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## Salem-Keizer gets swept by Hillsboro

BY HERB SWETT  
*Of the Keizertimes*

It was the kind of game the Volcanoes usually have won this season, but this time, Salem-Keizer couldn't finish the job as they lost 7-6, giving their Hillsboro hosts sole possession of first place in the Northwest League's South Division.

Salem-Keizer scored four runs in the top of the first inning. Hillsboro did the same in the bottom of the first. The Volcanoes added a run in the top of the second, and the Hops answered with three runs in their half of the inning.

In the sixth, the Volcanoes scored once more. However, this did not start the late-game comeback for which they have been known for this year, even though Salem-Keizer outthit Hillsboro 11-4.

Hunter Bishop led off the top of the first inning with a double to left center field. Alex Canario then hit a home run, his fifth, to center. Jeff Houghtby walked, and Brandon Martorano singled to left. Both runners advanced on a wild pitch moments later, then eventually scored on a two-run single from Harrison Freed.

With one out in the Hillsboro first, David Garza Junior reached base on an errant throw by third baseman Yorlis Rodriguez. Garza Jr. then stole second base, which was followed by a walk from Kevin Lachance. Jesus Mariaga sent both runners home with a triple to center. Andy Yerzy then tied the score with a home run over the center field fence.

Volcano starter Conner Nurse struck out the next two batters to retire the side.

In the top of the second, Bishop walked, and Canario batted him in with a double down the left field line.

With one out in the bottom of the second, Nick Grande walked, Ricky Martinez was hit by a pitch and Garza homered to left to give the Hops a 7-5 lead.

Jacob Stevens relieved Hillsboro starter Tyler Holton after two innings and pitched two innings himself, getting the win for a 2-0 record.

Nurse, who became the losing pitcher with an 0-2 record, was relieved by Tyler Schimpf with two outs in the fourth. He gave up all four

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Trevor Horn throws an off-speed pitch to the plate in the Volcanoes series finale with Tri-City on Thursday Aug. 1.

## Blue Day returns to McNary



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For the first time ever, McNary will be hosting Blue Day on a Friday night under the lights (graphic done by 2019 McNary grad Ian Koenig).

BY MATT RAWLINGS  
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The smell of fall sports will be in the air on Friday, August 23 as McNary High student-athletes will take over the campus for the school's eighth annual Blue Day — organized by Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) officers at McNary.

While it's been a successful event in the past, this Blue Day will be a little different than in previous years, with one of the biggest differences being the time and date of the event.

Blue Day has taken place on a Saturday morning for the past seven years, but FBLA instructor Brad Lomax wanted to spice things up and have the event on a Friday night under the lights.

"It was getting a little stagnant on Saturday mornings. It's been awesome, but we were just looking for a little bit of change," Lomax said. "We were looking for a way to enhance it and make it better."

"There's still more room for growth, but I think having it on the Friday night is something new and exciting."

The day will get started at 4 p.m. with exhibitions from multiple McNary Youth Football teams — third and fourth grade squads will lead things off,

followed by the fifth and sixth grade teams at 4:30 p.m. and the seventh and eighth grade teams at 5 p.m.

McNary's cross country team will be recognized at 5:45 p.m. Then, the Celtics volleyball and boys soccer teams will hold their own inter-squad scrimmages at 6 p.m. — volleyball will be in the gym.

The girls soccer team will scrimmage at 6:30 p.m., which will be followed by a cheerleading performance at 7 p.m. and a scrimmage from the McNary freshmen football team. The junior varsity football squad will play at 7:30 p.m.

The evening will conclude with recognition of the 2018 Mountain Valley Conference champion varsity football squad, as well as a scrimmage from the varsity team.

However, one of the other differences on this year's edition of Blue Day is that it isn't just about sports.

There will also be different McNary clubs and activities present at the event — including Latino club, knitting club, JROTC and dance team.

Although they weren't able to get as many non-sports related clubs as they would have liked, FBLA wants to grow the non-sports related portion of

Blue Day in the future.

"We really want to involve as many groups as we can to show the community what we have going on at McNary," McNary student and FBLA president Nicole Russell said.

Lomax also added: "We don't want kids showing up to school at 7:30 (a.m.) and leaving and 2:20 (p.m.). We want them to be involved and have a spot to be connected. "It's not just about sports. It's a chance to be a part of what we're doing here."

Scenic Valley Farms will be on hand to barbecue burgers and hot dogs, while Kona Ice will be serving up snow cones. Spectators will also be able to purchase food from the concession stand.

To go along with the action on the field will be multiple activities, including a climbing wall, a blow-up jousting area and a dunk tank.

The National Guard will also be on hand for the event.

"It's been a lot of work, but it's been worth it," Russell said. "I'm just excited to see how it all lays out."

With the construction still going on at McNary, parking will be more limited than normal for this event.

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## Volcanoes players show out during All-Star event

BY HERB SWETT  
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The Pioneer League All-Stars outslugged the Northwest League All-Stars 11-7 Tuesday night in Boise, Idaho.

Kervin Castro of the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes was the starting NWL pitcher and threw a perfect frame in his only inning of work. Few of the pitchers stayed for more than an inning, and Castro was the only Volcano player to appear in the game.

Even though he didn't play in the actual contest, Salem-Keizer third baseman Sean Roby won the home run derby that preceded the game. Although he has only one regular-season homer so far, he hit 18 dingers in the final round of the derby.

Volcanoes players Franklin

Labour and Ricardo Genoves were also selected to the represent the Northwest League in the All-Star Game, but both players were promoted to the Augusta Green Jackets — the High-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants, on Thursday Aug. 1.

The NWL took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the second. Patrick Frick of Everett doubled, Spokane's Kellen Strahm reached first base on a force out of teammate Blaine Crim and Eugene's Chase Strumpf drove both runners in with a double.

The Pioneer League, which competes at the Rookie Advanced level, which is one notch below the Short-Season-A Northwest League, answered with five runs in the top of the third. The big blow

was a grand slam by Jeremiah Jackson of the Orem Owlz.

In the bottom of the fifth, with the bases loaded, Frick of Everett and Crim hit a two-run single. Trent Tingelstad of Everett singled one more run in, and the NWL led 6-5.

The Pioneer League went ahead for good in the sixth with home runs by Eric Yang of Billings and John Littell of Ogden.

Ogden's Sam McWilliams hit a two-run homer in the eighth. The final run of the game came when an eighth-inning double by Vancouver's Trevor Schewecke drove in Bladimir Restituyo of Boise.

Patrick McGuff of Missoula was the winning pitcher. Taking the loss was Hillsboro's Marcos Tineo.



Castro



Roby