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Hops pour it on Volcanoes, 7-0

Season full of ups and downs so far

HERB SWETT
Of the Keizertimes

The Salem-Keizer Volcanoes plunged from the peak of a record-setting road victory over Everett on Monday to the valley of a 7-0 home loss to Hillsboro Tuesday.

Tuesday's game was a no-hitter through 4-1/2 innings. In the Volcano fifth, Jeff Houghtby hit a two-out single to left center field, but starting and winning pitcher Michel Gelabert retired the next batter. The other Volcano hit was a single to left by Kwan Adams in the seventh.

Volcano starter Jacob Lopez, who in his first start had pitched five innings of shutout ball, gave up three runs in the first. Ricky Martinez walked, Steven Leyton hit an infield single, and Jesus Marriaga hit into a fielder's choice that allowed Martinez to score. Marriaga reached second base on a throwing error by second baseman Yorlis Rodriguez, and Kristian Robinson hit a home run to right center.

In the top of the fourth, Ryan January homered over the right field fence. In the Hops fifth, Steven Leyton reached first base on a force out and went to third as Andy Yerzy singled to right. Marriaga drove in Leyton with a double to left, and Tyler Schimp relieved Lopez, whose record went to 1-1. Jorge Barrosa scored Yerzy and Marriaga with a double to left.

Gelabert left the game after five innings with a 1-0 record. With Franklyn Soriano pitching in the sixth, Sean Roby walked and reached third after a fielder's choice and an error, but a double

play followed.

Cooper Casad pitched the seventh and eighth innings for Salem-Keizer. In the Hops eighth, singles by Barrosa, January, and Nick Dalessandro loaded the bases with one out, but a double play stopped the rally.

In the ninth, Abel Adames pitched for the Volcanoes and allowed a double and walk but no runs.

Volcano manager Mark Hallberg called the game "a good experience" for his players, saying they learned what can happen even after a big win.

The attendance was 1,851.

**Wednesday, June 19:
Spokane 6, Volcanoes 2
(11 innings)**

The visitors from Spokane knocked Salem-Keizer's record to .500 and guaranteed a series win for themselves.

The Indians scored first, with a first-inning sacrifice fly by Cristian Inoa sending Obie Ricumstrict home. In the third, with Keyberth Mejias on third base, a balk by starting pitcher Jeffrey Nunez sent him home.

Nunez and Salem-Keizer starter Kervin Castro each went five innings and gave up one earned run.

Although the Volcanoes out-hit the Indians 7-4, hits were not the only factor in Spokane's 11th-inning rally. Cooper Casad, who became the losing pitcher, hit Stanly Martinez, who later scored. Jonah McReynolds scored the final Indian run on a sacrifice fly by Starling Joseph.

Mejias scored the second Volcano run on a force out.

Josh Smith was the winning pitcher.



KEIZERTIMES/Dee Moore
Keyberth Mejias slides into third during the 7-0 loss to Hillsboro.

**Thursday, June 20:
Volcanoes 6, Spokane 0**

The Volcanoes denied the Indians a sweep, going to a game over the .500 mark and tying Eugene for the South Division lead.

Jacob Lopez put on the best Salem-Keizer pitching performance so far this season, going five innings as the starter, striking out six and allowing only one hit for a 1-0 record. Spokane starter Theo McDowell took the loss, lasting only one-third of an inning.

Three of the runs came in the first inning. Yorlis Rodriguez singled Si-

mon Whiteman home and scored on a single by Ricardo Genoves. A wild pitch by Juan Castillo scored Sean Roby.

In the second, a single by Roby drove in Kwan Adkins and Franklin Labour singled Rodriguez home. Roby doubled in the fourth for another Rodriguez run.

Roby had three hits in the game.

**Friday, June 21:
Volcanoes 10, Everett 9
(10 innings)**

Here was a phenomenal comeback, with Salem-Keizer,

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ATHLETE of the Week



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RICARDO GENOVES
Catcher, Salem-Keizer Volcanoes

Age: 20 (May 14, 1999)

Birthplace: Caracas, Venezuela

Genoves has done his hitting in bunches. He hit two home runs in Tuesday's win over the Everett AquaSox and has shined defensively. The homers in this young season have already surpassed his home run total of last year by three, and his arm has nailed several baserunners. His professional career, which started in 2016, has been entirely in the Giants organization.

McNary pair successful on and off tennis court

BY MATT RAWLINGS
Of the Keizertimes

When it comes to finding a true student-athlete, look no further than Adam Graneto and Noah Kuhl.

