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Peterson takes dunk to Chemeketa Storm

By ERIC A. HOWALD
Of the Keizertimes

McNary High School alum Tregg Peterson recently signed to play basketball with the Chemeketa Community College Storm.

"It pretty much came down to free college and them running an offense similar to McNary's," said Peterson.

With a 3.98 GPA when he graduated in June, Peterson qualified for the Chemeketa Scholars program which will give him free tuition for two years.

The 6-foot-2 Peterson lit up the boards for the Celts as a senior – averaging nearly 16 points per game – and ignited crowds with his dunking ability. He topped it off with Player of the Year honors for the entire Greater Valley Conference. In his best game of the season, Peterson poured in 35 points.

Chemeketa's head coach, David Abderhalden, is already excited to see how Peterson contributes on the Chemeketa court.

"The things we like the most are his competitiveness, his team-first attitude and his work ethic. His athletic ability coupled with his all around skills fit our up-tempo style of play very well," Abderhalden said. "Our hope is to build on the skills that he already has with our initial focus being on tightening up his ball handling and improve the consistency of his three-point shot."

Peterson hit 25 of his 65 attempts from three-point range as a McNary senior, but Abderhalden said the Storm system is built on attacking the rim beginning at half-court leading to a lot of three-point attempts.

"He will need to improve in all facets of the game, but those two areas are the easiest



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McNary High School grad Tregg Peterson will play basketball for Chemeketa Community College this winter.

as both are very repetition-based and things he can do a lot of this summer," Abderhalden said.

Peterson said he was most impressed with how unselfish the Storm team was when he was looking at his other options.

"They are a fast-paced team with a lot of transition scoring and sharing of the ball," Peterson said.

While Peterson will have to compete for a starting spot next fall, Abderhalden said that wasn't the best measure of fit for the Storm's basketball program.

"We tend to play nine or

more players a night so he should have opportunities to get on the floor. The gauge of how well he is playing is probably better judged by whether he is finishing games rather than starting them in our program," Abderhalden said.

After his two years are up, Peterson expects to begin looking for a school with an engineering program. In the meantime, he's ready to see how he measures up in a much bigger league.

"I get to see how good I actually am playing against guys who are bigger, stronger and more athletic," Peterson said.



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The Volcanoes congratulate teammates exiting the field after scoring the go-ahead run in a game with the Tri-City Dust Devils Wednesday, July 8.

Devils beat Volcanoes in see-saw contest

By HERB SWETT
For the Keizertimes

The Volcanoes lost an early lead to the Tri-City Dust Devils in the sixth inning and never regained it, losing 9-7, Wednesday, July 8.

A home crowd of 1,596 saw Salem-Keizer take a 4-3 lead in the second before Tri-City tied the score in the fifth, but the Volcanoes regained a one-run lead in the same inning. Then the Dust Devils scored five in the sixth.

Nick Gonzalez, the Volcanoes' starting pitcher, had six strikeouts and no bases on balls in his four innings but allowed seven hits. The visitors from Pasco scored their first two runs in the first, with Peter Van Gansen singling to left field on a 3-2 pitch and Jose Carlos Urena hitting a home run over the left field wall. It was the first homer against Gonzalez this season.

Walker Lockett, Tri-City's starting and winning pitcher, retired the Volcanoes in order in the first. His teammates added a run in the second, with Austin Allen singling to right and Mason Smith to left, both on grounders. Both moved up a base as Henry Charles grounded out. Kodie Tidwell got Allen home with a double to right.

The Volcanoes got hot in the bottom of the second. Jose Vizcaino Jr. hit a one-out infield single but was out on a force play that put CJ Hinojosa on first base. Fernando Pujadas sin-

gled to center, and John Riley hit a grounder into center over second base. With the bases loaded, Shilo McCall reached first on an error by second baseman Tidwell that let Hinojosa and Pujadas score. Ronnie Jebavy tripled to center, driving in Riley and McCall.

Armando Paniagua, who was to become the losing pitcher, took the mound at the start of the fifth. Rod Boykin led off with a single, stole second, went to third as Van Gansen struck out, and scored on a wild pitch.

A powerful throw by right fielder Steven Duggar kept Tri-City from adding a run in the third. Ty France doubled and tried to score on a single by Allen, but Duggar's throw to catcher Pujadas nailed him at the plate.

In the Volcano fifth, Jose Vizcaino Jr. hit his second home run of the season with the bases empty.

