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North blanks South 4-0 in game one of Oregon All-Star Series

Corvallis, Oregon, Saturday, June 18 – Two prospective Oregon State Beavers made themselves comfortable in their future home on Saturday in the first game of the Reser's Oregon All-Star Series.

Pitcher Jace Fry (Southridge) tossed four shutout innings and shortstop Riley Wilkerson (West Linn) drove home an insurance run in the eighth inning of the North's 4-0 victory at Goss Stadium.

Both have signed letters-of-intent to play at OSU, but it's not certain they'll be teammates come September. Wilkerson was not selected in the recent MLB draft and plans to play collegiately, but Fry was taken in the ninth round by Oakland and is mulling an immediate pro career.

Fry, who also plays at Goss Stadium for the Corvallis Knights of the West Coast League, allowed two hits, struck out three and singled. He was the winning pitcher.

The North led 2-0 when Wilkerson broke the game open in the top of the eighth with an RBI triple to the right-center alley. He also scored the South's final run on a wild pitch.

He also made a fine play in the ninth when the South loaded the bases with two outs on three singles. He speared a grounder by Logan Silver (Marist) in the hole, pivoted and threw out Austin Hamilton (North Salem) on a close force play at second to end the game.

The North scored twice in the second inning on a double by Jake Azevedo (Southridge), a single by Taylor Hein (Canby) and a double by Brandon Carrow (Forest Grove).

North relievers Sean Eberhardt (Rex Putnam) and Jake Otness (Barlow) blanked the South over the final five innings. Otness went three innings for the save.

South first baseman Noah Westerhuis (Redmond) was victimized by the North's other stellar defensive plays.

With a runner on third and two outs in the eighth, North first baseman Ryan Howard (Southridge) preserved the shutout by diving to his right, gloving Westerhuis' grounder and beating him to bag by a whisker.

In his previous at-bat, Westerhuis was robbed of an extra-base hit when right fielder Brock Pellow (Lake Oswego) made a fully-extended, back-to-the-plate running catch of his line just short of the warning track.

The series concludes on Sunday with a 2 p.m. doubleheader.

North 4, South 0

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Fry, Eberhardt (5), Otness (7) and Azevedo, Farmer (5); Robinette, Vernon (5), Johnson (8) and Newton, Nix (6). WP: Fry. LP: Robinette. S: Otness. 2B: Azevedo (N), Carrow (N) 3B: Wilkerson (N).

Hits: North 6 (Azevedo, Carrow, Hein, Wilkerson, Fry, Van Pelt), South 6 (Hamilton 2, Silver, Boehm, Audiss, Burner).

RBI: North 3 (Hein, Carrow, Wilkerson), South 0.