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Richardson Oregon All-Star Series Adds Honorary Coaches

Tuesday, June 15, Corvallis, Ore. – Both the North and South coaching staffs of the Richardson Oregon All-Star Series were bolstered with the addition of honorary coaches John Arntson of Clackamas and Corey Nichol森 of North Eugene.

John and Corey both recently coached their final high school game this past spring. Arntson will be added to the North coaching lineup of Matt Bailie of Westview, Matt Kabza of Grant and Ray Pearson of Lakeridge while Nichol森 will join the South coaching staff made up of Taylor Blair of West Salem, Don Lien of West Albany and Kenny Niles of Churchill.

Arntson will continue at Clackamas High School in his new role of athletic director and assistant principal. John had a 24 year run at Clackamas. In that time, Arntson won 420 games, 9 league titles and three state titles (2008, 2010 and 2017). His 2021 Cavaliers club went an impressive 16-2.

“Coach Arntson is a class act and we’re going to miss him on the field,” said Lakeridge head baseball coach Ray Pearson.

Nichol森 will continue as athletic director at North Eugene. He was a coach for 28 years and spent the last 23 years as the skipper of the Highlanders. Corey’s record at North Eugene was 325-241 and he won 8 league titles and a state championship in 2010.

“Corey was the perfect guy to lead North Eugene for over two decades,” said Churchill head baseball coach Kenny Niles. “He didn’t skip a beat filling big shoes, as he succeeded coaching legend Gary Selby at North, his high school mentor and coach.”

Clackamas and North Eugene both won state titles in 2010, with future Oregon State Beavers aces and pros Ben Wetzler and Andrew Moore leading the way for the Cavs and Highlanders, respectively.

Both Arntson and Nichol森 are longtime Oregon High School Baseball Coaches Association board members and were their conference representatives, Arntson for the Mt. Hood Conference and Nichol森 for the Midwestern League.

The first game of the Richardson Oregon All-Star series is scheduled for Saturday, June 19 at OSU’s Goss Stadium. First pitch is 3 pm. The series concludes on Sunday, June 20 with a single game with a start time of 11 am. Both games will be 9-inning contests.

The Richardson Oregon All-Star Series showcases the top 6A and 5A senior high school baseball players. There is no cost for the players and coaches to participate thanks to the event’s title sponsor - Richardson Sports - event’s title sponsor - Richardson Sports - and other sponsors like Les Schwab, Relco Truss, Baker Allergy, P-Town Partners, Baseballism, The Dunn Brothers, Everett Street Autoworks, Diebold Lumber, Willamette Graystone, The Old Timers Baseball Association of Portland, Metropolitan Construction & Remodeling, Dave Rush Construction, Stanich’s, The Barbers, Washington Park Advisors, Ole Athletics, the Hillsboro Hops, the Bend Elks, the Portland Pickles, Oregon City Sporting Goods and Grocery Outlet.

Both the North and South will be outfitted in brand new Oregon All-Star Series uniforms compliments of Richardson.

The Oregon All-Star Series is operated and hosted by Knights Baseball Club, the operators of the Corvallis Knights of the West Coast League.

For more info on the series and to order tickets, please visit: www.oregonallstarseries.com

ABOUT THE OREGON ALL-STAR SERIES

Oregon High School Baseball All-Star Series showcases the top senior players from the state's 5A and 6A classifications over a set of games held each third or fourth 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 in McMinnville in 2010. The Oregon High School Baseball Coaches Association moved the series to Corvallis in 2011. Reser's Fine Foods was the title sponsor from 2011-2016; Daimler in 2017 and Freightliner Trucks from 2018-2019.

ABOUT RICHARDSON SPORTS



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ABOUT GOSS STADIUM

Goss Stadium at Coleman Field is home to the three-time national champion Oregon State Beavers and seven-time West Coast League champion Corvallis Knights. Goss Stadium opened in 1999 and expanded in 2009 and 2015. The oldest continuous ballpark in the nation, the site of Oregon State University's first varsity team in 1907, features a state-of-the-art videoboard, FieldTurf, the Omaha Club Room, Casey Corner and the TnT Builders Party Deck at Banners. For more info on Goss Stadium, visit: osubeavers.com/facilities/goss-stadium-at-coleman-field/5

ABOUT THE CORVALLIS KNIGHTS

The Corvallis Knights are a member of the fifteen-team, wood-bat, summer collegiate West Coast League. The club is dedicated to accelerating prospect development, bettering its communities 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 shows. For more info on the Knights, visit: corvallisknights.com

ABOUT THE WEST COAST LEAGUE

The West Coast League, established in 2005, is the premier summer collegiate wood-bat league in western North America. Member clubs include the Bellingham Bells, Bend Elks, Corvallis Knights, Cowlitz Black Bears, Edmonton Riverhawks, Kamloops NorthPaws, Kelowna Falcons, Nanaimo NightOwls, Port Angeles Lefties, Portland Pickles, Springfield Drifters, Victoria HarbourCats, Walla Walla Sweets, Wenatchee AppleSox and Yakima Valley Pippins. Teams feature top players from schools from major conferences like the Pac-10, Big West and WCC. For more info on the West Coast League, visit: westcoastleague.com

ABOUT CORVALLIS

Corvallis, Oregon, population 58,028, 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: visitcorvallis.com