

Volcanoes approaching final stretch

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This time Hillsboro did the overpowering.

A Volcanoes Stadium crowd of 3,355, more than the attendance figures of the two previous games put together, did not see a series sweep Friday, Aug. 19.

The visiting Hops won 7-1, out-hitting Salem-Keizer 14-5, including three home runs.

The visitors started early. Jason Morozowski led off the first inning with a home run over the right field wall. Volcano starter Matt Krook then gave up an infield single to Mark Karaviotis and struck out the next batter. Luke Lowery singled to center, but Krook settled down and got the next two men to ground out.

It was 1-0 for three innings, with the Volcanoes threatening twice. A second-inning double to left center by Ryan Howard was followed by three outs. In the third, Manuel Geraldo doubled down the left field foul line, but two were out, and starter Bo Takahashi retired Ashford Fulmer.

Hillsboro widened its lead in the fourth. Alexis Olmeda led off with a single to right, and Manny Jefferson walked. Krook retired the next two men, but Morozowski singled to center to drive in Olmeda. Karaviotis singled to center,

scoring Jefferson. Karaviotis tried to stretch his hit to a double, but center fielder Fulmer threw to shortstop Howard, who applied the tag.

The only Salem-Keizer run was scored in the fourth. Heath Quinn led off with a single to left center and went to second base on a wild pitch.

Krook, who became the losing pitcher at 1-2, was replaced by Kendry Melo with one out in the fifth. Melo retired the next two batters. Left fielder Gio Brusa made all the putouts in the top of the fifth, the second with a running catch.

Takahashi left the game after six innings and became the winning pitcher with a 3-1 record. Riley Smith pitched the seventh and Tommy Eveld the eighth. Melo pitched shutout ball in his 2-2/3 innings. John Timmins relieved him at the start of the eighth and yielded solo home runs to Lowery and Olmeda, both over the right field fence.

In the Hillsboro ninth, Ben DeLuzio led off with a double down the left field line. Morozowski walked. Karaviotis singled to right, scoring DeLuzio. Morozowski scored on a wild pitch. Curtis Taylor pitched the ninth for the Hops and gave up a double to right by Ryan Kirby but retired the other three batters.

"They're young kids," manager Kyle Haines of the Volcanoes said. "They're growing, and they have their ups and downs."

Aug. 20: Volcanoes 6, Tri-City 2

A decisive win, helped by five Dust Devil errors, opened this road series.

Salem-Keizer led all the way except for a 1-1 tie after two innings and out-hit Tri-City 7-3.

Two Volcano newcomers, pitcher Stephen Woods and outfielder Woody Edwards, performed well. Woods, the starting and winning pitcher, had six strikeouts in his five innings. Edwards, leading off and playing center field, had a single and a walk, stole a base, and scored a run.

Among Tri-City's fielding woes was a seventh-inning error by left fielder Josh Magee that put the batter, Gio Brusa, on third base. Brusa scored on a sacrifice fly by Ryan Howard.

Raffi Vizcaino pitched the last four innings for the Volcanoes for his first save. The losing pitcher was Dust Devil starter Cal Quantrill, with an 0-2 record.

Aug. 21: Tri-City 5, Volcanoes 3

The Volcanoes were never ahead in this one.

It was a pitchers' duel through four innings. In the

bottom of the fifth, the Dust Devils, with a 1-0 lead, added three runs on four singles, a walk, and a sacrifice fly.

Two of Salem-Keizer's runs came in the eighth. Seldom-used Julio Pena led off with his first home run. Zack Bowers walked, reached second base on a wild pitch and third on a groundout, and scored on another wild pitch.

In the Volcano ninth, Heath Quinn doubled, went to third as Ryan Howard singled, and scored on a single by Ryan Kirby.

Victor Concepcion, the Volcanoes' starting pitcher, had seven strikeouts but took the loss with a 4-6 record. Eric Lauer, the Tri-City starter, got the win at 1-0, and Jesse Scholtens had his first save.

