

S-K takes win in bottom of 10th



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Volcano Christian Lichtenthaler attempts to tag out a runner at second base in the game Friday, Aug. 21. Lichtenthaler had one of his best offensive games of the season Sunday, Aug. 23.

The Volcanoes edged Eugene 6-5 in 10 innings Sunday, Aug. 23, at home to avoid a series sweep.

After trailing from the start through two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, Salem-Keizer tied the score and took one more inning to keep its bats going.

The Emeralds took a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Donnie Dewees hit an infield single off Volcano starter Luis Pino and went to second base as Frandy De La Rosa singled to right field. Andrew Ely walked to load the bases, and Pino walked Andrew Ely to force Dewees home. Alberto Mineo singled to right, driving in De La Rosa.

Pino kept Eugene scoreless for the next two innings, and the Volcanoes scored their first run in the third. Christian Lichtenthaler, who had played little

this season but was to have a 3-for-5 night, hit a one-out single to center. Ronnie Jebavy reached first base on an error by second baseman De La Rosa, with Lichtenthaler moving to second. Steven Duggar grounded out but Miguel Gomez walked to load the bases. Emerald starter Kyle Twomey walked Chris Shaw, forcing in Lichtenthaler. Preston Morrison relieved Twomey and struck out Fernando Pujadas to retire the side.

Eugene widened the lead to 3-1 in the fourth. Alex Bautista walked and went to third on a hit-and-run single to right center by PJ Higgins. Dewees hit into a force out that allowed Bautista to score.

In the Volcano fourth, Junior Amion singled to right and went to third on a wild pitch. Lichtenthaler hit an infield single, driving him in.

There was no more scoring until the ninth, but Salem-Keizer threatened in the sixth. Pedro Araujo replaced Morrison on the mound and loaded the bases with singles from Julio Pena, Lichtenthaler and Jebavy. Then he retired the next three batters.

Eric Sim followed Pino to the mound in the seventh inning and walked two Emeralds in the sixth, but a one-out double play, shortstop Lichtenthaler to second baseman Amion to first baseman Shaw, followed. Ryan Halstead pitched the eighth and retired the side in order.

Caleb Smith pitched the ninth for Salem-Keizer and allowed two runs. Dewees hit a bunt single, and De La Rosa reached first on a force out. Eloy Jimenez hit an infield single, and Ian Rice doubled to left, scoring De La Rosa and Jimenez.

In the Volcano ninth, Gomez hit a one-out single to left and went to third as Shaw singled to left. Ashford Fulmer, a newcomer up from the Arizona Instructional League, ran for Shaw. Pujadas singled to left, driving in Gomez, and Brad Moss went in to run for him. John Riley walked, and Greyfer Eregua came in to pitch. Amion hit into a force out, scoring Fulmer, and Moss went to third. Amion stole second, and Mark Nelson, hitting for

Pina, reached second on an error by second baseman De La Rosa. Riley scored on the play, and the score was 5-5.

After Smith held the Emeralds scoreless in the 10th, Duggar walked and reached third on a single to left by Gomez. Scott Price, who had replaced Shaw at first base, brought Duggar home with a bunt single.

Smith ran his record to 2-2, and Eregua's went to 0-3.

"I wish we'd made it a lit-

tle easier than that," manager Kyle Haines said of his Volcanoes, but he called the win "a very good effort by multiple players."

Lichtenthaler, an offensive force for the first time this season, was asked what he had been doing to improve his hitting.

"I've worked on it harder every single day," he said.

Price, not known for bunting, said, "I was surprised when I got the sign, but we bunt in practice every day."

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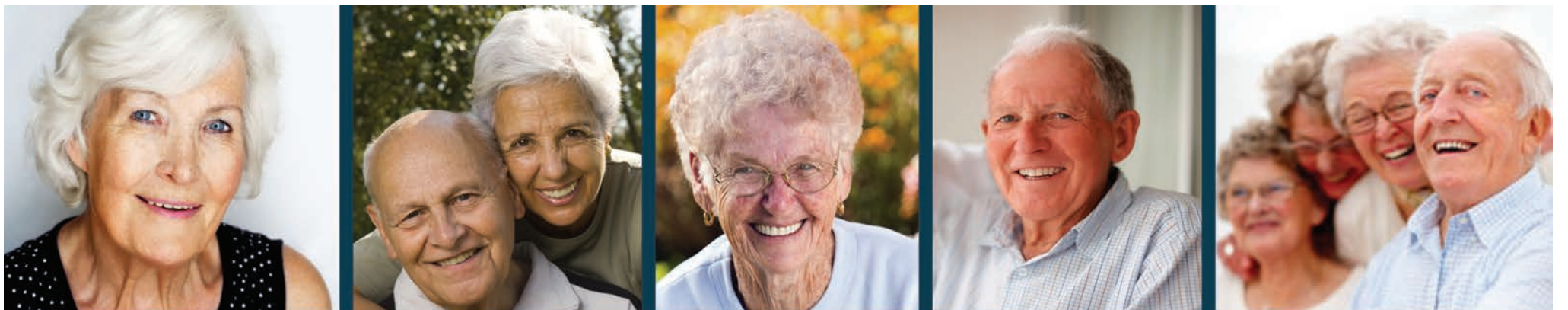
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