# **Salem-Keizer enters final stretch of season**

By HERB SWETT Of the Keizertimes Wednesday, Aug. 15

Volcanoes 6, Boise 3 Salem-Keizer evened the

series with this one, snapping a five-game losing streak.

The Volcanoes led all the way, scoring three of their runs in the second inning. Aaron Bond tripled and scored on a double by Wander Franco. A wild pitch moved Franco to third base, and Dalton Combs drove him in with a triple. Combs scored as Ricardo Genoves grounded out.

Boise got one run in the second on the only home run of the game, by Cade Harris. The Volcanoes scored once in the third and twice in the fourth, and the Hawks got two runs in the fifth.

Keaton Winn, the first of three relief pitchers, got the win for a 3-1 record. Jesus

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#### Tona had his 10th save. **Thursday, Aug. 16 Volcanoes 7, Boise 4** The Volcanoes took the rubber game of this threegame series just before return-

ing home. Although Salem-Keizer led all the way, Boise stayed tough and outhit the Volcanoes 12-2. The Volcanoes overcame the Hawks' hit advantage and four errors to stay on top. Each of them except David Villar had at least one hit.

After Boise cut the Volcano lead to one run in the seventh inning, Aaron Bond led off the eighth with a triple, and newcomer Nick Hill followed with a home run. Diego Rincones did not have one of his big nights offensively but threw out three baserunners, two of them at home.

Solomon Bates was the winning pitcher in relief with his fifth victory against no losses. Ryan Walker got his second save.

#### Saturday, Aug. 18 Hillsboro 4, Volcanoes 2

This game was scoreless until the seventh inning.

Hillsboro scored three of its runs in the top of the seventh.

William Gorman singled and moved to second base on a walk to Ryan Tufts. Both runners moved up on a ground out and scored on a double by Jorge Perez. Perez reached third on a single by Jake Mc-Carthy and stole home.

Salem-Keizer answered with two runs in the seventh. Wander Franco walked



and went to third on a single by Dalton Combs. Ricardo Genoves was hit by a pitch. Nico Giarratano singled Franco home with Combs reaching third. A sacrifice fly by Kyle McPherson scored Combs.

In the Hops ninth, Perez singled, moved to second on a single and third on a walk, and scored on a throwing error by shortstop Giarratano.

Ethan Larrison was the winning pitcher in relief for a 5-1 record, and Josh Green got his ninth save.

#### Sunday, Aug. 19 Hillsboro 9, Volcanoes 8

This exciting game, which became a home run derby in the seventh and eighth innings, was not enough to keep the Volcanoes from getting swept in the series.

Hillsboro scored once in the first, and Salem-Keizer came back with two runs in that inning. Nick Hill singled, Joey Bart was hit by a pitch



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Joey Bart was 2-for-5 with a double and four RBIs Tuesday against Boise.

from Matt Mercer, and both advanced on a wild pitch and scored on ground outs.

The Hops tied the score in the fifth and added two runs in the sixth, but the Volcanoes scored four sixth-inning runs. Three of the runs came on a home run by Dalton Combs with Wander Franco on base and a solo shot from Robinson Medrano.

In the seventh, an attack that included shots over the fence by Andy Yerzy, Jorge Perez, and Zachary Jones gave Hillsboro four more runs. Yerzy also homered in the eighth, as did Wander Franco and Medrano. That was not quite enough.

Reliever Yelson Santana was the winning pitcher at 2-0, and Chester Pimental had his fifth save. The loss went to reliever Alex DuBord for an 0-2 record.

## Monday, Aug. 20 Boise 8, Volcanoes 4

The losing streak continued in this home opener.

Boise led all the way, scoring three runs each in the first and second innings. Salem-Keizer was outhit only 11-10 but left 11 men on base to three for the Hawks.

Bright spots for the Volcanoes were three hits by Kyle McPherson and two each by Aaron Bond and Wander Franco, with McPherson and Bond each hitting a solo home run; and closer Jesus Tona's inning with a strikeout and one baserunner.

Boise also hit two homers, by Cade Harris and Daniel Jipping, each with one man on base,

Both starters were the pitchers of record. Pearson McMahan was the winner with a 3-4 record.

#### Tuesday, Aug. 21 Volcanoes 9, Boise 6

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Salem-Keizer had had enough.

After getting swept by Hillsboro and losing the home series opener to Boise, the Volcanoes overcame a 6-1 deficit after 3-1/2 innings and chipped away at the Hawks. The lead came in the four-run eighth. They also overcame three of their own errors and a passed ball, and Boise's Terrin Vavra hit the only home run of the game.

In the eighth, Kyle McPherson doubled, Diego Rincones walked, and Joey Bard doubled both home. David Villar singled, and a single by Wander Franco scored Bart. Villar reached third base on an error and scored on a single by Nick Hill.

Matt Frisbee was the winning pitcher at 3-1.

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