

# Volcanoes go 2-3 against Vancouver

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The Volcanoes ended their home series with Vancouver with a 4-3 victory Monday, July 24.

Although outhit 10-6 by the Canadians, Salem-Keizer had the edge in fielding and baserunning to win two games out of the five.

The scoring started early, with the Volcanoes ahead 2-0 after one inning. In the bottom of the first, Logan Baldwin walked with one out. Bryce Johnson singled to right field, moving Baldwin to third base and taking second on the outfield throw. Ryan Kirby scored Baldwin with a sacrifice fly to center, Johnson taking third. Orlando Garcia doubled to left, driving Johnson home.

Vancouver tied the score in the second. Kacy Clemens walked on a 3-and-2 count and went to second on a single to right by David Jacob. Bryan Lizardo advanced both runners with a sacrifice bunt. Norberto Obeso reached first on an error by second baseman Orlando Garcia, driving in Clemens, and Jacob scored on the error.

The Volcanoes went back ahead in the third. Baldwin led off with a single to left and went to second as Johnson grounded out. Baldwin then stole third and came home on catcher Matt Morgan's errant throw.

In the top of the fourth, Jacob walked and went to third on Lizardo's single to right. Obeso singled to left, scoring Jacob, and the score was tied at 3-3.

Salem-Keizer went back ahead in the bottom of the fourth. Manuel Geraldo led off with a single to right and reached second on a passed ball. Rob Calabrese obtained his first professional run batted

in by scoring Geraldo with a single to left.

With two out in the top of the fifth and two runners on base, Volcano starter Jose Marte was relieved by Aaron Phillips, who became the winning pitcher with a 2-0 record.

Yonardo Herdenez replaced Vancouver starter Wilfrido Aleton to start the fifth and set down the Volcanoes in order, but there were no more runs in the game. The Canadians threatened in the eighth, but with the bases loaded and two out, Phillips struck out the next batter.

Bobby Eveld pitched the bottom of the eighth for Vancouver and set the Volcanoes down in order. Andy Rohloff pitched the ninth for Salem-Keizer and got his first save.

"We haven't changed anything," Volcanoes manager Jolbert Cabrera said. "We're going to stay aggressive." Cabrera recently started a practice of holding brief club meetings after each game.

Phillips, who pitched 3-1/3 innings, his longest outing since joining the Volcanoes, throws primarily breaking pitches, was asked if he had a regular out pitch.

"With two strikes I like to go to my slider," he said, "but it depends."

The attendance was 1,340.  
**Wednesday, July 19:**  
**Volcanoes 3, Spokane 2**  
Salem-Keizer won a cliffhanger, holding the host Indians to a 2-3 series win.

Each club scored once in the first inning, and then there were goose eggs on both sides until the bottom of the ninth.

Volcano closer Garrett Cave did not have his usual control but obtained his third save, with starter Jose Marte getting his first win against his first loss. Spokane starter Alex Spease had his fifth loss with no wins.

Two of the Volcanoes' runs came in the second inning. Michael Sexton walked, went to second base on a wild pitch, and scored on a single by Kevin Rivera. Rivera reached third as a pickoff attempt went wild, and a sacrifice fly by Malique Ziegler brought him home.

A walk and three wild pitches scored Melvin Novia in the Spokane ninth.

**Thursday, July 20:**  
**Vancouver 8, Volcanoes 3**  
Their third home win of the season still eluded the Volcanoes.

The Canadians held only a one-run lead through five innings but scored a run in the sixth, three runs in the seventh, two in the eighth, and one in the ninth. Salem-Keizer fought back in the ninth but had to settle for three runs.

Vancouver had 12 hits, the Volcanoes six. The Canadians' biggest blow was a solo home run by Matt Morgan in the eighth.

