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Keizer youth fourth in state

By DEREK WILEY
Of the Keizertimes

From Oregon City to Corvallis to Lebanon to Medford, Keizer baseball and softball teams made their presence known last weekend.

In its first trip to the state tournament in 19 years, Keizer Little League's 10U AAA softball team placed fourth.

After a rocky start in Medford, which resulted in a 17-0 loss versus Redmond, the Keizer little leaguers came back with an 18-14 victory against Beaumont on Saturday, July 21.

Shayla Mendoza drove in four runs in the win. Annabelle Davis had three RBIs. Nine different players each scored two runs.

"It was a team effort," said head coach Nathan McClenny. "After we lost the first game, I asked the girls if they wanted to go home or stay here and play. They stepped up and had the grit to get it done."

Trailing OR CAL 5-0, Keizer scored three runs in the top of the fourth and three more in the sixth in a come-from-behind 6-5 victory.

Marlina Martinez pitched all six innings to earn the win. At the plate, Pacia Winter was 2-for-2 and scored two runs.

On Sunday, Keizer got another shot at Redmond and jumped out to a 7-1 lead in the first inning before ultimately falling 18-12.

Redmond scored 14 of its runs in two innings.



Submitted TOP LEFT: Keizer's 10U all-stars, coached by Nathan McClenny, finished fourth at the Little League softball state tournament. TOP RIGHT: McNary's Junior American baseball team, coached by Kyle Hughes, placed fourth in the state in Oregon City. BOTTOM: McNary's Junior Federal baseball team, coached by Dean Allen, took fourth in the state in Lebanon.

McNary Youth Baseball

Two McNary Youth Baseball teams finished fourth at their respective state tournaments.

Playing in Lebanon, McNary Junior Federal, coached by Dean Allen, went 2-2 at the 12U tournament on July 19-21.

The Celtics opened play with a 7-5 win against the Canby Cougars.

Tied 3-3 entering the seventh, McNary scored four runs in the top of the inning and held Canby to two runs in the bottom.

Jake Allen was 2-for-4 with a triple, two RBIs and scored two runs. Gage Smedema and Carter Hawley also drove in two runs. Jesiah Bartlett delivered two hits, including a double.

Bartlett pitched the first six innings to earn the win. Hawley got the save.

After a 5-3 loss to McMinnville, McNary rebounded with a 7-1 victory against Westview on Saturday.

The Celtics scored all seven runs in the bottom of the third.

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KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley Ellie Auvinen won the 13-14-year-old girls individual medley race for Northwood on Thursday, July 19.

Northwood outkicks Northview

By DEREK WILEY
Of the Keizertimes

Northwood defeated fellow Keizer neighborhood pool Northview Terrace 375 to 241 on Thursday, July 19 as both teams enter the final stretch before the all-city meet.

Northwood's boys racked up 196 points.

Jabez Rhoads won the 15-18 freestyle, butterfly and backstroke to lead the way. Zander Rhoads took first in the 13-14 individual medley and free.

Ethan Whalen won the 15-18 IM and breaststroke. Ben Diede placed first in the 9-10 free and back.

Pierce Walker won the 11-12 fly and back.

Jackson Alt finished first in the 13-14 fly. Madden Hughes

won the 8-and-under back and Zachary Harrington took first in the 13-14 back.

Northwood's boys won the 11-12, 13-14 and 15-18 free and medley relays.

Northwood's girls added 179 points.

Paris Boyd and Evy Hales each won three events.

Boyd took first in the 15-18 IM, free and back while Hales won the 9-10 free, fly and back.

Molly Eisele won the 11-12 IM and fly. Brooke Junker placed first in the 13-14 back and breaststroke.

Ellie Auvinen took first in the 13-14 IM and Indy Gavthier won the 11-12 free.

Kaitlyn Roop finished first in the 11-12 back and Eliana Dean won the 13-14 free.

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Volcanoes win Spokane series

By HERB SWETT
Of the Keizertimes

The Volcanoes, after trailing 4-0 with no hits through three innings, put on a show of hitting that gave them a 9-6 win Monday and a series victory over visiting Spokane.

It was Salem-Keizer's 20th win of the season, well ahead of last year's pace. There were three home runs in the game, all by the Indians, but Spokane also committed five errors.

Spokane started the first inning in a big way, with a leadoff home run to right center field by Starling Joseph, his fifth.

Pitcher Sean Hjelle then walked Troy Dixon, and Tanner Gardner hit his second homer, also to right center.

Hjelle seemed to settle down, striking out the next batter.

A single by Hasuan Viera followed, but Hjelle struck out the next two batters. He retired the first two Indians in the second inning, but Joseph then singled to right.

Manager Hector Borg then replaced him with Greg Jacknewitz, who stayed on the mound until walking a batter after retiring two in the seventh.

Spokane scored two more times in the third. Francisco Ventura led off with a home run to left, his third. An out followed, but Austin O'Banion hit an infield single despite a diving stop by third baseman David Villar, and the next two men walked. An infield single by Tyler Depreta-Johnson scored O'Banion.

Volcano bats came alive in the fourth. Mikey Edie became the first Salem-Keizer baserunner, reaching first base on an error by third baseman Christian Inoa. Kevin McPherson flew out, but singles to left by Joey Bart

and Villar loaded the bases. Wander Franco then cleared the bases with a double to left. Dalton Combs singled to center, scoring Franco. In the middle of the inning, Spokane still led but only 5-4.

In the Volcano fifth, Chris Burks doubled to center and went to third as Edie grounded out.

Kyle McPherson singled to center, driving in Burks. Werner Leal relieved starter Jake Latz at the start of the Salem-Keizer fifth.

Spokane went back ahead in the sixth.

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VOLCANOES
BASEBALL

This Week

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

SATURDAY, JULY 28
vs. EVERETT AquaSox
6:35 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 29
vs. EVERETT AquaSox
5:05 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 30
vs. EVERETT AquaSox
6:35 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 31
vs. EVERETT AquaSox
6:35 p.m.



KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley Salem-Keizer Volcanoes designated hitter Chris Corbett watches his home run clear the left field fence in the fourth inning of an 11-8 win over Spokane on Saturday, July 21.