jackson.

The Giants would just as soon have seen the Pirate bats stay silent.

"They hit the ball hard tonight," said Darrell Evans, who doubled home one San Francisco run and scored another. "But we took two out of three here, and we can't be down about that."

Lacy's first homer of the year and his first in 11 months staked the Pirates to a 1-0 lead in the second. His shot into the left field seats came off starter Doyle Alexander, 6-5.

Pittsburgh chased Alexander in the third with three runs. Madlock ripped his triple to deep center after Omar Moreno had doubled and Tim Foli singled. Madlock scored on Jason Thompson's sacrifice fly.

Evans got the Giants on the board in the fourth when he doubled home Joe Morgan. Morgan had singled, advanced on Enos Cabell's infield single and took third on a double play.

Pena slammed his second home run of the season over the

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Al Davis

Davis isn't the type who'll settle for a tie

By JIM MURRAY
The Los Angeles Times

It should come as no surprise to anyone who has ever studied the man that Al Davis is not willing to settle for a tie. Or even a field goal. When Al Davis gets to the 2-yard-line, as he did in the recent litigation against the Football Establishment, he wants to get in that end zone.

And the 2-yard-line is no place to mess with the managing general genius of the Oakland Raiders. Tying Al Davis in any kind of a fight is like wounding a charging bear. In a corral.

The adversaries in this battle are not the Oakland Raiders and the National

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Football League, not the LA Coliseum nor the entrenched bureaucracy of pro football. The adversaries are Al Davis and Pete Rozelle. And it's a rematch. Ted "Kid" Louis and Jack Britton didn't go at it any more often.

The difference is, Al Davis relished a fight. Pete Rozelle is embarrassed by one. Pete is a compromiser. It's a necessity of his job. Davis is an alley fighter.

Davis not only doesn't like to lose, he doesn't like to tie. His whole life has been just one long brawl. You sit with your

back to the wall and a 360-degree view of the room when you take on Al Davis.

A real live nephew of his Uncle Sam, Al was born on the Fourth of July, 1929. A graduate of Syracuse, Al moved through a succession of assistant coaching jobs till, at age 23, he became coach for the Ft. Belvoir Army team where his recruiting tactics got him mention, not always favorably, all the way up to the Congressional record.

Al came to USC as an assistant (to Don Clark) in 1957. In no time at all, he had Southern Cal under NCAA suspension. But he was not the first — nor the last — Trojan coach to do that and the reason Al

Davis left USC was because they gave the head coaching job to John McKay when Clark quit. Davis thought he should have gotten the job. He probably should have.

He went next to the American Football League's San Diego Chargers where he signed up Lance Alworth and Keith Lincoln under the noses of an infuriated NFL. He knew the new league needed stars.

Al came to Oakland in 1963. The Raiders of the time were a curious collection of waifs. The franchise had been earmarked for Minneapolis, but the NFL had

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