

Volcanoes end losing skid at Eugene

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A five-run eighth inning and the relief pitching of Doug Still led the Volcanoes to a 6-2 win over their Eugene hosts, evening the series at 1-1.

Salem-Keizer scored the first run in the second inning. Joey Bart led off with an infield single. David Villar singled to center field, and a walk from Emerald pitcher Derek Casey loaded the bases. Wander Franco grounded into a double play that let Bart score.

Sean Hjelle, the Volcanoes' starting pitcher, was relieved after two innings by Alex DuBord, who also went two innings. He allowed four hits and the Emeralds' first run.

In the bottom of the third, Gustavo Polanco led off with a single to right center field and went to second base as Fernando Kelli flew out to center. Polanco reached third on a ground out and scored on a single to center by Jonathan Leyer.

Still pitched the fifth through seventh innings, allowing one hit and no runs and striking out five. He became the winning pitcher with a 2-0 record. Matt Frisbee pitched the last two innings.

Eury Ramos relieved Casey after two innings and pitched five innings, giving up four hits but no runs. Yan De La Cruz pitched two-thirds of the eighth, allowing five runs, three of them earned, on three hits. He became the losing pitcher at 0-1. Eugenio Palma pitched the final 1-1/3 innings.

In the Salem-Keizer eighth, Nico Giarratano led off with a base on balls and reached second on a single to left by Leyer. Kyle McPherson made the first out of the inning with a fly to center.

Diego Rincones was hit on the head by a pitch and fell to the ground but soon got up and walked off the field unassisted. Dalton Combs ran for him at first base.

Bart doubled to center, driving in Giarratano and Leyer, with Combs reaching third. A sacrifice fly to center by David Villar scored Combs. Bart scored as a throwing error by third baseman Luke Reynolds put Aaron Bond on first. Bond stole second base and scored on an infield single by Wander Franco.

Eugene's second run came in



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FRIDAY, JULY 27
vs. EVERETT AquaSox
6:35 p.m.



Sidney Duprey, a 21-year-old pitcher from Puerto Rico, has allowed one earned run in 14 innings for the Volcanoes this season. KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley

the ninth. Reynolds doubled to center, went to third as Polanco grounded out, and scored on a wild pitch.

Wednesday, July 11
Everett 7, Volcanoes 4

This opening game of a road series had Salem-Keizer ahead in the top of the third inning, but the AquaSox scored three times in the bottom of the third and led the rest of the way.

Although Everett outthit the Volcanoes only 9-8, the third-inning rally featured a two-run homer by Josh Stowers as well as two walks, a single, and a double. The Aqua Sox had another home run, by Connor Hoover, and Joey Bart hit one for the Volcanoes.

Everett pitchers totaled 13 strikeouts and Volcano pitchers only seven. David Ellingson got the win in relief at 2-0, and Joey Gerber had his first save. Mack Meyer took the loss.

Thursday, July 12
Volcanoes 3, Everett 1

It was a game of clutch pitching and revived hitting as the Volcanoes scored their first run in the first inning and led all the way.

Doug Still relieved starter Sean Hjelle and pitched longer

than usual, three innings, getting his first win against no losses. Jesus Tona picked up his fifth save. AquaSox starter Max Roberts was the losing pitcher at 1-3.

Salem-Keizer outthit Everett 12-8, and the Volcanoes' biggest blow was a bases-empty home run by Joey Bart in the eighth inning, his sixth homer of the season. Kyle McPherson, David Villar, Wander Franco, and Nico Giarratano had two hits apiece.

Friday, July 13

Everett 3, Volcanoes 1

The host AquaSox reversed the previous night's score in this game of few hits.

Again the Volcanoes scored the first run of the game, but then Everett slowly took over, scoring a run each in the third, fourth, and fifth.

In the top of the fifth, Kyle McPherson hit a one-out double, and Diego Rincones and Joey Bart were hit by pitches. McPherson scored as David Villar grounded into a force out.

Everett starter Carlos Hernandez then found the strike zone and became the winning

pitcher. Joey Gerber got his fifth save. Gregory Santos started for Salem-Keizer and took the loss despite seven strikeouts and only one earned run.

Saturday, July 14

Everett 8, Volcanoes 2

Salem-Keizer had a 1-0 lead until the bottom of the fourth inning, when Everett scored three runs.

The AquaSox added four in the seventh, and each team scored once in the eighth. It was largely another case of the other guys putting their hits together and keeping the Volcanoes from doing the same.

Everett outthit the Volcanoes 14-8, with Connor Kopach and Ryan Ramiz of the AquaSox getting three hits each and Ryne Ogren driving in three runs.

The Volcanoes' first run came in the second, when a double by Nico Giarratano scored Aaron Bond, who had singled. In the eighth, Kevin Rivera reached first base on a force out and

scored as Robinson Medrano doubled.

Both starters were the pitchers of record. Norwith Gudino took the loss for a 3-3 record, and Orlando Razo was the winner at 1-2.

Sunday, July 15

Everett 7, Volcanoes 6

The hard-fighting Volcanoes evened their season record at 15-15 in a game that gave Everett a series win of four games to one.

Salem-Keizer outthit the AquaSox 11-10 and even led 4-0 after 2-1/2 innings. Everett scored three times in the third inning and had two runs each in the fourth and seventh. The Volcanoes scored once in the sixth and once in the seventh.

For the Volcanoes, Jose Leyer hit his third home run in the third and Joey Bart in the seventh. The AquaSox hit three homers, one each by Charlie McConnell, Ryan Garcia, and Nick Rodriguez.

Salem-Keizer's Jake Wong

started on the mound and struck out four in his two scoreless innings. Manager Hector Borg, continuing to give pitchers starting and relieving experience, used three relievers, of whom the last, Mack Meyer was the loser at 1-2. Everett's Jamal Wade was the winner in relief with a 1-1 record, and Nolan Hoffman had his first save.

Monday, June 16
Eugene 6, Volcanoes 5
(11 innings)

Each side scored two runs in the 10th inning, but after Salem-Keizer scored once in the 11th, Eugene responded with two runs.

Diego Rincones hit his fourth home run in the fourth and Dalton Combs his first in the 10th. For the Emeralds, Nelson Velasquez hit his fourth in the 10th.

The Volcanoes scored first in the first and had a 2-1 lead from the fourth until the bottom of the sixth, when Eugene tied the score.

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