Both Graneto and Kuhl are

four-year letter winners for the McNary boys tennis team and spent this last season as co-captains of the squad.

And in the classroom, Graneto and Kuhl were honored with multiple

academic accolades at the Celtic Awards Ceremony on May 28.

Graneto was recognized as the Outstanding Accounting Student of the Year, and also received awards for being one

of the Outstanding Physics Students of the Year, as well as for Excellence in Language Arts and Social Studies. Graneto was also named the salutatorian for the class of 2019.

Kuhl, on the other hand, was recognized as the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Business Award winner and was the Digital Media Marketing Student of the Year.

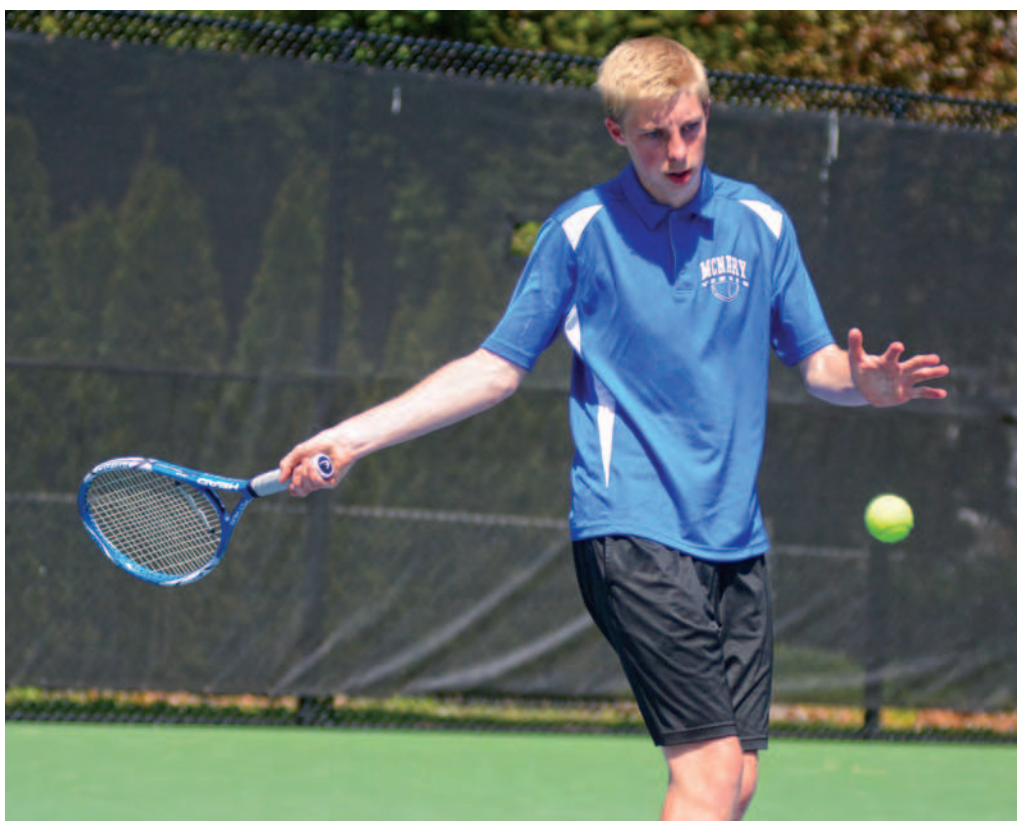
"They have both been mainstays in this program for the last four years," said boys tennis coach Marc McAvoy. "Adam and Noah are really steady guys that have great character. They are great to coach because you know that they're going to work hard and you know that they're going to dedicate themselves to getting better."

Graneto spent the entire season as the No. 1 singles player for McNary, meaning that he always had to face the best competition in the Mountain Valley Conference. But no matter what the situation was, he was always up to the challenge.

"Adam really embraced that No. 1 spot and was able to rise to the occasion when we



KEIZERTIMES/File
Adam Graneto slams a backhand earlier this tennis season.



Noah Kuhl eyes a forehand shot.

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needed him," McAvoy said.

In his final trip to the district tournament, Graneto was able to salvage an 8-5 victory against Mountain View's Grant Burk in the consolation bracket.

"That was a great experience. It just felt like all

my hard work paid off and I was so glad that my family was there and got to see it," Graneto said.

But no matter how many hours he put on the tennis court, Graneto always made

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