

## Krieger claims Northwest PGA in sudden death

Scott Krieger birdied the fourth hole of a sudden death playoff Wednesday at the Walla Walla Country Club to win the Pacific Northwest PGA Championships.

Krieger, the leader throughout the tournament until Dan Hixson caught him during Wednesday's final round, hit his tee shot to within two feet of the cup on the par-3 fourth hole to set up his winning birdie. The two Portland golfers had matched pars over the first three holes of the playoff.

Krieger and Hixson finished 54 holes of regulation play tied at 11-under-par 202. Krieger shot a 3-under-par 68 on Wednesday while Hixson came from behind with a 65, the day's best score.

Jeff Coston of Blaine, Wash., matched Krieger's 68 but fell one shot short of joining the playoff, finishing alone in third.

Rob Gibbons of Mollala, Ore., and Chris Mitchell of Tumwater, Wash., both fired 67s on Wednesday to move up the leaderboard. Gibbons finished in fourth place at 206 and Mitchell was fifth at 208.

Michael Combs, an assistant pro at the host country club who had moved into contention by shooting 66 during Tuesday's second round, fell back on Wednesday when the best he could manage was a 73. Combs was one of three players at 209, tied for sixth position with Keith Lienes of Grays Harbor, Wash., and Joe Carranza of Lynnwood, Wash.

Krieger pocketed the \$5,000 top prize while Hixson earned \$3,500 for his second-place finish.

### PNW Leaders

x-Scott Krieger, Portland	64-70-68-202
Dan Hixson, Portland	68-69-65-202
Jeff Coston, Blaine	69-66-69-203
Rob Gibbons, Mollala	73-66-67-206
Chris Mitchell, Tumwater	72-69-67-208
Michael Combs, Walla Walla	70-66-73-209
Keith Lienes, Grays Harbor	68-69-72-209
Joe Carranza, Lynnwood	69-72-68-209
Doug Dossie, Seattle	66-70-74-210
Ryan Malby, Portland	71-69-71-211
Michael Rorholm, Spokane	73-72-67-212
Mark Bolton, Portland	70-70-72-212
Jeff Fought, Arora	72-68-72-212
Chuck Milne, Vancou	71-69-72-212
Mark Gardner, Spokane	73-68-72-213
Bill Tindall, Portland	72-71-70-213
Brent Murray, Portland	71-70-72-213
Mark Tunstall, Corvallis	72-69-72-213
Mike Gove, Astoria	71-73-70-214
Danny Moore, Salem	72-72-70-214
Craig Shuh, Spokane	71-71-72-214
Randy Jensen, Tacoma	71-74-70-215
David Christenson, Spokane	73-71-71-215
Joe Sievers, Seattle	71-73-71-215
Travis Long, Orondo	71-73-72-216
Fred Haney, Portland	69-79-68-216
John Bowen, Portland	75-71-70-216
Doug Hixson, Portland	70-75-71-216
John Kawasoe, Spring Hill	76-70-70-216

x—won the championship on the fourth hole of a sudden death playoff.

## Not-so-funny M's loss has comic ending

**SUMMARY:** The Mariners lost another game to the Cleveland Indians Wednesday night and manager Lou Piniella went down kicking.

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CLEVELAND — It wasn't the time or the place for Ken Griffey Jr. and David Segui to be busting a gut.

It was one out from the end of another loss to Cleveland (9-1 against Seattle this season), this time by a 5-3 score on an unmade double play and an untimely wild pitch.

Despite the game, the two Mariner stalwarts were laughing as if watching Chris Rock on Def Comedy Jam.

Instead, they were watching Manager Lou Piniella, who went out to kick about a call by umpire Larry Barnett and wound up kicking his hat all over Jacobs Field.

"Skip was a scream," Griffey said. "You had to laugh."



Piniella kicked his hat about half a dozen times as he argued with Barnett, to no effect. As he left the field he punted his hat along the

ground like a weird Olympic event that had the sellout crowd of 43,091 roaring with cheers and jeers.