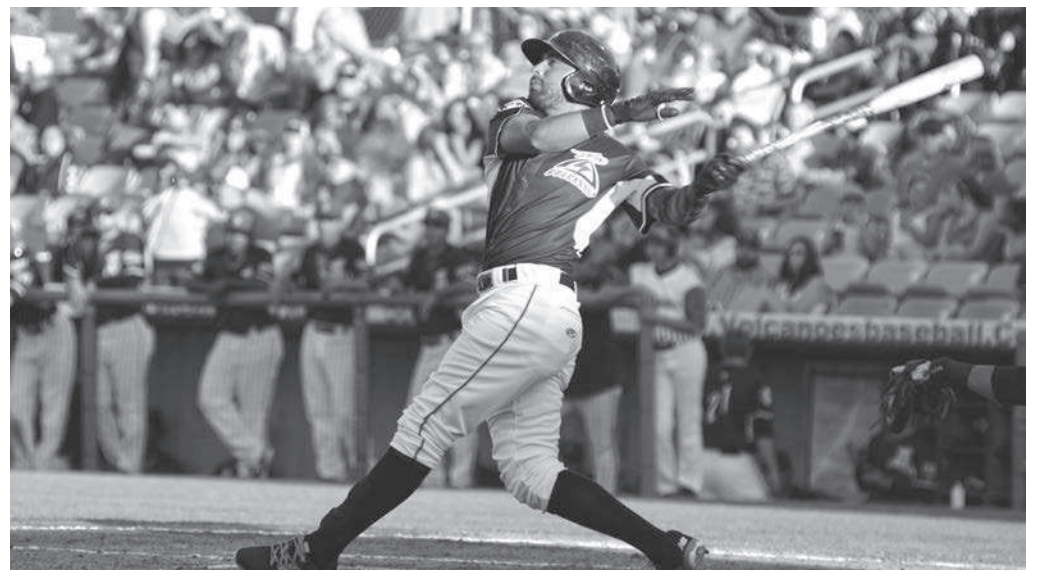
In the Volcano ninth, Bryce Johnson singled, Orlando Garcia walked, Robinson Medrano singled Johnson home, Garcia and Medrano advanced on a wild pitch, and a single by Gustavo Cabrera scored both runners.

Zach Logue was the winning pitcher in relief with a 1-0 record. Starter Julio Benitez was the loser at 0-2.

**Friday, July 21:**  
**Volcanoes 12, Vancouver 6**  
The Volcanoes had enough of this business of losing at home.

After Vancouver scored the first run of the game in the first inning, Salem-Keizer came back with three runs in the first and led the rest of the way.

Even though the Canadians outhit the Volcanoes 11-10, they made three errors and could not come close to



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Volcanoes center fielder Malique Ziegler hit a triple and scored two runs in a 12-6 win over Vancouver on Friday, July 21.

matching their hosts' six-run rally in the fifth. In their big inning, the Volcanoes used two singles, two doubles, three walks, a sacrifice fly, two wild pitches, and an error to cross the plate six times.

Ryan Kirby had three hits in the game, drove in four runs, and scored three. Bryce Johnson also scored three times.

Both starters were the pitchers of record. Alejandro De La Rosa was the winner at 2-2 and had eight strikeouts in five innings. Juan Nunez took the loss for a 2-3 record.

**Saturday, July 22:**  
**Vancouver 7, Volcanoes 6**  
Salem-Keizer fought hard but could not quite catch up to the visitors.

The Volcanoes had a 2-0 lead after one inning, but the Canadians tied the score in the second and went up by two in the fourth. Vancouver added a run in the seventh, but the Volcanoes tied the score with three in that inning.

Vancouver scored twice in the eighth, but a Volcano rally in the ninth fell short by a run. The Canadians had 15 hits

to nine for Salem-Keizer, the biggest Vancouver blow being a two-run triple by Kacy Clemens in the eighth. Malique Ziegler had the only Volcano extra-base hit, a double, and scored three runs.

Orlando Pascual was the winning pitcher in relief at 2-0, and William Ouellette had his fourth save. John Russell was the loser, also in relief, for a 1-1 record.

**Sunday, July 23:**  
**Vancouver 8, Volcanoes 3**  
The Canadians took command of this one in the top of the ninth inning.

It was a contest until then, with Vancouver leading 3-2 after eight. The Volcanoes' Ryan Kirby even hit the only home run of the game, with Malique Ziegler on base. Then the Canadians scored five runs in the ninth.

Four singles, a walk, a hit batsman, a walk, and a sacrifice fly put the Canadians ahead by six runs. Salem-Keizer fought back in the ninth as Junior Amion drove in Orlando Garcia with a bases-loaded sacrifice fly. A balk by pitcher Jake Fishman followed, but the

next two batters struck out. Brody Rodning was the winning pitcher in relief with a 1-1 record. Volcano starter Stetson Woods pitched well in his six innings, allowing two runs and striking out three, but Connor Kaden, the first of three relievers, took the loss, also at 1-1.

**Tuesday, July 25:**  
**Eugene 7, Volcanoes 6**  
This game was close all the way, tied 5-5 after five innings, but Eugene scored twice in the sixth and the Volcanoes could get only one run after that.

Pitches hit people all over the place in this one. Five pitches struck Volcanoes, three struck Emeralds, and two even hit umpires. Hits from the batters' boxes totaled nine for Eugene and seven for Salem-Keizer.

Eugene's Michael Cruz hit two home runs, and the Volcanoes' Robinson Medrano hit one.

