

Volcanoes avoid sweep at Spokane

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The Volcanoes came from behind Monday to edge Spokane 3-2, avoiding a sweep at the end of a five-game road series.

In the Indians' first inning, starting pitcher Sean Hjelle walked Jax Biggers, and hot-hitting Curtis Terry drove him home with a double to left field. After two innings, Keaton Winn relieved Hjelle.

Spokane's next run came in the fourth. Sherthen Apostel was hit by a pitch with one out and moved to third base as Tanner Gardner singled to right. A throwing error by catcher Ricardo Genoves allowed Apostel to score.

The Volcanoes threatened in the fifth. Wander Franco singled to right but was thrown out trying to stretch it into a double. Dalton Combs singled to right, Genoves struck out, a wild pitch by starter Seth Nordlin moved Combs to second, Nico Giarratano walked, and Jett Manning grounded into a force out.

In the Salem-Keizer sixth, Joey Bart walked with two out and reached third on David Villar's double to left. Franco drove in Bart and Villar with a double to left, tying the score. Bobby Evelt relieved Nordlin and retired the side.

Mack Meyer replaced Winn to start the bottom of the sixth. After he retired the first two batters, Gardner and Jonah McReynolds singled. Sidney Duprey took the mound and retired the side with a strikeout.

Manning singled to center with one out and Aaron Bond walked in the Volcano seventh. Wes Robertson took the mound and walked Manning to load the bases but got the next two batters to pop out.

The winning run came in the eighth. Franco walked, and Combs singled to right. Emmanuel Clase relieved Robertson. A sacrifice bunt by Genoves moved Franco to third and Combs to second. A throwing error by shortstop Biggers let Franco score.

Trevor Horn pitched the eighth and Jesus Tona the ninth for the Volcanoes. Horn walked Terry but got the next batter to pop out, and a double play followed. Tona retired the Indians in order.

Duprey was the winning pitcher at 2-2 and Robertson the loser at 2-1. Tona got his 12th save.

The Volcanoes ended up with eight hits and the Indians five.

Wednesday, Aug. 22
Volcanoes 5, Boise 3
It took only 2 hours and 35 minutes for the Volcanoes to win this three-game home series, and all the Salem-Keizer runs came in the first inning.

After Boise scored its first run in the first, Diego Rincones hit a one-out single, and an outfield error put him on third base and let Joey Bart go from the batter's box to second. David Villar doubled both of them home, and Wander Franco hit a home run.

Two batters later, Robinson Medrano homered.

The Hawks added a run in the fourth as Jeff Bohling homered, and their final run came in the eighth.

Solomon Bates, the first of three Volcano relievers, won his sixth game against no defeats, and Jesus Tona had his 11th save. Alec Byrd, Boise's starter, was the losing pitcher with a 2-3 record.

Thursday, Aug. 23
Spokane 18, Volcanoes 4
No, that isn't a typo. Blow-outs happen now and then.

This road series started with Spokane going ahead 4-0 in the first inning and scoring eight of its runs in the eighth. Salem-Keizer scored two runs in the fifth, one each in the seventh and ninth.

The Indians outhit the Volcanoes 20-8 with two players, Tanner Gardner and Troy Dixon, getting four hits each. Gardner drove in eight runs, three on a home run. The Volcanoes also had a home run, by Dalton Combs in the seventh with the bases empty.

There were two double plays, both by the Volcanoes.

Miguel Figueroa, the starting Salem-Keizer pitcher, had his fifth loss against one win. Yerzy Rodriguez started for Spokane and got the win for a 3-0 record.

Friday, Aug. 24
Spokane 10, Volcanoes 2
The Volcanoes scored the first two runs of this game in the first inning and were shut out the rest of the way.

Kyle McPherson led off with his seventh home run of the season, Diego Rincones doubled, and David Villar singled him home. Salem-Keizer had only four more hits the rest of the way.

Spokane responded with three runs in the first, four in the second, and three in the third. The Indians' 10 hits included Starling Joseph's 10th homer, hit in the second with the bases empty.

Scot Engler, Spokane's starting pitcher, got the win for a record of 3-6 and left after five innings with an earned run average of 5.88. Seth Corry started for the



Wander Franco is hitting .296 with four home runs and 34 RBIs for the Volcanoes this season.

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Volcanoes and took the loss at 1-1, but his ERA when he left was 3.94.

Saturday, Aug. 25
Spokane 8, Volcanoes 5
A five-run Spokane rally in the fourth inning was too much for the Volcanoes to overcome.

Each side had 12 hits and two errors in this game that guaranteed a series win for the Indians. Salem-Keizer hit the ball hard enough times but often right at a fielder.

Three singles, two walks, a hit batsman, and an error produced the fourth-inning runs. Spokane also had the only home run of the game, a two-run shot by Tanner Gardner in the sixth.

Wander Franco had three hits and drove in three runs for the Volcanoes.

Starter Jack Latz was the winning pitcher at 5-2 despite coming out of the game with a 4.27 earned run average. Losing was starter Jake Wong at 0-2; he left with an ERA of 2.59.

Sunday, Aug. 26
Spokane 6, Volcanoes 3
Spokane's mastery over the Volcanoes continued.

The Indians scored the first run of the game in the first inning, and Salem-Keizer tied the score in the top of the second, but Spokane added two in the second and led the rest of the way.

Greg Jacknewitz, the Volcanoes' starting pitcher, allowed nine hits in his three innings, including a two-run homer by Tanner Gardner in the third, and gave up five of the Indians' runs. JJ Santa Cruz and Matt Frisbee pitched well in relief, but the Volcanoes' hitting went nowhere. Aaron Bond led Salem-Keizer's offense with two hits, including a home run with Wander Franco on base. Franco also had two hits.

Tai Tiedemann started for Spokane and got the win for a 3-2 record, and Cole Uvila had his third save.

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