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Schedule Set for 2012 Reser's Oregon All-Star Series

Corvallis, Oregon, Wednesday, December 7, 2011 – The Reser's Oregon All-Star Series is set to return to Goss Stadium in Corvallis in 2012. The Reser's All-Star Series features Oregon's top senior high school players from 6A and 5A. Scheduled for June 16-17, the series will be managed by the Corvallis Knights of the West Coast League, and sponsored by Reser's Fine Foods and Nike Team Sports.

The three-game series matches prospects from the North against the very best from the South. It begins with a 1 p.m. doubleheader on June 16, to be followed by a single game at noon on June 17. All games are nine innings.

The North swept last year's inaugural series 3-0. Southridge High School pitcher Jace Fry, now a freshman at Oregon State, was the Most Valuable Player.

"Last June's series was a good first step in building a premier event for high school baseball," said Marty Reser of Reser's Fine Foods. "We look forward to making it better every year and elevating the series."

Jake Azevedo of Southridge was the Most Outstanding Player and Fry was the Most Outstanding Pitcher for the North. Austin Hamilton of North Salem was the South's Most Outstanding Player and Parker Vernon of Redmond earned South Most Outstanding Pitcher award.

"All the coaches and players had a great experience," said Lake Oswego head baseball coach Jake Anders, the 6A coordinator. "The word is getting out fast this is a first-class event. There is no doubt being selected to the Reser's All-Star Series is an honor, and something our players are striving for."

The All-Star Series has a long history in Oregon. It was held in the The Dalles from 1971 through 2007, and at McMinnville from 2008-10 before moving to Goss Stadium.

Many former Oregon high school standouts played in past games. Corvallis natives/Corvallis High graduates Kevin Gregg and Harold Reynolds; former Oregon State national champions Darwin Barney, Cole Gillespie, Kevin Gunderson and Jonah Nickerson, and former major leaguers Danny Ainge, Scott Brosius, John Jaha and Dale Murphy each played in the series after their senior year in high school before starting their college and/or professional careers.

Nike Team Sports will be the official supplier of uniforms, apparel, compression, headwear, equipment and footwear, and will host a hospitality event following the June 16 doubleheader for high school, youth and college baseball coaches.

"The inaugural series in Corvallis went great," Scott Zanon of Nike Team Sports said. "We are pleased to be associated with this top high school event and plan to help it grow. We are excited about the 2012 series."

For more information about the Reser's Oregon All-Star Series, please visit: www.oregonallstarseries.com

ABOUT THE OREGON ALL-STAR SERIES

The Oregon High School Baseball All-Star Series showcases elite senior players from the state's 5A and 6A classifications over a three-game set held each third weekend in June. The All-Star Series thrived in The Dalles for decades (1971-2007) as the State-Metro Series and celebrated its 50th anniversary in its last year at Quinton Street Ball Park in The Dalles. Bend hosted the 5A Series in 2008 and 2009 while the 6A Series was held in McMinnville those same years before the two classifications combined to play a 5A/6A All-Star Series last year in McMinnville. The Oregon High School Baseball Coaches Association moved the All-Star Series to Corvallis in 2011. A total of 1,099 fans attended last June's series with a single-game high attendance of 677 on Sunday.

ABOUT GOSS STADIUM

Goss Stadium at Coleman Field is home to the two-time national champion Oregon State Beavers and Corvallis Knights of the West Coast League. The Stadium was built in 1998 and expanded in 2008. Summer capacity is 2,930. Goss Stadium features a video scoreboard, the Omaha Club Room and FieldTurf in the infield. The Stadium has hosted three NCAA Super Regionals and four West Coast League Championship Series. For more info on Goss Stadium, visit: www.osubeavers.com/facilities/goss-stadium.html.

ABOUT THE CORVALLIS KNIGHTS

The Corvallis Knights are a member of the nine-team wood-bat West Coast League. The club is dedicated to accelerating prospect development, bettering its community and delivering affordable family entertainment. Based in Corvallis, the team plays June through August at Goss Stadium on the campus of Oregon State University. Established in 1990, the club relocated to Corvallis in 2007. The team features top collegiate players and a full slate of entertaining promotions including fireworks. For more info on the Knights, visit: www.corvallisknights.com.

ABOUT THE WEST COAST LEAGUE

The West Coast League, established in 2005, is the west's premier summer collegiate wood-bat league. Member teams include the Bellingham Bells, Bend Elks, Corvallis Knights, Cowlitz Black Bears, Kelowna Falcons, Kitsap BlueJackets, Klamath Falls Gems, Walla Walla Sweets and Wenatchee AppleSox. Teams feature top players from schools from major conferences like the Pac-10, Big West and Big 12. The league's 54-game 2012 regular season opens June 1 and concludes August 9. For more info on the West Coast League, visit: www.wccbl.com.

ABOUT CORVALLIS

Corvallis, Oregon, population 51,110, is in the heart of the Willamette Valley. Home to Oregon State University, it is the quintessential college town. Wide streets, sheltered by ancient trees, red brick or white masonry buildings and its location along the Willamette River make Corvallis a handsome city. Corvallis is close to the Coast Range and wildlife areas. The city is within 90 minutes of the beach, the Siuslaw National Forest and Portland. For more info on Corvallis, visit: www.visitcorvallis.com.