

Volcanoes fall further below .500

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Salem-Keizer dropped two to Eugene and three of four to Everett.

Here's a recap:

Aug. 10: Eugene 12, Volcanoes 4

The visiting Emeralds clinched a series win, scoring four runs in the fourth inning and crossing the plate in four more innings.

Salem-Keizer was out-hit only 15-10 but made three errors. The biggest Volcano blows were Gio Brusa's sixth home run and the fifth home runs of Bryan Reynolds and Heath Quinn. Reynolds had three hits.

Eugene's Kevonte Mitchell and Trent Giambrone also homered. All five shots came with the bases empty.

Tyson Miller was the winning pitcher in relief, with a 1-1 record. Volcano starter Mac Marshall gave up six runs, only two earned, in his 3-2/3 innings. He was the losing pitcher at 1-5.

Aug. 11: Eugene 7, Volcanoes 4

Another four-run Eugene inning, this time the sixth, gave the Emeralds a series sweep despite improved play by the Volcanoes.

Garrett Williams, one of Salem-Keizer's newest pitchers, started and pitched well enough to win, striking out seven and allowing four hits and one walk in his five innings. However, pitch counts are watched carefully for newcomers.

Nick Sabo relieved him and did not do nearly as well as usual, giving up four runs in his one inning and taking the loss



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Victor Concepcion pitched seven shutout innings Monday against Everett to earn his third win of the season.

at 2-1.

Duncan Robinson was Eugene's winning pitcher in relief with a 2-0 record, and Michael Knighton had his fourth save.

The Emeralds hit all three home runs of the game, by Marcus Mastrobuoni, Chris PETERS, and Kevonte Mitchell. For the Volcanoes, Heath Quinn and Gustavo Cabrera had three hits each.

Aug. 12: Everett 7, Volcanoes 2

Salem-Keizer's losing streak

continued with this series-opening road loss, of which the only bright spots were Gio Brusa's seventh home run and the relief pitching of CJ Gettman and Patrick Ruotolo.

The AquaSox scored twice in the second inning and never lost their lead. They out-hit the Volcanoes 10-4, and starter Ljay Newsome pitched 6-2/3 innings with six strikeouts on his way to a 5-2 record.

Melvin Adon started for the Volcanoes and became the los-

ing pitcher at 2-5.

Aug. 14: Everett 6, Volcanoes 5

A 5-4 Salem-Keizer lead after 8-1/2 innings was answered by two AquaSox runs in the bottom of the ninth.

Each club had 12 hits, but Everett hit the ball harder, including a sixth-inning home run by Dimas Ojeda.

The Volcanoes kept fighting back, but with two men on base in the ninth, Nick Zammarelli

STANDINGS / Northwest League

TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB
NORTH DIVISION				
Everett AquaSox	31	26	.544	
Spokane Indians	27	30	.474	4.0
Tri-City Dust Devils	27	30	.474	4.0
Vancouver Canadians	23	34	.404	8.0
SOUTH DIVISION				
Eugene Emeralds	42	15	.737	—
Hillsboro Hops	30	27	.526	12.0
Salem-Keizer Volcanoes	24	33	.421	18.0
Boise Hawks	24	33	.421	18.0

* Standings as of Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 3 p.m.

drove them home with a walk-off double.

Manuel Geraldo had three hits for the Volcanoes and Ryan Howard and Kevin Rivera two each.

Marvin Gorgas was the winning pitcher with a 1-1 record and Patrick Ruotolo the loser, also at 1-1.

Aug. 15: Volcanoes 7, Everett 0

Salem-Keizer had had enough. Victor Concepcion had four strikeouts and allowed four hits and a walk in his seven innings, running his reason record to 4-5. Matt Pope had his first save.

The Volcanoes scored a run each in the first, third, and sixth innings and scored four times in the ninth. Everyone in the lineup had at least one hit. Manuel Geraldo and Kevin Rivera continued their hot hitting with two apiece.

Bryan Reynolds drove in

four runs.

Steve Cishek, the first of four AquaSox pitchers, left the game after one inning and took the loss at 0-1.

Aug. 16: Everett 6, Volcanoes 1

Everett resumed its mastery over Salem-Keizer, out-hitting the Volcanoes 10-3 and knocking starter Mac Marshall out of the box after two-thirds of an inning.

Marshall's record went to 1-6. AquaSox starter Tim Viehoff yielded no hits to the Volcanoes but walked four and was replaced on the mound by Danny Garcia after four innings. Garcia got the win at 4-1.

The lone Volcano run came in the first inning. Manuel Geraldo led off with a walk, advanced on walks to Heath Quinn and Ryan Howard, and was forced home when John Riley walked.

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The Volcanoes added a run in the sixth. Rivera led off with an infield single, went to second on a sacrifice bunt by Geraldo, and scored on a single to center by Heath Quinn.

Rayan Hernandez pitched the eighth for the Volcanoes and loaded the bases on walks but pitched his way out of

trouble.

Salem-Keizer faced Lane Ratliff on the mound in the seventh and threatened with two hits but did not score.

Hengerber Medina pitched the seventh for the Volcanoes and allowed one run.

Jose Leal reached first base on a one-out error, advanced on singles by Nick Thurman and Eric Filia, and scored as Brigman grounded into a force out.

In the top of the eighth, Geraldo bunted a single,

Reynolds singled to right, and both advanced on a passed ball.

Quinn singled to right, driving in Geraldo.

Brusa was hit by a pitch, Thomas Burrows took the mound, and Howard scored Reynolds by grounding into a force out.

Jeff Burke pitched the eighth and ninth for the Volcanoes, allowing three hits but no runs.

Melo (4-1) was the winning pitcher.

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