

# Volcanoes take series win over Hawks

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It was a better week for the Volcanoes than the previous one, with a split of the last two games with Everett and a series win over Boise.

**Aug. 26: Volcanoes 3, Everett 2 (10 innings)**

This win evened the Volcanoes' road series at 2-2.

It was a 1-0 Salem-Keizer game until the ninth inning, when Chris Shaw made it 2-0 with his eighth home run of the season. Then Everett tied it in the bottom of the ninth, but the Volcanoes scored the final run in the 10th.

The first Volcano run came in the third, when a double by Shilo McCall drove in Junior Amion, who had also doubled.

Starting pitcher Grant Watson was removed after 3-1/3 innings, when the bases were full of AquaSox players, but Eric Sim came in and retired the side.

Caleb Smith took the



Salem-Keizer's Jose Vizcaino makes a throw to first for an out in the game Sept. 1.

mound for the Volcanoes in the ninth, and Corey Simpson singled home Alex Jackson and Luis Liberato to tie the score. In

the Salem-Keizer 10th, Ronnie Jebavy doubled and stole third base, and Steven Duggar singled him home. Smith set

home on Chris Shaw's ninth homer of the season. In the eighth, Ashford Fulmer was hit by a pitch, went to second on a Christian Lichtenthaler single, tagged and reached third on a fly, and scored on a single by Duggar.

Volcano starter Logan Webb was the losing pitcher at 3-5.

**Aug. 28: Boise 5, Volcanoes 0**

Great Boise pitching and weak Salem-Keizer hitting brought about this disappointing start to a home series.

The Volcanoes had only five hits, the only one for extra bases a double by Miguel Gomez, Christian Lichtenthaler, a late bloomer with the bat, had two of the hits, raising his batting average to .259.

Hawk starter Colin Welton went five innings for the win and a 2-4 record. Relievers Matt Meyer and Craig Schlitter each pitched two innings. Luis Pino, the Volcanoes' starter, gave up all five runs in his six innings, but only two runs were earned. His record ran to 3-1 with a 1.38 earned run average.

Boise was helped by an error in the third inning by third baseman Gomez and two fourth-inning errors by shortstop Lichtenthaler. The Hawks made no errors.

**Aug. 29: Volcanoes 2, Boise 0**

The bats of Miguel Gomez and John Riley and the arms of Drew Leenhouts and Ryan Halstead evened the series with the Hawks.

Both runs came in the fourth inning. Gomez led off with his sixth of the season, Boise starter Jack Wynkoop retired the next two batters, and Riley hit his fifth homer.

Boise threatened several times, with baserunners reaching third base in the second, fifth and eighth innings.

Leenhouts pitched 7-2/3 innings, allowing six hits but only one walk and striking out five. He won his seventh game against four losses. Halstead pitched the rest of the way, with two strikeouts, and had his sixth save. Wynkoop's record went to 2-4.

**Aug. 30: Volcanoes 4, Boise 2**

Ronnie Jebavy had three singles and three stolen bases and drove in two runs to lead Salem-Keizer to a 2-1 edge in the series.

The Volcanoes scored twice in the first inning and twice in the seventh. In the first, Jebavy singled, stole second base, reached third on a passed ball and scored on a double by Steven Duggar. Duggar stole third, and Miguel Gomez singled him home.

In the seventh, Ashford Fulmer and Christian Lichtenthaler hit two-out singles. A throwing error by third baseman Kevin Padlo advanced both runners, and Jebavy singled them home.

The Hawks scored a run in the first on two doubles and one in the seventh on three singles.

Nolan Riggs, the first Volcano pitcher, struck out four in five innings. Eric Sim followed with his third hold of the season. David Owen became the winning pitcher despite pitching only two-thirds of an inning. Caleb Smith got his seventh save. All four left the game with earned run averages below three. Dylan Thompson was the losing pitcher in relief.

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"Our D-line is looking really good and we've talked a lot about having fourth-quarter endurance throughout the whole game," Sparks said. "When we're tired that's when

we have to keep going."

On the North Salem side of the game, the Vikings are expected to rely quite a bit on Giovanni Gonzalez, who rushed for more than 600 yards and eight touchdowns as a sophomore.

However, word on the street was that the Viking team was

throwing the ball a bit more in the preseason than they have in the past. Regardless, Auvinen had faith in his Celtics.

"If everybody does their assignment, I'm excited about Coach (KJ) McCrae's game-plan and I think our guys will do just fine with North's offensive schemes," he said.

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