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Giants' top pick joins Volcanoes

By **TIM HAYS**
Of the Keizertimes

Bryan Reynolds has finally arrived in Salem-Keizer.

The 2016 second round pick by the San Francisco Giants joined the Volcanoes last Thursday in Hillsboro. His home debut was Monday against the Vancouver Canadians.

A native of Brentwood, Tenn., Reynolds has grown up around baseball his whole life.

"Growing up I was playing with all my best friends," he said. "We traveled all around Tennessee, and a few other

states to play. It was really good to create a foundation for baseball, and I found some lasting relationships. That was probably the best time in baseball I've had so far."

As a four-year letter winner in high school, Reynolds didn't have to move too far from home. He attended Vanderbilt University in Nashville, though not before a minor setback.

"My senior year I had shoulder surgery, and it only allowed me to play half of my last season in high school," Reynolds said. "That could've

been the reason I wasn't heavily recruited."

It didn't seem to faze him all that much.

In his first ever game at Vanderbilt, Reynolds began his career with a pinch hit single, creating what was the first of many special moments for him.

During his freshman campaign, Reynolds led Vanderbilt's 2014 National Championship team in batting average (.338) and slugging (.480). He was named to the Freshman All-American Team by Baseball America.

As a junior, Reynolds hit .330 with 32 extra-base hits and 57 RBIs in 62 games in 2016. He was selected to the All-SEC Second Team and finished second in the conference with 13 home runs and 49 walks.

"I think college is important for a lot of people," Reynolds said. "It's the time that I got better as a baseball player, because I was able to get more opportunities. Though, you also get to grow up as a person. You aren't going to be with your family every night,

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KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley
Outfielder Bryan Reynolds, the Giants' first pick in the 2016 draft, was assigned to Salem-Keizer on Thursday, June 30.



Left: Northview Terrace swimmer Michael Halliday dives into the pool Thursday, June 30 in the first meet of the year. Right: Kat Kosiewicz, who won the 11-12-year-old individual medley, swims the butterfly. Northview easily defeated Cambridge 224-25 to open the season.

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Keizer swimmers learning to fly

By **DEREK WILEY**
Of the Keizertimes

The summer swim season began Thursday, June 30 with two Keizer teams going head-to-head as defending league champion, Northwood, outscored Holiday 367-236.

Northwood's boys, who accumulated 186 points, won 20 events.

Jake Wyrer won five events—15-18-year-old butterfly, breaststroke, backstroke, freestyle relay and medley relay with teammates Jabez Rhoades, Miller Baumann and Lucas Garvey. Baumann won the individual medley and Rhoades the freestyle.

Carter Hawley touched the wall first in three swims—the 9-10 free-

style, medley relay with Roman Pack, Caleb Skipper and Grant Schaffer, and the free relay with Schaffer, Tate Woodward and Elijah Clendenning.

In the 8-and-under division, Ben Diede also won three events—free, back and breaststroke. Hudson Hughes took first in the butterfly.

Jackson Alt won the 11-12 individual medley and butterfly and also swam on the winning medley relay team with Pierce Walker, Connor Roop and Carson Biondi. Roop and Biondi swam on the first place free relay as well with Olen Cogar and Zach Harrington.

Jacob Paton and Riley Mahoney won the 11-12 back and breaststroke,

respectively.

Swimming for the Northwood girls, who recorded 186 points and won 20 events, Alyssa Garvey touched the wall first in three individual events—13-14 breaststroke, butterfly and free.

Avery Buss also received three first place ribbons after winning the 9-10 IM and swimming on the 9-10 medley relay with Bentley Pack, Rosella Cogar and Ainsleigh Pack, and the free relay with Cogar, Molly Eisele and Jasmine Miller. Individually, Eisele also won the free.

Kaitlyn Roop placed first in the 9-10 backstroke and Indy Gauthier won the butterfly.

Meili Skipper placed first in the 8-and-under free and butterfly. She was also on the winning free relay team with Alexi Pack, Madi Mahoney and Katie Alger.

Paris Boyd won the 11-12 breaststroke and butterfly and swam on the top free relay team with Brook Junker, Ashely Hawley and Kailey Wilcke. Wilcke also won the backstroke and was on the winning medley relay with Hawley, Ellie Auvinen and Eliana Dean. Individually, Dean also finished first in the freestyle.

Emily Alger won the 15-18 freestyle. Mady Alt, Bella Walker, Madyson Trammell and Kennedy Buss took first in the 13-14 medley relay.

Holiday's boys recorded 104 points and won 15 events.

Kian Gonzales placed first in the 13-14 fly, back and free. He also swam on the winning free relay with Jackson Colyer, Carter Hollis and Tony Gonzales. Individually, Tony won the IM and breaststroke.

Kameron Splonski placed first in the 9-10 IM, back and breaststroke. He also broke two Holiday Swim Club records, finishing the IM in 1:04.96 and the breaststroke in 35.09.

Noah Williams won the 6-and-under butterfly. Vinny Arnold placed first in the 7-8 fly and Carter Hollis won the 11-12 free.

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All-Stars win District 7 title

By **DEREK WILEY**
Of the Keizertimes

Keizer Little League All-Stars left no doubt who the best major softball team is in District 7, dominating East Lane 16-2 and 14-4 Saturday, June 25.

The squad is made up of the best 10-11-12-year-old girls from the four teams that played in the regular season. They practiced two weeks before the district tournament.

In Game 1, Keizer jumped out to a 4-1 lead after two innings but really broke the game open in the third inning when East Lane changed pitchers, scoring 10 runs.

"We had a couple of bunts that were for hits and then we capitalized on fielding errors,"

Keizer manager Buck Pearce said. "The pitcher that they brought in the inning, the girls were able to hit the ball off of her and put the ball in play and able to beat out the throws. They [East Lane] made some errors in fielding. That was just a good inning for us."

Madeline Ward started in the pitcher's circle for Keizer and allowed just two runs over three innings. Cadence Pearce got the final three outs and didn't give up a run.

Both games only went four innings because of the 10-run mercy rule.

Highlighted by a standup RBI double to the left field fence by Katelyn Weber, Keizer hit the ball even better in

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Keizer Little League's 10-11-12-year-old All-Stars defeated East Lane 16-2 and 14-4 Saturday, June 25 in Keizer to win the District 7 championship.