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## KLL squad makes state tourney run

BY MATT RAWLINGS  
*Of the Keizertimes*

The Keizer Little League Intermediate 50/70 13-U team fell just short of a trip to regionals as they took second place at the state tournament July 6-9 in Portland.

Keizer started off the tournament on a high note by defeating Scappoose 16-6 in the opening game on Saturday, July 6. Jayden Baptise led the offensive charge by going 4-for-5 at the plate with a homer and five RBIs. Ethan Ortiz added three hits and four RBIs in the victory.

After Scappoose struck for two runs in the top of the first, Keizer came back with five runs of their own in the bottom half of the frame.

Riley Castillo hit a two-run double to get Keizer on the board. Moments later, after Baptise came into score on a passed ball, Dougie Howard blasted a two-run double of his own to extend the advantage to 5-2.

Scappoose cut the deficit to one with a pair of runs in the top of the second, but Keizer was able to respond in the bottom of the third.

Ortiz drove a two-run single to right field to make the score 7-4 in favor of Keizer, who would push two more across before the end

of the inning.

Keizer really broke things open in the bottom of the sixth with seven runs in the inning, thanks to RBI singles from Castillo, Ortiz and Zach Snegirev. Baptise ended the contest via run-rule with a solo bomb.

“The kids came ready to hit,” Keizer head coach Brent Gilmour said.

However, they couldn’t recreate the magic the following day as they lost in heartbreaking fashion to the eventual champion, Wilsonville, by a score of 7-6.

Keizer grabbed the early lead in the top of the first after scoring an unearned run. Jaxon DeFabis, who got the start on the mound, pitched a pair of scoreless innings to begin his outing. But the big righty gave up four runs in the bottom of the third, including a two-run homer, allowing Wilsonville to take a 4-1 lead.

After a RBI-single from Baptise, in the top of the fifth, Wilsonville responded with two runs of their own in the bottom half to increase their lead to 6-2. But Keizer was able to show their resiliency in the following frame.

Ben Lester was hit by a pitch to being the top of the sixth. Keizer then loaded up

“Once they get going with the bats, they can be hard to stop.”

— Brent Gilmour



Mason Marsden sprints down the line after hitting a ground ball to the left side in Keizer’s first matchup with Wilsonville on Sunday, July 7. KEIZERTIMES/Matt Rawlings

the bases when Drake Sullivan and Mason Marsden each drew walks.

DeFabis lined a single into left field to score Lester. Sullivan came in on a passed ball and Marsden eventually came home on an infield single by Castillo.

DeFabis tied the game at 6-6 after scoring on a fielder’s choice by Castillo. But Wilsonville walked off with

the victory in the bottom of the seventh when Luke Haener hit the game-winning RBI-single.

“We made too many mistakes on the base paths, but we have been aggressive on the bases all season and we weren’t going to change that,” Gilmour said.

Despite the painful loss, Keizer came back on Monday, July 8 with a thrilling

7-6 win over Brookings Harbor International to advance to the championship round.

Castillo led the way by going 2-for-4 with three RBIs.

Keizer found themselves down 3-0 through four-and-a-half innings. But even though they were held without a hit up to this point, the Keizer offense found their

groove in the bottom of the fifth.

DeFabis ended the shut-out with a two-run double to center field, scoring Lester and Marsden while advancing Howard to third. Castillo followed with a two-run hit of his own to give Keizer their first lead of the evening.

“Once they get going



Volcanoes first baseman Beicker Mendoza makes a tough snag in foul territory in a game against the Eugene Emeralds on Thursday, July 11. KEIZERTIMES/Matt Rawlings

## Hops take two out of three from Volcanoes

BY HERB SWETT  
*Of the Keizertimes*

The Volcanoes opened a three-game series in Hillsboro on Sunday, July 14 with a 7-3 loss to the Hops.

Salem-Keizer had a 1-0 lead for the first inning and a half. With two out in the first, Franklin Labour hit the ball over the right field fence for his 12th home run of the season. Then, in the bottom of the second, starting pitcher Alex Dubord yielded two runs to Hillsboro, and the Volcanoes never caught up.

Tristin English started a two-run rally in the second with a one-out single to center field. Jesus Marriaga

singled to right, moving English to second. Ricky Martinez singled to right, driving English in and moving Marriaga to third. Nick Dalesandro scored Marriaga with a sacrifice fly.

In the Hops third, Nick Grande led off by reaching first base on a throwing error by shortstop Tyler Fitzgerald. Jorge Barrosa sent him home with a triple to left center. Barrosa later scored when Andy Yerzy grounded into a double play.

Two more Hillsboro runs came in the fourth after Chris Roberts relieved Dubord. Marriaga singled and reached third on a double by

Martinez. Dalesandro drove in both with a single to center.

In the Volcano fifth, Yorlis Rodriguez scored on a groundout by Fitzgerald.

Travis Perry took the mound at the start of the Hillsboro fifth and finished the game. He gave up one more run as Marriaga scored on a Dalesandro single to center.

Deyni Olivero was the starting and winning pitcher with a 4-1 record. He went 5.2 innings and was succeeded in order by Yaramil Hiraldo, Jacob Stevens and Bryan

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## Holiday easily outswims Cambridge in dual meet

BY MATT RAWLINGS  
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In one of their final tune-ups before the All-City meet, the Holiday Swim Club defeated Cambridge 405-186 in a dual meet on Thursday, July 11. Kassy Winters and Audrea Guevara won three different individual events to lead Holiday to victory. Winters won the individual medley, freestyle and butterfly in the girls 15-18 division while Guevara brought home wins in the breaststroke, fly and free in the girls 11-12 bracket.

Anna Sponable and Erika Robinett dominated the 13-14 division. Sponable won the fly and the free while Robinett was victorious on the breast and backstroke.

Ava Privratsky was also able to win multiple events for the Holiday girls team, placing first in the breast and free for the 8-and-under division.

Claire Hicks and Emma Privratsky each picked up one event win.

On the boys side, Jack McCarty and Michael Hudgins won three events each for Holiday. McCarty won the IM, as well as the back and fly in the 15-18 division. Hudgins, on the other hand, led the 9-10 class by winning the back, free and IM.

Renaldo Guevara was the other multi-event winner (fly and breast) for the Holiday boys in the 8-and-under division.

Landon Perry, Nathan Williams, Landon Gerig,

Carter Hollis and Joshua Grossman also picked up individual first-place finishes.

The All-City meet will take place at Holiday Swim Club on Saturday, July 27,

and will feature two other Keizer teams (Northview and Northwood) and three Salem teams (Cambridge, Madrona and Jan Ree).



TOP: Michael Hudgins won three events on the day for Holiday Swim Club in the 9-10 division, including the backstroke. BOTTOM: Madelyn Sponable swims the breaststroke in the 11-12 division. KEIZERTIMES/Matt Rawlings