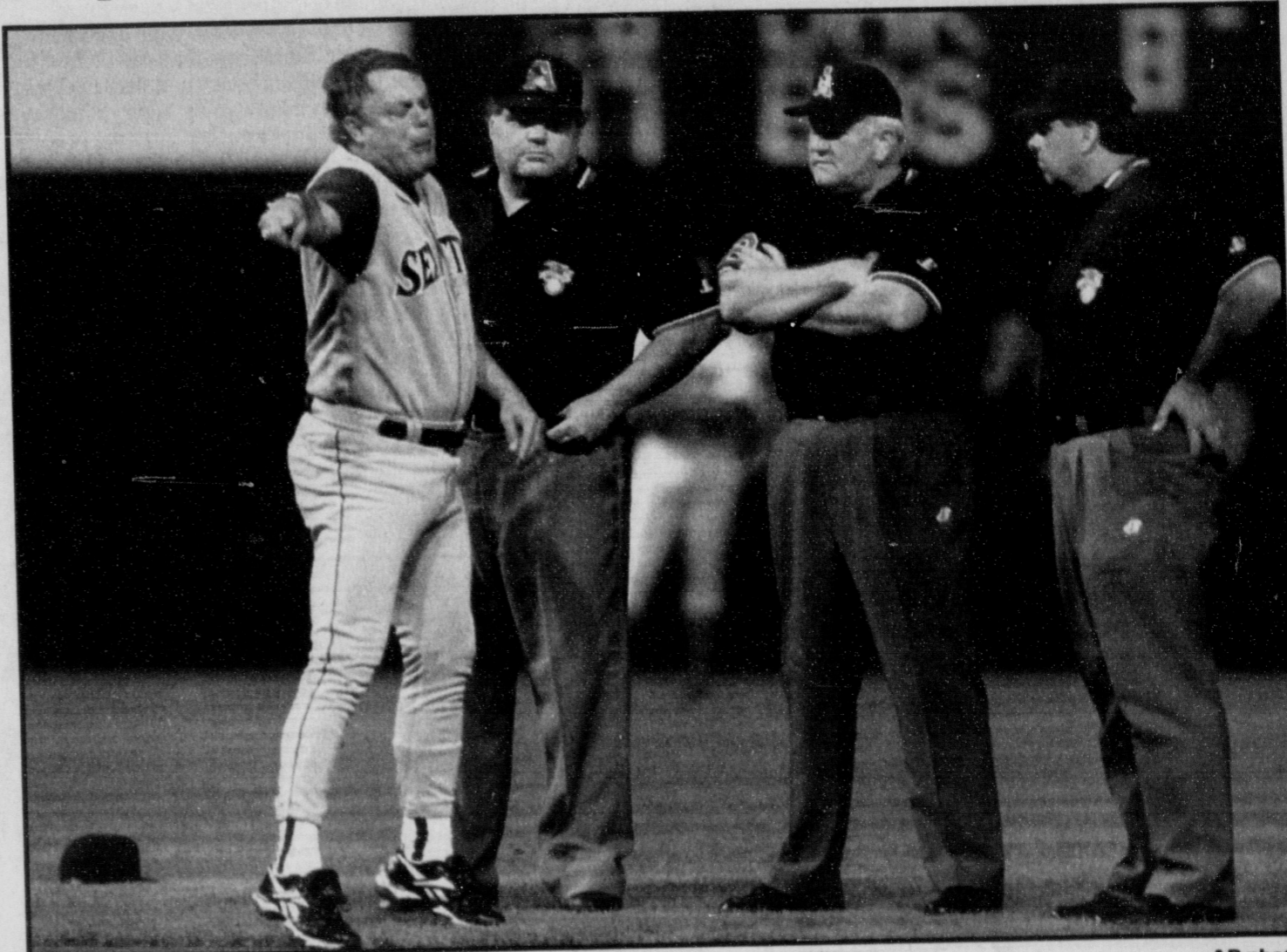
"All the frustrations of a long year came pouring out," Piniella said after the game. "I don't blame anyone for laughing. Everyone likes to see someone make a fool of themselves in front of 40,000 people."

The Keystone Kops episode began when Barnett ruled Russ Davis out for leaving the basepath between first and second base while trying to avoid a tag by Cleveland's Enrique Wilson. When Davis protested, out hurried Piniella, carrying the weight of a 60-71 team, a flop bullpen and sloppy defense.

"If he'd have said he tagged me, there'd be no argument even though I never felt a tag," Davis said. "When he says I left the basepath, which I did not and my tracks showed that, it was ridiculous."

Piniella tried making these points to Barnett, the crew chief who was working second base. When the umpire didn't acknowledge his complaint, Piniella pointed to the tracks, which were nowhere near the grass. If a runner steps on the grass infield to elude a tag, he is out for leaving the accepted path between bases.