The Dust Devils stormed back in the sixth. Allen reached first on an error by first baseman Riley and went to second as Smith singled to left. With Charles at bat, Paniagua picked off Allen on a throw to shortstop Hinojosa. Charles hit an infield single. Both moved up on a wild pitch, and Tidwell walked, loading the bases. Paniagua hit Boykin, forcing Smith home and leaving the bases jammed. Urena walked, forcing Charles home. Luis Please see LOSS, Page A11

Salem-Keizer notches first sweep of season

By HERB SWETT
For the Keizertimes

The Volcanoes completed a five-game series sweep, their first sweep of the season, and on the road. There were no Northwest League games Tuesday.

July 9: Volcanoes 9,
Vancouver 3

Salem-Keizer started this road series like an active volcano, or an active bunch of Volcanoes.

The visitors led all the way, scoring two runs in the second inning, three in the third and three in the seventh before the Canadians scored all three of theirs in the bottom of the seventh. One more Volcano run came in the eighth.

Brad Moss had three hits in the victory and teammates Miguel Gomez, CJ Hinojosa and Julio Pena two each. Junior Amion and Moss drove in two runs apiece, and Amion, Hinojosa and John Riley each scored two.

Volcano starter Logan Webb won his third game of the season, striking out four and allowing five hits but no walks in his six innings. New-comer Mac Marshall pitched three innings for a save.

July 10: Volcanoes 8,
Vancouver 2

The Volcanoes were in command from the start, moving past the .500 mark for the season in their second straight

win over the Canadians.

Everyone in Salem-Keizer's starting lineup had at least one hit for a total of 17. Fernando Pujadas hit his third home run of the season; he, Miguel Gomez and Steven Duggar drove in two runs each. Ronnie Jebavy, who stole his fourth base, scored two runs, as did Pujadas and Mark Nelson.

Nolan Riggs, the Volcanoes' starting pitcher, ran his record to 2-0 and had four strikeouts in his five innings. Nathaniel Santiago and Jarret Leverett pitched in relief. Vancouver starter Francisco Rios took the loss.

The Volcanoes scored four of their runs in the second inning and three in the third.

July 11: Volcanoes 4,
Vancouver 2

Salem-Keizer clinched the series with its third straight win over the host Canadians.

The first Volcano run came in the third inning. After singles by Junior Amion and Ronnie Jebavy and a walk to Steven Duggar, Miguel Gomez drove in Amion with a sacrifice fly.

In the fourth, Jose Vizcaino Jr. tripled, Chase Compton walked and a sacrifice fly by Shilo McCall scored Vizcaino. Amion tripled Compton home, and Jebavy singled Amion home.

Vancouver scored once in the third and once in the

fifth. Both runs came on errors, so Drew Leenhouts, the starting and winning pitcher, had no earned runs in his five innings. He ran his record to 3-1.

Cory Taylor relieved Leenhouts for three innings, and Ryan Halstead pitched the ninth for his third save. Ryan Borucki was the Canadians' starting and losing pitcher.

July 12:
Volcanoes 10,
Vancouver 5

This made it four in a row for the road series. The Volcanoes came out of the game with a team batting average of .263 and a team earned run average of 3.82.

Salem-Keizer had to come from behind this time, trailing 3-0 before scoring a run in the fourth inning. The Volcanoes scored once in the sixth and twice in the seventh and eighth and four in the ninth. Vancouver's three runs in



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Volcano Nicholas Gonzalez winds up on the mound in the Volcanoes loss to Tri-City last week.

the second inning came on three singles and a double by Earl Burl and were the only earned runs for the Canadians. The two in the seventh resulted from errors, a problem the Volcanoes have had in several recent games. Not all the same Salem-Keizer players have been making the errors, however.

The Volcanoes' Julio Pena and Shilo McCall hit the only home runs of the game, both

in the seventh. In the four-run ninth, Francisco Pujadas hit a double and Ronnie Jebavy, John Riley and Pena hit singles. A wild pitch scored Christian Lichtenthaler.

Michael Connolly, the starting Volcano pitcher, gave up all three of the earned runs in his six innings. EJ Encinosa relieved him and got the win, and Caleb Smith pitched the ninth. For the Canadians, Stuart Holmes was the losing

pitcher in relief.

July 13: Volcanoes 7,
Vancouver 3

The Volcanoes scored the first run of the game in the first inning, but the Canadians came back in the first to take a one-run lead. The visitors tied the score in the third and took a one-run lead in the fifth, going ahead for good.

The big inning was the Volcanoes' four-run seventh. Brad Please see SWEEP, Page A11