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## Reynolds back on the mat



Devin Reynolds, a 2013 graduate of McNary High School, placed third at NAIA Nationals for Grand View University, after not being able to wrestle for nearly two years.

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

Wrestling at the 2017 U.S. Open Championships, Devin Reynolds looked to the mat next to his and saw David Taylor, a two-time NCAA champion from Penn State and member of the United States World Freestyle Team.

Reynolds, himself a two-time state champion while at McNary, had come a long way since a series of concussions ended his career at Oregon State.

After the national tournament, Reynolds would go even further.

Reynolds decided to sign with the Beavers in 2013 after finishing his final high school season 45-0.

As a redshirt freshman, Reynolds went 23-9 and placed third in the Pac-12 in 2015 in his first season at Oregon State.

"It's a kid's dream come true to wrestle at a D-I level," Reynolds said. "The competition was intense and it was everything a young wrestler could want."

But Reynolds suffered a concussion early in his sophomore season and couldn't heal fast enough to get back into the lineup. But he kept trying even through persistent concussion symptoms.

"I knew the longer I was out, the more I was going to miss," Reynolds said. "(Oregon State head coach) Jim (Zalesky) was heavy on if you want to wrestle in the lineup, you've got to show it in competition. It doesn't matter who you beat in the practice room. It was all about how we performed and I wanted to get out there and wrestle."

Right before the holidays at a tournament in Spokane, Reynolds dreams of making a comeback were shattered when he took a knee to the face, breaking his nose and giving him another concussion.

He agreed to take a medical hardship, which meant Reynolds could keep his scholarship and finish school. But he would never wrestle for Oregon State again.

"It was a pretty low point in my life, losing what I thought was my last chance to wrestle in my life," Reynolds said.

Wanting to stay in the sport, Reynolds reached out to his former high school coach, Jason Ebbs, about being an assistant at McNary and spent the 2016-17 season with the Celtics.

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## Holiday wins all-city swim meet

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

Holiday Swim Club used two hands to bring home the Salem-Keizer All-City Championship, dethroning Northwood by 1.5 points, 419 to 417.5, on Saturday, July 28.

Holiday won five medley relays (8-and-under girls and boys, 9-10 girls, 11-12 boys and 15-18 girls) to open up a lead early. But Northwood came in strong down the stretch by sweeping the girls and boys 11-12 and 13-14 freestyle relays as well as winning the 15-18 boys free relay.

Holiday's girls scored 240.5 of the overall team's points.

Alex Beard won the 15-18 girls butterfly, backstroke and breaststroke. Twin sister, Bella, placed first in the individual medley and free.

Claire Hicks won the 8-and-under IM and Olivia Anderson took first in the 8-and-under fly.



Michael Hudgins, left, won the 8-and-under boys freestyle and backstroke for Holiday at the all-city swim meet on Saturday, July 28. Holiday swimmer Addison Gastronovo cheers on her medley relay team.

Kyra Norstrom won the 11-12 fly.

Holiday's girls also finished first in the 8-and-under and 9-10 free relays.

Northwood's boys led its

team, scoring 219 points.

Zander Rhoades won the 13-14 back, IM and fly. Jabez Rhoads took first in the 15-18 free and fly.

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## Volcanoes end July with winning record

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

The Volcanoes learned Tuesday why the Everett AquaSox are on top of the Northwest League's Northern Division.

Everett took an early lead, Salem-Keizer tied the score at 2 in the bottom of the second inning, and then the visitors came back with three runs in the third and ended up winning 12-6.

Connor Hoover led off the AquaSox first inning with a double to left center field and reached third base as the next batter, Bobby Honeyman, grounded out. Cal Raleigh then grounded out but scored Hoover in the process.

In the top of the second, Charlie McConnell hit a one-out infield single as first baseman Wander Franco lost the ball in the sun. Jansiel Rivera singled

to left. McConnell scored and Rivera went to second on a throwing error by left fielder Diego Rincones.

The Volcanoes' first run came after David Villar walked with one out in the second. Franco doubled him home and scored on a single to right by Aaron Bond.

Honeyman led off the Everett third with a single to center and went to third as Raleigh singled on a grounder to left. Nick Rodriguez singled to left off Franco's glove, scoring Honeyman. Connor Kopach drove Raleigh and Rodriguez home with a triple to right center.

Justin Grimm, a major league veteran on rehabilitation, relieved Michael Plasmeyer as the Volcanoes came to bat in the third. Jose Layer led off with a walk, Rincones singled to left, and Villar singled to center with two out,

scoring Layer. Rincones was thrown out trying to reach third on the play, and the inning ended with Everett leading 5-3.

Ivan Fortunato took the mound for the AquaSox as the bottom of the fourth started, and Robinson Medrano led off with a home run to right center. Everett's lead was cut to 5-4.

It was an unusually rough start on the mound for the Volcanoes' Gregory Santos, and Mark Meyer relieved him to start the sixth.

Villar hit a one-out single to left in the Volcano sixth, but Fortunato retired the next batter. Ben Oyshko replaced him on the mound and got the third out.

In the Everett seventh, Raleigh hit a double to right center, and Josh Stowers drove him in by doing the same thing. A wild pitch moved Stowers to


third, and Kopach scored him with a double down the left field line. Sidney Duprey came in to pitch, and McConnell singled to center, driving in Kopach. The AquaSox had an 8-4 lead.

Everett added three runs in the eighth. Hoover walked and went to second on a wild pitch. Raleigh walked, and Zach Becherer took the mound. A base on balls to Stowers loaded the bases. Rodriguez doubled to left, clearing the bases.

Salem-Keizer loaded the bases in the eighth but failed to score. Rincones hit a one-out double to right, and after another out Villar walked. Jamal Wade then took the mound, and Medrano singled to right. However, a ground out ended the inning.

The Volcanoes kept fighting in the ninth.

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**VOLCANOES BASEBALL**

*This Week*

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 9**  
vs. VANCOUVER Candians  
6:35 p.m.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 10**  
vs. VANCOUVER Candians  
6:35 p.m.