Elvis Diaz was the winning pitcher with a 3-0 record, and Luis Aquino had his fifth save. John Timmins was the losing pitcher, also in relief, at 1-3.

# A boy's first time all alone in a tree stand



## On the Wild Side

by G.I. Wilson

Six miles from any vestige of human activity, the 12-year-old boy hunkers down in his tree stand. A massive oak tree hovers above a salt lick frequented by nocturnal white-tail bucks.

His father has taken the horses and settled into a tree stand a half mile away.

A chill seems to creep in as the October sun slowly slides behind a distant hill.

This first hunt is an adventure he has fantasized over for what seems like an eternity. He has listened to countless deer stand stories for years. He has seen beautiful bucks brought home by his father and friends.

Slowly, it begins to sink

in; here he is, all alone, 20 feet in the air, clutching a 12 GA. shotgun, loaded with 00 Buckshot.

This is his "rite of passage" into manhood.

His senses are tuned to a level possibly far exceeding any military radar or sonar of the time.

Fractured darkness slowly begins to creep in between oaks and pines. A slight breeze tickles hair on the back of his neck. He snuggles the wool collar down tight.

A chorus of evening creatures tune up.

Frogs, accompanied by an entourage of locusts, crickets, katydids and assorted beetles, seem to compete like high

school cheer leaders. "We got spirit. How about you?"

Suddenly, as if Mother Nature pulled the master switch, it comes to a stop. Silence reigns.

From much too close, a shrill, horrendous scream, reaching the threshold of pain, shatters the silence. A sound right out of a horror movie. A witch being strangled by some hideous monster.

A flash of movement brings the shotgun to alert. A flutter of wings and a tiny screech owl settles on a branch 10 feet away.

Two sets of eyes lock into an unblinking stare. Huge black eyes seem to burn into the boy's soul as to say, "How dare you invade my realm."

The boy feels as if his heart is going to explode in his chest.

With this brief encounter,

the critter opens his tiny beak, emits another bone-chilling screech and sails into the shadows.

Silence creeps back in like a skein of fog.

One last oak leaf releases its final grip on life and tumbles downward.

Each branch it hits resonates in the stillness like the crash of a cymbal.

Sound of hoof on rock brings the boy to full alert. Senses focus.

A dry oak leaf crunches. Beads of sweat pin-ball down his spine. He tries to quietly wipe sweat from his hands to get a better grip on the gun. Finger prints are surely engraved in the walnut stock.

Will he get the much-discussed buck fever?

Sounds of leaves crunching are ever so slowly coming closer.

Dad has told him how big bucks are always alert to danger.

Light is fading rapidly. Eyes

are desperately searching for a form, color, glint of an antler.

Silence. Slowly, the air turns black.

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"We had guys on base in scoring position, we just couldn't get the key hit at the right time and that was basically the difference," Keeker said.

Keeker used the summer to evaluate a roster that primarily featured junior varsity players from last season. Only McCallister, Jackson and Colin Wentworth were on the varsity last spring.

Two more returners, Tyler Covalt and Carl Rumbaugh, played on the American Legion Keizer Crushers team during the summer. McNary

graduated 10 seniors.

Several players stood out this summer—David Allen and Devon Bedoya on the mound and Robert Benson, Alex Burger and Lance Becktel at the plate and in the field.

"We have a lot of holes to fill," Keeker said. "It gives us a baseline going into next spring, a chance to evaluate kids all summer long, watching them perform in certain situations and what they can do defensively and what positions they can play and how they perform at the plate. It gives us an idea what we need to work on in the offseason going into next spring."

"For us, it's just a whole month and a half evaluation period."

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Kara and Jana Everitt joined Brianna Barker and

Lily Castaneda won the 11-12 medley relay.

Jana swam the fastest time in the breaststroke. Hannah Halliday won the free and backstroke.

Madison Hoffmeister took first in the IM and Anna Sponable touched the wall first in the fly.

In the 13-14 age group, Kiana Staley won the IM and fly. Anna Kosiewicz had the fastest times in the 15-18 fly and breaststroke.

Swimming for Northview's boys, Tyler Barker, Xzavier Parker, Nick Kosiewicz and Dylan Guptill won the 7-8 free relay.

Barker also took first in the backstroke and Parker won the breaststroke. Michael Halliday swam the fastest times in the free and fly.

In the 11-12 division, Zach Kilby won the free, Jeremy Becker placed first in the backstroke and Evan Cornell swam the fastest time in the breaststroke.

Tyler Guptill won the 13-14 backstroke. Daniel Reed took first in both the 15-18 back and breaststroke.

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