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Aloha High School Phenom Domingo Ayala Late Add to North Roster

Corvallis, Oregon, June 5, 2014 – 6A coordinator Jake Anders announced this morning that the Reser’s All-Star Series is adding rising star Domingo Ayala of Aloha High School to the North roster. In another roster move, Mitchell Herbert of Sheldon was replaced by outfielder Blake Fahndrich of Crater on the South team.

The late add of Ayala was somewhat of a mystery as Domingo just recently burst on the scene catching 6A coordinator Jake Anders’ undivided attention.

“The Reser’s All-Star Series is committed to showcasing the very best seniors, and I made the call to add Ayala,” said Anders.

“He has unreal talent and second to none swagger.

“In my eyes, Domingo is a hard worker who deserves to play in this series.”

Ayala hails from Puerto Plata and recently hooked on at Aloha High School.

“Domingo was a find, and I will leave it at that,” said Ayala’s high school coach Tige McSwain. “We loved his recruiting video, so we contacted him.”

The rest is history as far as Ayala and McSwain are concerned, as Domingo opened eyes at Aloha and will now get his chance to measure up against the very best seniors in Oregon.

“Aloha means hello and goodbye, and that’s what I like about Aloha – I say ‘hello’ and after the scouts see me I will be saying ‘goodbye’. Plus I like their nickname, Warriors, because it sounds intimidating...like me.” Domingo stated.

“Mr. Coach McSwain give me this opportunity to show America what I’m all about, and that’s to hit bombs and of course to play big time baseball.”

“To represent the North in the Reser’s All-Star Series is the first step for me to make the big leagues. This is my dream come true.”

Anders shared that Ayala can play every position and sometimes two positions at once.

The Domingo buzz in the NW scouting community is palpable. He’s considered a player with great upside and uncanny instincts.

An anonymous scout said, “Ayala is a kid with great heart. We don’t know much about him, but we know we like him.

“His recruiting video sold me for sure. I’ve turned him in, but don’t tell anyone.”

Ayala’s non-traditional video is currently posted on the oregonallstarseries.com website.

Jake Anders said that adding Domingo was a ‘no-brainer’ and that fans and players alike will love his antics and mad skills.

The North and South teams will meet in a 1 pm doubleheader on Saturday, June 14th and in a single-game starting at 10 am on Sunday, June 15th.

You can purchase tickets now by visiting oregonallstarseries.com.

Reser’s Fine Foods and Nike Team Sports are the title sponsors of the Oregon All-Star Series, and its operator is the Corvallis Knights of the West Coast League.

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 the 2011 series, 635 in 2012 and 742 last year.

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 board, the Omaha Club Room and FieldTurf in the infield. The Stadium has hosted three NCAA Super Regionals and six 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 twelve-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, Medford Rogues, Victoria HarbourCats, Yakima Valley Pippins, Walla Walla Sweets and Wenatchee AppleSox. Teams feature top players from schools from major conferences like the PAC-12, Big West and WCC. The league's 54-game 2014 regular season opens June 6 and concludes August 10. 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.