Having made no impression, Piniella went back to the dugout, only to be waved out of there by Barnett. It was then that Piniella realized Barnett had tossed him



Lou Piniella points as he argues with umpires (left to right) Ken Kaiser, Larry Barnett and Greg Kosc during the ninth inning of Wednesday night's game in Cleveland. Piniella lost his argument, wound up kicking his hat several times before throwing it into the stands and was ejected from the game. The Indians defeated the Mariners 5-3.

into what had been an animated but civil argument.

"I called Davis out for leaving the basepath," Barnett said. "I tossed Lou for pointing at the ground. He's not going to do that to me in my game."

Piniella charged out of the dugout and into Barnett's face, ripping off his hat and throwing it to the ground.

"He says I showed him up by pointing to the ground," Piniella said. "Am I supposed to point to the sky? Is my guy running in the sky? Is the runner Luke Skywalker or what?"

According to Piniella, Barnett accused him during the confrontation of "always showing me up." Tuesday, Piniella had gone out for a mild beef with Barnett on a fan interference call at third base.

"When I heard him say I showed him up," Piniella said, "I told him, 'Larry, you show yourself up.' Everything is 'showing' him up. I guess you can't even go out and discuss things with someone."

When he turned from Barnett, Piniella spied his hat on the ground and kicked it

into the outfield. He followed it onto the grass, and kicked it back toward the infield.

He followed it there and tried to pick it up and missed it. At that point, he kicked it toward the dugout, once, twice, three times, as he made his way off the field as the crowd went wild.

Piniella finally picked the offending chapeau up and as he stepped down into the dugout he fired it into the stands. Just as quickly it was fired back. Piniella picked it up and disappeared with it into the tunnel.

"I threw it away and they threw it back," he said, laughing at the response.

The game, though, was no laughing matter. Starter Jeff Fassero lost a 1-0 lead in the second on a home run by Richie Sexson. In the fifth he lost a 2-1 lead on his own fielding lapse.

Taking a one-out grounder by Omar Vizquel, he turned to throw to second baseman Joey Cora to start an easy double play. "But Joey was pointing to A-Rod, it was Alex's bag," Fassero said. "I

double-clutched and flipped the ball trying to get at least one out."

Rodriguez came down with the high throw and with his back to second, stepped back blindly and tagged the bag just ahead of Kenny Lofton's hard slide. But with the inning left alive, Manny Ramirez stepped up and hit his seventh homer against the Mariners for a 3-2 lead. They were the 21st and 22nd runs Ramirez has driven in against Seattle.

It went to 4-2 in the seventh when Fassero threw a wild pitch with Lofton stealing third, allowing him to score. After Edgar Martinez made it 4-3 in the eighth with his 25th homer, Sexson, aboard with his career-high fourth hit, scored on David Bell's bad-hop double.

"That's how the whole year has gone," Fassero said. "Well, at least the Skip was funny."

"I feel better," Piniella said. "I let it out and I feel better. Of course, if we'd have won the game, I'd feel even better. But that's not happening this year."

## FSU's Bowden puts trust in 26-year-old soph QB

**SUMMARY:** Wa-Hi's Jared Jones is a freshman quarterback at Florida State, but this year's Seminoles will be directed by 26-year-old Chris Weinke, who spent six years in the Toronto Blue Jays chain before deciding to return to college football.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The way coach Bobby Bowden figures it, anyone who stood in the batter's box against Roger Clemens is tough enough to stand in the pocket and throw footballs for Florida State.

On Monday night, that's exactly what will happen.

Chris Weinke, who spent four days at Florida State in 1990 before leaving to play pro baseball, is back in school and set to lead the No. 2 Seminoles against No. 14 Texas A&M in the Kickoff Classic at Giants Stadium.

