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This shutout in the last game of a three-game series kept the Volcanoes from getting swept.

Travis Perry, Salem-Keizer's starter, went six innings with five strikeouts to get his third victory against no losses. It was the first time he had won a game as a starter. Cooper Casad pitched the next two innings, and Israel Cruz, pitching the ninth, had his third save.

The first run came in the fourth inning as Brandon Martorano singled Logan Wyatt home. Wyatt scored the other run in sixth on a single by Armani Smith.

Luis Frias was the losing pitcher with a 2-3 record.

Friday, July 26: Volcanoes 3, Eugene 2

Kervin Castro went six innings to win his third game against two losses in Salem-Keizer's series opener against Eugene.

Castro, who gave up both of Eugene's runs, had five strikeouts and left the game with a 2.68 ERA. Tyler Schimpf had his first save.

The Emeralds scored both their runs in the fourth inning as Grayson Byrd hit a home run with Nelson Maldonado on base. The Volcanoes answered in their half of the fifth with all three of their runs. Tyler Fitzgerald doubled to drive in Jeff Houghtby and Kwan Adkins.

Maiken Aguiar took the loss at 1-1.

Saturday, July 27: Eugene 4, Volcanoes 3

The Volcanoes couldn't quite turn this one around.

After the Emeralds scored twice in the first inning and once in the fourth, Salem-Keizer got two runs in the fifth. Eugene scored once in the sixth for a 4-2 lead, and the Volcanoes could come up with only one run in the ninth.

The Emeralds outhit their hosts 13-7, with Pedro Martinez getting four hits and Luis Vasquez three. Ricardo Genoves, who threw out three base runners from his catcher position, and Jeff Houghtby,

had two hits each for the Volcanoes.

Zach Mort was the winning pitcher in relief for a 2-3 record, and Fauris Guerrero got his first save. Jacob Lopez, the Volcanoes' starter, took the loss at 2-3.

Sunday, July 28: Volcanoes 8, Eugene 1

Kwan Adkins was the hero of this rubber game of Salem-Keizer's home series with Eugene.

The left fielder went 3-for-4 including his second home run of the season, driving in four runs and scoring two. He also stole his seventh base of the season.

Next in importance was starting pitcher Jesus Ozorio, who went 5.2 innings, allowing the one run but striking out four for his fourth win against two losses. Eduarniel Nunez, who started for the Emeralds, was the losing pitcher with a 1-3 record.

The Volcanoes had another home run, a solo shot by new second baseman Carter Aldrete. He is a nephew of Mike Aldrete,

a former utility outfielder-first baseman who played for several major league teams including the San Francisco Giants and is now first base coach for the Oakland Athletics.

Another Volcano newcomer, Jorge Labrador, pitched the ninth inning.

Tuesday, July 30: Volcanoes 5, Tri-City 3

A bases-loaded double by Carter Aldrete in the eighth inning turned this game around for the Volcanoes.

With the Dust Devils ahead 3-2 in the bottom of the inning, Logan Wyatt, Armani Smith, and Brandon Martorano were on base when Aldrete came to the plate. He drove them all across and went to third base on a throw from the outfield.

Cooper Casad, pitching in relief, won his first game of the season against one loss. Tyler Schimpf, who pitched the ninth, got his second save.

Each team had six hits, with Tri-City's Reinaldo Ibarra hitting the only home run, but the Volcanoes put theirs together when it mattered.



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Conner Nurse went 4.2 innings on the bump Monday night, giving up five hits and two runs.

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ATHLETE *of the Week*

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JEFF HOUGHTBY INF, Salem-Keizer Volcanoes

Jeff Houghtby, who has played all four infield positions for the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes, is the *Keizertimes* Athlete of the Week.

Playing his first season of professional baseball after starring for the University of San Diego and being drafted in the 10th round by the San Francisco Giants, Houghtby has been steadily improving his hitting and on Sunday, he had three hits against the Eugene Emeralds.

Houghtby is batting just under .300 for the season with three homers and 15 RBIs.



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