

Volcanoes 3-7 in last 10 games

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The Volcanoes' losing streak ran to six Saturday with a 4-3 loss to the Emeralds in Eugene.

Salem-Keizer took a 2-0 lead in the second inning, but Eugene scored three times in the third and added a run in the seventh. The Volcanoes, who had one of their lowest-hitting games at four, had just one more run, in the eighth.

In the Volcano second, Ryan Howard led off with a single to right field. Ryan Kirby doubled to right, driving him in. Kirby moved to third base on a long fly to right by John Riley, and Gustavo Cabrera scored him with a sacrifice fly to left.

Victor Concepcion, Salem-Keizer's starting pitcher, allowed only one batter to get on base in his first two innings and struck out four.

In the bottom of the third,

however, Eugene's Tyler Paine led off with a triple to left center. Yeiler Peguero brought him home with a sacrifice fly to center. Concepcion struck out the next batter but walked the next, DJ Wilson.

Andrew Monasterio drove Wilson in with a double to right.

A walk to Taylor Davis followed, and Matt Rose singled to left to score Monasterio. Concepcion walked Kevonte Mitchell to load the bases but struck out Wladimir Galindo to end the inning.

Concepcion, who became the losing pitcher at 1-3, was relieved by Nick Sabo after three innings. Sabo kept the Emeralds scoreless through his three innings but loaded the bases in the fifth.

Eugene's Michael Knighton relieved starter Manuel Rondon after four innings and became the winning pitcher with a 1-0 record.

Mark Malave pitched the ninth for Eugene, getting his second save.

"Every area (of the game) we've got to get better at," Volcano manager Kyle Haines commented. He added that he was continuing to focus on training, saying it is more important than wins and losses in the low minor leagues.

Howard, who had the first hit of the game and scored the first run, said the players needed to improve hitting in the clutch.

"We need to be able to get the job done in situational hitting," he said.

July 3: Volcanoes 3, Eugene 0

Henberger Medina had his best start so far, ending a six-game losing streak and depriving the host Emeralds of a series sweep.

Throwing 85 pitches in his six innings, he allowed only four hits, struck out four and

walked none. He won his first game against two losses, and Caleb Simpson got his second save.

Salem-Keizer outhit Eugene 10-5, with Gio Brusa and Ryan Kirby getting three hits each. Outfield defense shone on both sides, with plenty of long drives ending up in gloves.

In the fourth inning, Brusa led off with a single, moved up on singles by Bryan Reynolds and Heath Quinn, and scored on a sacrifice fly by Ryan Howard. Kirby then singled Reynolds home. In the sixth, Howard singled, reached third on a double by Kirby, and scored as Julio Pena grounded out.

July 4: Vancouver 4, Volcanoes 2

The Canadians put Salem-Keizer back into the loss column as the Volcanoes started their home series with their Fourth of July game.

Before seeing the fireworks, the crowd of 5,426 saw the Volcanoes lose an early lead. They scored the first run of the game in the first inning, Vancouver scored the next two, the hosts tied the score in the fifth, and the visitors scored twice in the seventh.

Salem-Keizer's Gio Brusa went 3 for 3 but neither scored nor drove in a run. The first Volcano run came when Bryan Reynolds singled home Ashford Fulmer, who had led off with a walk. Fulmer also scored the other run, leading off with a single, reaching third on a single by Brusa, and crossing the plate on a wild pitch.

The Volcanoes outhit the Canadians 11-10, but Vancouver's Christian Williams hit the only home run of the game.

July 5: Volcanoes 6, Vancouver 4

Salem-Keizer evened the series in this close one, an-

swering Vancouver's eighth-inning run with one in the same inning and keeping the lead.

The Volcanoes outhit the Canadians 14-10 and made three double plays. The hosts scored two of their runs in the fifth inning.

Gio Brusa singled, advanced on a single by Bryan Reynolds and a wild pitch, and came home on a single by Ryan Howard. Zack Bowers drove in Reynolds with a single.

Ashford Fulmer, Reynolds, and Bowers had three hits each. Reynolds, Bowers, and Kevin Rivera hit a double apiece.

Each Volcano outfielder had an assist.

Carlos Diaz, in relief of starter Melvin Adon, was the winning pitcher at 1-0. Cesar Yanez had his first save. Stuart Holmes was the losing pitcher in relief at 0-1.

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Lincoln Hollis, Noah Williams, Ozzy Arnold and Cole Steele took home a first place ribbon in the 7-8 free relay.

Alex Beard broke four Holiday Swim Club records to lead the girls team that had 132 points and won 20 events. Individually, Beard won the 13-14 IM in 54.54, the backstroke in 25.81 and the breaststroke in 26.84. She also swam on the winning free relay with Bella Beard, Kylie McCarty and Kassy Winters as well as the record breaking medley relay with Bella, McCarty and Emma Privatsty.