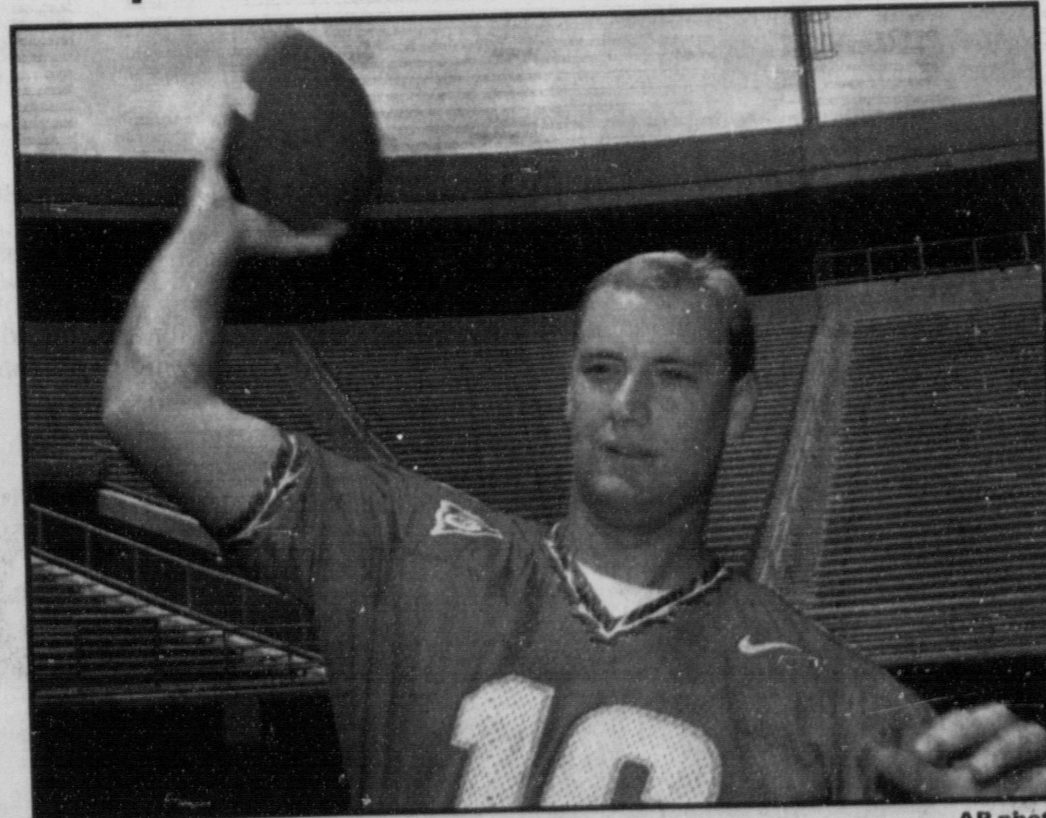
"This is something I've been waiting eight years for," said the 26-year-old Weinke, who inherited the starting role when Dan Kendra was lost for the season with a knee injury.

"Physically, I don't feel that much older. It's not like I've been playing football the last seven years and taking hits every day and my body's broken down. The biggest thing is to be able to execute on the field and make decisions."

Bowden usually grooms his quarterbacks for three years before putting them at the controls of his high-powered offense. But he didn't have that luxury this time, although he doesn't seem too concerned about making a run for the national title with a former minor-league first baseman.

"I never felt so good about a sophomore quarterback," Bowden said. "He's had two springs and a fall practice under his belt and he's 26 instead of 19. So I feel good about that. Even though he never got in the big leagues, he has stood in the box against them guys who can throw that fastball. Dadgum it, if he can do that, there's no reason he can't sit in the pocket."

During spring practice, Weinke took as many hits as Kendra, and kept coming back for more. Weinke said he was nervous and "a



AP photo

Sophomore quarterback Chris Weinke will lead Florida State against Texas A&M in Monday's Kickoff Classic.

bit rusty" last spring, but a year of watching film, lifting weights, and working with his receivers all summer boosted his confidence.

"This spring, I just wanted to fine-tune my skills," said Weinke, who makes his first start since a high school playoff game in 1989. "I knew I was in a situation where I was competing for a job and I wanted to put myself in position where if they called on me, I'd be able to do the job."

Being the old man on campus was a big change for Weinke, who turned from follower into leader.

"I was the youngest guy on the Triple A team for two years," Weinke said. "I was kind of the quiet guy who stood in the back and tried to learn from the veterans. When I

came here the roles were reversed, and I needed to be an example, take a leadership role on the team. I showed them I was willing to work and now I think we're comfortable with each other."

And the coaches are comfortable with Weinke, especially when it's critique time.

"You forget a lot of the hoorah stuff with him," Bowden said. "You better tell it like it is ... tell him what he's got to do and how to do it. You wish all your players were like that — 26 and hungry. I mean, gee whiz, you'd make so much fewer mistakes and have so many fewer asking 'Why'd I have to do this?'"

