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Jonathan Williams, who scored a league leading 70 goals for McNary during his senior season, will play lacrosse at Western Oregon University.

## Williams to play at Western Oregon

By **DEREK WILEY**  
*Of the Keizertimes*

Picturing himself on the Western Oregon University lacrosse team was easy for Jonathan Williams.

"I've already played for their coach (Dan Hochspeier) and before our season started I went to Western Oregon and did a few practices with the current team and I felt like I fit in pretty well with those guys," said Williams, a 2018 McNary graduate. "It felt like I was already basically there playing with them. Everything just felt really normal. It didn't feel like I was out of place or anything. It just felt like I was supposed to be there."

Western Oregon's coach is the brother of McNary head coach Mike Hochspeier and Dan coached Williams last summer.

Williams also looked at playing lacrosse at Oregon State but said he felt better at a smaller school.

An assistant coach at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah reached out as well but busy with football Williams wasn't able to at-

tend one of the team's recruitment camps.

"I would have had to basically fly out after the (football) game and give whatever energy I had left to a recruitment camp and fly back on Sunday and go to school on Monday and practice," Williams said. "It just didn't work out and that was the end of that."

George Fox and Puget Sound were interested in Williams playing football but neither university has a lacrosse program.

"Of course I still have to go to classes and everything but in the end that's really what I want out of college is to be able to play college lacrosse," Williams said.

Williams was first introduced to lacrosse in middle school while watching his older brother play for McNary.

He then made the varsity team as a freshman.

"We had some really good players so it was more of just me trying to get them the ball instead of me being the main scorer," Williams said.

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# Volcanoes win season opener

By **HERB SWETT**  
*Of the Keizertimes*

The Salem-Keizer Volcanoes opened their season with a 4-3 home victory over the Tri-City Dust Devils.


Opening-day ceremonies included throwing of the first ball by Joe Egli, Keizer's First Citizen of 2018, and an announcement by Jerry Walker, co-owner of the Volcanoes, that the club has extended its contract with the San Francisco Giants through 2020.

It never was more than a one-run game. The first run came when Tri-City's Tre Carter led off the top of the third inning with a home run over the right field fence.

Stetson Woods, the Volcanoes' starting pitcher, then retired the next three batters. The last of the three, Dwayne Williams-Sutton, hit another drive to deep right, but Mikey Edie caught it.

Jose Layer led off the Salem-Keizer third with a double to left field and reached third base on Kyle McPherson's single to left. Layer then scored as an error by shortstop Owen Miller put Ricardo Genoves on first. The inning ended with the score 1-1.

In the bottom of the fourth, Robinson Medrano put the Volcanoes a run ahead by leading off with a home run to left.



**VOLCANOES BASEBALL**  
*This Week*

**TUESDAY, JUNE 26**  
vs. EUGENE Emeralds  
6:35 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27**  
vs. EUGENE Emeralds  
6:35 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 28**  
vs. EUGENE Emeralds  
6:35 p.m.

The Dust Devils' Kelvin Alarcon singled to center to lead off the fifth. After Woods retired the next two batters, Miller brought Alarcon home with a double down the left field line.

Woods then left the game with two runs on four hits, two walks, and two strikeouts in four of two-thirds of an inning. Alejandro De La Rosa relieved him and retired the side.

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First baseman Robinson Medrano hit the Volcanoes first home run of the season in the bottom of the fourth inning of a 4-3 victory against Tri-City on Friday, June 15.

# Future Celtics ball'n at McNary

McNary had a record 102 kids, 47 third through fifth graders and 55 sixth through ninth graders, at its boys basketball camp on June 18-21.

The camp, led by varsity boys basketball head coach Ryan Kirch, focused on developing fundamental skills like footwork, shooting technique, passing, defense, dribbling and rebounding.

KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley  
LEFT: Henry Wort dribbles the ball past a defender at McNary's boys basketball camp on Monday, June 18 morning.  
RIGHT: Hunter Mollerstrom dribbles the basketball to the goal on a fastbreak at McNary High School.

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