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Oregon All-Star Series Announces 2019 North and South Coaches

Corvallis, Oregon, June 3, 2019 – The coaches for the North and South squads for the Freightliner Oregon All-Star Series, set for June 22-23 at OSU's Goss Stadium, have been named by 6A coordinator Jake Anders and 5A coordinator Scot McDonald.

Colin Griffin of Jesuit High School and Brian Grant of Central Catholic will lead the North while Tom Roberts of Central and Dennis Minium of Thurston will manage the South.

Grant, Roberts and Minium are first-time coaches in the Oregon All-Star Series.

Griffin coached in the series in 2016. A Jesuit graduate who played baseball at Clackamas Community College and at Willamette University, Griffin led the Crusaders to the 2016 6A state title in his second year as their head coach and another championship this spring. He coached at Lakeridge for seven seasons before returning to JHS in 2014. The Pacers advanced to the playoffs in each of his final four seasons there.

Grant has been with the Central Catholic baseball program since 2015. He previously worked as an assistant coach at Concordia University and also has head coaching high school experience at Lincoln High School. Brian pitched three years in the Toronto Blue Jays organization.

Roberts led Central High School to its first State title since 1958 in his second year at the helm. The Panthers went 25-4, won the tough Mid-Willamette Conference and were ranked #1 in 5A for much of the season. Coach Roberts is also the Activities Director at Central.

In his fifth year as head coach of Thurston High School, Minium guided his alma mater to a Midwestern League title for a second consecutive year and posted a 24-6 overall record. His Colts scored the most runs in all of 5A this past spring.

The Oregon All-Star series pits the state's top 6A/5A senior high school players from the North against their counterparts in the South.

The North took 2 of 3 games last year. This year the series is featuring a Home Run Derby presented by Jugs Sports and is only two 9-inning games.

The teams will play a single game at 7:15 pm on Saturday, June 22 and conclude the series with a 12 pm game on Sunday, June 23.

There is no cost for the players and coaches to participate thanks to the event's title sponsor, Freightliner Trucks, and a partner lineup made up of the Hillsboro Hops, the Bend Elks, the Portland Pickles, NW Star Academy, the Old Timers & Active Baseball Association, the Dunn brothers, Prep Baseball Report, Gunderson Pitching Academy, Oregon City Sporting Goods, Washington Park Advisors, Visit Corvallis and the University Inn Corvallis.

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

For more info on the Freightliner Oregon All-Star Series, please visit: www.oregonallstarseries.com

ABOUT THE OREGON ALL-STAR SERIES

The 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 last year in McMinnville. 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.

ABOUT FREIGHTLINER TRUCKS

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ABOUT GOSS STADIUM

Goss Stadium at Coleman Field is home to the three-time national champion Oregon State Beavers and six-time West Coast League champion Corvallis Knights. Goss Stadium opened in 1999 and expanded in 2009 and 2015 and most recently in 2019 with the addition of Casey Corner. The oldest continuous ballpark in the nation, the site of OSU's first varsity team in 1907, features a state-of-the-art videoboard, FieldTurf, the Omaha Club Room and theTnT Builders Party Deck at Banners. For more info on Goss Stadium, visit: www.osubeavers.com/facilities/?id=5.

ABOUT THE CORVALLIS KNIGHTS

The Corvallis Knights are a member of the twelve-team, wood-bat, summer collegiate 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 three fireworks shows. 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 west of the Mississippi. Member teams include the Bellingham Bells, Bend Elks, Corvallis Knights, Cowlitz Black Bears, Kelowna Falcons, Port Angeles Lefties, Portland Pickles, Ridgefield Raptors, 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. The league's 54-game 2018 regular season opens June 1 and concludes August 8. 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 miles of the coast, the Siuslaw National Forest and Portland. For more info on Corvallis, visit: www.visitcorvallis.com.