

Volcanoes end season with win

A 12-2 home victory over the Boise Hawks ended a largely frustrating season for the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes on Monday.

Led by the heavy hitting of newcomer Jacob Heyward and the pitching of Melvin Adon, the Volcanoes scored the first two runs of the game in the second inning and stayed in command the rest of the way.

Ryan Kirby walked to lead off the bottom of the second and moved to second base on a bunt single by Ryan Howard. Heyward doubled to left field, scoring Kirby. Zack Bowers, grounding out, brought Howard home.

A two-out single to right by Gio Brusa started the third-inning rally. Kirby singled to center, and Howard walked to load the bases. Heyward drove in all three with a double.

Boise's first run came in the fourth. Garrett Hampson singled to left and stole second. Jacob Bosiokovic singled to

right center, driving in Hampson.

Rico Garcia, the Hawks' starting pitcher, was replaced. The Volcanoes greeted McCormick with six runs in the fourth. Zack Bowers walked and went to second as Julio Pena grounded out. Woody Edwards hit an infield single, sending Bowers to third. Kevin Rivera singled to left, scoring Bowers and moving Edwards to third. Brusa drove in Bowers and Edwards with a double to center. Kirby doubled to right center, driving in Brusa. Heyward was hit by a pitch, and newcomer Nick Hill reached first on an error by second baseman Anthony Brito.

With the bases loaded, Bowers, batting for the second time in the inning, brought Kirby and Heyward home with a single to left. Salem-Keizer led 11-1.

Adon, the winning pitcher left the game after five innings.

He had struck out five and allowed five hits and two walks. Sidney Duprey relieved him, giving up no runs in the sixth and one in the seventh.

In the Volcano sixth, Heyward walked with one out and went to second on a wild pitch. Hill hit an infield single, and a wild pitch advanced both runners. Julio Pena drove Heyward home with a single to right. Edwards walked to load the bases. Alec Kenilvort took the mound with two out and retired the next batter.

Brito led off the Boise seventh with a double down the left field line and went to third on a passed ball by Dylan Manwaring, who had replaced Bowers behind the plate. Tyler Follis hit an infield single, scoring Brito.

John Timmins took the mound for the Volcanoes in the eighth and walked the first two batters but settled down and retired the next three.

Justin Lawrence pitched the eighth for the Hawks and gave up an infield single to

Heyward but struck out the next three men.

Jeff Burke pitched a scoreless ninth for Salem-Keizer.

Noting that the Volcanoes have had more winning than losing seasons recently, manager Kyle Haines gave credit to the player development system of the San Francisco Giants.

"We have more homegrown players than any other team," he said.

Asked what he had worked on the most this year, Haines said, "Trying to get our pitchers to establish the strike zone."

Heyward, a newcomer from the Arizona Instructional League, had three hits, two of them doubles, drove in four runs and scored two. He played left field and is the brother of Chicago Cubs right fielder Jason Heyward. He said he found the overall quality of play in the short-season class A Northwest League more advanced than in the instructional league.

Adon, speaking through

teammate Leo Rojas as a translator, was asked what he had been working on to improve his pitching through the season.

"Getting a better temp and controlling my pitches," he said through Rojas.

Three Volcanoes, the most for any club in the Northwest League, were named to the post-season NWL all-star team: outfielder Heath Quinn, who was promoted late in the season to the advanced class A San Jose Giants; outfielder Brusa; and second baseman Rivera.

Sept. 3: Boise 5, Volcanoes 4

Salem-Keizer followed two straight rainouts in Vancouver with a blown lead at home in the final season series.

The Volcanoes took a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the third inning by scoring three unearned runs. After two outs and an error that put Jason Heyward on first base, Gio Brusa singled, and he and Heyward pulled a double steal.

A throwing error by pitcher Mike Bunal allowed Heyward to score. John Riley then hit a home run.

Boise tied the score with a run in the seventh, and the Volcanoes went back ahead with a run in the eighth.

In the ninth, two singles, a sacrifice bunt, and a sacrifice fly gave the Hawks their lead.

Sept. 4: Boise 13, Volcanoes 5

Boise hammered Salem-Keizer in the second to the last game of the 2016 season.

Although the Hawks out-hit the Volcanoes only 14-10, they scored more runs than they needed in the second and fourth innings, four of them in each. The Volcanoes also out-homered their visitors, with Kevin Rivera's third of the season and one by newcomer Brandon Van Horn; Willie Abreu hit the only Hawk home run.

The Volcanoes scored three times in the fifth inning, when both homers were hit, and twice in the sixth.

XC teams preview district course

By **DEREK WILEY**
Of the Keizertimes

Kailey Doult showed Wednesday, Aug. 31 that she remains one of the top cross country runners in the Greater Valley Conference.

Even on a bad day. Running in the GVC Preview at Crystal Lake Sports Park in Corvallis, the McNary junior finished sixth in the varsity girls race in 21 minutes and 10 seconds, or nearly two minutes slower than her PR.

"My legs the day before were super tired and then in the race it was just really bad," Doult said. "I felt like I wasn't going to be able to finish. My hamstrings are bothering me and it's probably just because the season just started. The course, I had never run on it and it was all grass, which I don't like running in. It was

new. Hopefully I'll do better next time."

Doult had her wisdom teeth removed in mid-August and missed the first week of practice.

"I think I just need to keep working hard in practice and use it (21:10) as motivation to get better," Doult said. "I get really disappointed in myself easily and I'm really competitive and I hate doing worse than I think I should so it definitely makes me want to do better and beat people next time."

Doult wasn't the only runner to have a slower time. The winner of the girls race, Anna Chau of South Salem, finished more than a minute and a half behind her PR.

Following Doult, Emma Garland, running in her first cross country race, took 28th in 23 minutes for McNary and Alison Repp placed 33rd in 24:02.

Makayla Long (26:30) and Madeline Bielby (26:38) rounded out the scoring for the Lady Celts.

"I'm happy with everybody's first 5K of the season but you could really tell that it was the first 5K," McNary coach Kyle Rose said. "A lot of the team went out a little too fast so it was one of those the first mile was good, the second mile not so good, the third mile they figured it out. We'll figure it out as we get more meets in us, I think it's going to be good."

Leading the McNary boys, Noah Grunberg finished 45th in 20:18. Senior Cameron Garrison, in his first cross country race, took 47th in 20:20 and Jonas Honeyman placed 50th in 20:33.

"We didn't really know what to expect from him," Rose said. "He had a couple weeks of practice and you're not really sure and he came


in with a 20:20. I think he's going to get much faster than that once he realizes where he should be in the pack and starts to get a little more confidence, we're going to see some great improvements from that. Jonah and Noah are going to be right behind him and pushing him saying, 'I don't want you in front of us anymore.' It's going to be fun watching those three push each other through the season."

Grant Biondi (21:07) and Samuel Hernandez (21:39) also scored for McNary.

McNary travels to Western Oregon University Saturday, Sept. 10 to run in the Ash Creek Cross Country Festival. Rose is expecting about 40 teams.

"I think it will be fun for the kids to run against some different competition than they've been running against the last couple of years," Rose said.

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