McCarty also won and broke the club record in the 15-18 fly, finishing in 24.40. Privatsty won the 13-14 IM and backstroke and swam on the winning free relay with Jayla Toland, Hannah Williams and Bella

Grantham.

In the 6-and-under division, Claire Hicks placed first in the butterfly and backstroke. Kaiya Turner won the free and Olivia Anderson was the first to touch the wall in the breaststroke. All three girls along with Jacelyn Toland won the free relay.

Cassidy Kerner won the 7-8 backstroke and Emma Anderson finished first in the breaststroke. Both girls also swam on the winning medley relay with Hicks and Abigail Anderson. Erika Robinett won the 9-10 breaststroke.

Also swimming last Thursday, Northview Terrace easily defeated Cambridge 224-25.

In the 6-and-under division, Will Noble won the free, back and breaststroke. He also joined Michael Noble, Camden Whetten and Michael Halliday to win both the 9-10 medley and free relays.

Eli Staley finished first in the 9-10 IM and breaststroke while Dom Snyder won the free and

fly. Both also swam with Tayson Whetten and Nathan Harris to take first in the 11-12 medley and free relays. Individually, Whetten won the fly as well.

Jeremy Becker touched the wall first in the 11-12 free, back and breaststroke and helped Cole Garland, Gavin Gasperini and Alex Kosiewicz win both the 13-14 medley and free relays. Individually, Garland placed first in the free, fly and breaststroke. Gasperini won the IM and backstroke.

The Northview Terrace girls also had a strong day in the pool.

Ally Castaneda won the 6-and-under back and breaststroke. Carly Castaneda took first in the free and Ashely Stucker had the fastest time in the fly.

Mary Ann Halliday placed first in the 7-8 breaststroke and also swam on the winning medley and free relay teams with Madelyn Sponable, Abby Youngblutt and Josie Wampler. Sponable took first in the back-

stroke as well.

Northview also won both relays in the 9-10 division as Amelia Prin, Kieran Rhines, Kara Everitt and Maey White took first in the medley relay while Bailey Oglesby, Ashley Stacker, Megan Halliday and Ava McNeely won the free relay.

Individually, Megan Halliday also won the backstroke. Issy Kosiewicz finished first in the IM and free. Lily Castaneda won the fly and Jana Everitt was the first to touch the wall in the breaststroke.

In the 11-12 age group, Ally-

son Mathews, Hannah Halliday, Sydney Smith and Kianna Staley won the medley relay. Individually, Staley took first in the free, fly and breaststroke and joined with Smith, Hannah Halliday and Zoey Noble to win the free relay.

Kat Kosiewicz won the 11-12 IM and Sydney Epperly had the fastest time in the backstroke.

Lily Snyder placed first in the 13-14 free, IM and swam on two inning relays—free with Lucy Youngblutt, Annie Farris, Nina Garland and Lily White

and medley with Farris, Garland and Little White. Farris also won the fly and breaststroke.

Youngblutt, Bailey White, Emma Garland and Anna Kosiewicz won the 15-18 medley relay. Lily White joined Bailey White, Garland and Kosiewicz to take first in the free relay. Kosiewicz won the back and breaststroke. Garland had the fastest time in the free and fly.

The summer swim season continues through the rest of the month with the All-City meet on Saturday, July 30 at Holiday.

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and it sets a good base for the rest of your life, and for your career. The daily repetitions help you get through it all."

In April, draft day went as expected and the center fielder was selected with the 59th

overall pick.

"It was pretty exciting," Reynolds said. "I got to spend it with my family, and a few of my friends. We watched it at my house, and just let it all unfold. It was a pretty stressful day, though, it was also pretty fun."

Through Tuesday, Reynolds is hitting .316 with a double, two RBI and two runs

scored.

"(The experience in Salem-Keizer) has been fun," Reynolds said. "I've had the chance to go out and play every day with a great group of guys. It hasn't been too crazy yet, though I'm sure it will pick up as we begin the long road trips ahead. It's been a really good time, and I have really enjoyed it a lot."

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the second game.

"They were warmed up and the jitters had gotten out of them," Pearce said.

Cadence Pearce got the start in Game 2 and Madison Morse pitched the final three innings, each allowing two runs.

The series ended on a dropped third strike, which Keizer catcher Alex Stanton threw from the backstop to first base to retire the final East Lane hitter.

With the District 7 championship, Keizer earned a berth in the Little League state tournament in Redmond.

The All-Stars will open

against District 8 champion Brookings on Saturday, July 9.

Keizer's 8-9-10-year-old All-Stars lost to East Lane 16-6 but defeated Cascade 17-2 on Saturday, June 25. They then fail to West Salem 6-2 Sunday.

The 9-10-11 All-Stars defeated Sheldon 23-20 but lost to South Salem twice, 14-11 and 25-1.

The Keizer junior softball team fail to South Salem 26-9 and 24-12.

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