Aug. 22: Volcanoes 2, Tri-City 0

Pitching was dominant in this game and gave Salem-Keizer a 2-1 edge in this road series.

Starter Mac Marshall allowed no runs and struck out seven but walked eight and was relieved by Nolan Riggs after four innings. Riggs was the winning pitcher at 3-0, and Patrick Ruotolo got his third save.

Two Dust Devil errors gave the Volcanoes a run in the first inning. Ashford Fulmer reached first base on an error by right fielder Luis Asuncion, and a bad throw by second baseman Nate Easley allowed Fulmer to score.

In the sixth, Fulmer singled, stole second base for his 11th steal, and scored as Gio Brusa tripled.

Tri-City starter Joey Lucchesi was the losing pitcher with an 0-2 record.

Aug. 23: Tri-City 13, Volcanoes 2

The Dust Devils evened the series at 2-2 in a big way.

Although Tri-City out-hit Salem-Keizer only 14-12, the hosts bunched their hits

in the four-run fourth inning and the five-run fifth. The Volcanoes scored a run in the eighth and one in the ninth.

In the Volcano eighth, Manuel Geraldo led off by reaching first base on an error, advanced on a single by Ashford Fulmer and a passed ball, and scored as Ryan Kirby hit a sacrifice fly. In the ninth, Kevin Rivera led off with a single, advanced on singles by Dylan Manwaring and Woody Edwards, and scored on a single by Geraldo.

Starter Will Headean was the winning pitcher at 4-4, striking out seven in his six innings. Volcano starter Garrett Williams took the loss and is now 0-1. However, Matt Pope and Jeff Burke pitched well in relief.

Salem-Keizer hosts Eugene beginning today, Saturday and Sunday.

The Volcanoes final three home games are Sept. 3-5 against Boise.

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There would be many more to come as we develop our rowing skills.

I was introduced to sturgeon fishing, out of John Day, on the Columbia. I became hooked on another species.

Traveling three miles, against tidal currents, in a heavy driftboat pushed by a 6hp motor is like watching moss grow.

I need a bigger boat. Gary, of Gary's Place had the perfect boat for sale. A 15-foot Smokercraft, with 10hp Honda. It was like new.

Again, I become partners in a boat, this time with a different friend. Now we have plenty of power for 3-4 adults to go for sturgeon, crabbing and fish tidal waters.

Eventually, I buy the two partners out. They just didn't have the commitment to

boating that I did.

Next, I figure out a summer fishery that is not being taken advantage of. Later in the summer, coastal rivers become too low for driftboats to navigate. And there are good numbers of fish in the upper stretches.

A one person raft would be perfect. Since some teens had stolen my WWII raft, I needed a raft. Bi-Mart has the perfect raft. A "four person" beauty that is ideal for one angler.

All of a sudden I realize, I'm almost as bad as the late John Dodge, of Keizer. When asked how did it come about for him to have 12 boats? "One day I did an inventory of anchors, and I had eight. Decided it was time to get more boats," he explained with a wide grin.

Over the years of fishing and crabbing my body odometer keeps turning. Age, assorted surgeries and injuries begin to restrict physical activities.

First to go is the raft. No

longer safe to wade around on moss covered rocks all by myself. Then, the car topper. No longer able to wrestle 95 pounds to the top of the truck. Double my investment, sell it for \$200. Sell the \$199, 1970 6-horse, for \$350.

More years—and surgeries—it becomes more of a challenge to load and unload the 15-foot Smokercraft. After two years with no use, Craig's List. It's gone in a few hours. I'm close to depression.

That leaves the driftboat. The love of my boating world. Not the old beat-up Alumaweld, but a beautiful, painted Fishcraft.

Multiple shoulder surgeries put my boat rowing into retirement. I have not been on the oars for over four years. A young friend sees my withdrawal agony and takes us for a float.

Once someone comes up with the cash, it will be boatless in Keizer.

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