So why'd Weinke have to do this, anyway? After six years in the Toronto Blue Jays' minor-league organization, Weinke hit a

roadblock in Triple A. The Blue Jays, who gave him a \$375,000 signing bonus in 1990, wanted to move him from first base to catcher a year after relegating him from everyday player to pinch hitter.

"That's when I thought about wanting to play college football again," said Weinke, who invested his baseball earnings wisely and says he's financially secure. "They didn't want to trade me but they didn't want to do anything with me."

So he quietly explored his options with his former high school coach at Cretin-Derham in St. Paul, Minn. The coach sent out feelers to see if any schools were interested. Arizona was. So was Minnesota, South Carolina, Washington and Wisconsin. But when Weinke left Florida State in 1990, Bowden told him he'd save a scholarship.

A trip to town for a couple of games at the end of the 1996 season, including FSU's 24-21 win over Florida that set up a rematch in the Sugar Bowl for the national title, was all the convincing he needed. He met with offensive coordinator Mark Richt the day after the FSU-Florida game.

"I couldn't leave this place after a game like that," Weinke said.

"Usually, they come back after two years," Bowden said. "But he waits six, and once I found out he was sincere I said 'Let's take him.'"

Weinke still wonders what course his career might have taken if he didn't choose baseball.

"In those four days, I got a taste of it and then really left a fan," he said. "I enjoyed watching them play. Obviously, they won the national championship in 1993 and I felt like I could have been part of that team. I felt like I could have probably been the quarterback, but we don't know."

"Charlie (Ward) won the Heisman and did a great job with this team, but I was in a position to compete against him and who knows what would have happened. Now, maybe both of us will get that national championship."

## Sports Glance

### Radio

**Today**  
**PRO BASEBALL** — Seattle Mariners at Cleveland Indians, 4:05 p.m., KGDC (AM-1320).

**Friday**  
**PRO BASEBALL** — Seattle Mariners at New York Yankees, 4:35 p.m., KGDC (AM-1320).

### Television

**Today**  
**PRO BASEBALL** — California Angels at New York Yankees, 4:30 p.m. (FS); Atlanta Braves at St. Louis Cardinals, 5:05 p.m. (TBS); Chicago Cubs at Colorado Rockies, 6 p.m. (WGN).

**PRO BASKETBALL** — WNBA playoffs, 5 p.m. (ESPN).

**PRO FOOTBALL** — NFL preseason game, Dallas Cowboys vs. Jacksonville Jaguars, 5 p.m. (CBS).

**AMATEUR GOLF** — U.S. Amateur Championships, 1 p.m. (ESPN).

**PRO GOLF** — World Series of Golf, 3 p.m. (USA).

### Friday

**PRO BASEBALL** — Texas Rangers at Chicago White Sox, 2 p.m. (WGN); Seattle Mariners at New York Yankees, 4:30 p.m. (KTCI-channel 3); Atlanta Braves at St. Louis Cardinals, 5:05 p.m. (TBS); Chicago Cubs at Colorado Rockies, 6 p.m. (WGN).

**PRO BOXING** — Joppy vs. Duran in a middleweight bout, 10 p.m. (SHO).

**PRO FOOTBALL** — NFL preseason game, San Francisco 49ers vs. Seattle Seahawks, 7 p.m. (NBC).

**PRO GOLF** — BankBoston Classic, 10 a.m. (ESPN); World Series of Golf, 3 p.m. (USA).

**AMATEUR GOLF** — U.S. Amateur Championships, noon (ESPN).

**PRO SOCCER** — English League match, 1 a.m. (FS).

### Wednesday's Results

**Major leagues**  
Anaheim 6, N.Y. Yankees 4, 1st game  
N.Y. Yankees 7, Anaheim 6, 2nd game  
Boston 7, Oakland 4  
Cleveland 5, Seattle 3  
Kansas City 7, Toronto 2  
Minnesota 7, Tampa Bay 3  
Chicago White Sox 12, Baltimore 5  
Texas 8, Detroit 6  
Chicago Cubs 9, Cincinnati 2  
N.Y. Mets 4, San Francisco 1  
San Diego 2, Philadelphia 0  
Atlanta 6, Houston 2  
Florida 7, St. Louis 6, 10 innings  
Milwaukee 6, Colorado 3  
Pittsburgh 4, Arizona 3  
Los Angeles 4, Montreal 3