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## Oregon All-Star Series Unveils 2016 Rosters

**Corvallis, Oregon, May 24, 2016** – The Reser's All-Star Series, which features Oregon's top senior 6A and 5A high school baseball players, announced its North and South rosters for its three-game showcase series to be held June 18-19 at Oregon State University's Goss Stadium at Coleman Field. The announcement was made by 6A Coordinator Jake Anders and 5A Coordinator Dave Williams.

The rosters feature several Oregon State and University of Oregon 2017 commits. Incoming Beavers Andy Armstrong of West Salem, George Mendazona of Ridgeview, Adley Rutschman of Sherwood, Mitchell Verburg of Lake Oswego, Elliot Willy of Bend and Zack Zalesky of Corvallis will get acquainted with their future college field at the Oregon All-Star Series. A Goss Stadium regular, Joe Casey of Crescent Valley in Corvallis (OSU head baseball coach Pat Casey's son) was also an all-star selection.

Ducks-to-be Justin Herbert of Sheldon, Gabe Matthews of South Salem and Kenyon Yovan of Westview are set to compete in the series, as is Portland Pilots commit Chris Arpan of Jesuit and Washington State commit Cal Waterman of Summit.

Summit of the Intermountain Conference and West Salem of the Greater Valley Conference were the most represented high schools with three players selected each.

The North and South teams both feature 20 players on their rosters. The North and South all-stars are:

### NORTH

**Pitchers:** Kenyon Yovan, Westview; Brandon Eisert, Aloha; Mitchell Verburg, Lake Oswego; R.J. Robles, Hermiston; Alex Martin, Putnam; Austin Butenschoen, Clackamas; Bryce Mulcahy, St. Helens

**Catchers:** Dutton Elske, Lakeridge; Thomas Rudinsky, Lincoln; Adley Rutschman, Sherwood

**Infielders:** Jayden Hanna, Westview; Renner Stecki, Liberty; Skyler Hunter, Hood River; Caleb Nutting, Reynolds; Chris Arpan, Jesuit; Damon Peters, Hillsboro

**Outfielders:** Ben Wagner, Barlow; Kyle Wells, Gresham; Patrick Harvey, Hood River; Tommy Harvison, Wilson

### SOUTH

**Pitchers:** Kade Mechals, McMinnville; Sam Menegat, South Eugene; Matt Lester, West Salem; Matt Hicks, Summit; Carson Kinkade, Crescent Valley; Tucker Weaver, Dallas

**Catchers:** Cole Hamilton, North Salem; Cal Waterman, Summit

**Infielders:** Justin Herbert, Sheldon; Sam Swenson, McMinnville; Gabe Matthews, South Salem; Andy Armstrong, West Salem; George Mendazona, Ridgeview; Matt Haney, Marist; Elliot Willy, Bend; Zack Zalesky, Corvallis

**Outfielders:** Joe Casey, Crescent Valley; Jason Garcia, Summit; Cole Carder, South Medford; Simran Dhote, West Salem

The first game of the three-game series is slated for Saturday, June 18. First pitch is at 2:30 pm. The series concludes with a doubleheader on Sunday, June 19 starting at 10 am.

The Reser's Oregon All-Star Series features 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, Reser's Fine Foods, and a partner lineup made up of Bi-Mart, Visit Corvallis, the Hillsboro Hops, the Bend Elks, NW Star Academy, the Old Timers Baseball Association, Holiday Inn Express Corvallis and the Hilton Garden Inn Corvallis.

Both the North and South will be outfitted in Nike uniforms compliments of Nike Team Sports.

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 series and to order tickets, please visit: [www.oregonallstarseries.com](http://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.

#### **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 3,049. Goss Stadium features a new video board, the Omaha Club Room, Banners party deck and FieldTurf. The Stadium has hosted four NCAA Super Regionals and seven West Coast League Championship Series. For more info on Goss Stadium, visit [www.osubeavers.com/facilities/goss-stadium.html](http://www.osubeavers.com/facilities/goss-stadium.html).

#### **ABOUT THE CORVALLIS KNIGHTS**

The Knights are a member of the 11-team, wood-bat West Coast League (WCL). The club is dedicated to accelerating student development, bettering its community and delivering affordable family entertainment. Based in Corvallis, Oregon, the team plays its home games at Goss Stadium on the campus of Oregon State University. Established in 1990, the club relocated to the Mid-Valley in the winter of 2006. The club features top collegiate players and a full slate of entertaining promotions including fireworks nights. For more information on the Knights, please visit: [www.corvallisknights.com](http://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, Gresham GreyWolves, Kelowna Falcons, Kitsap BlueJackets, Victoria HarbourCats, Walla Walla Sweets, Wenatchee AppleSox and Yakima Valley Pippins. Teams feature top players from schools from major conferences like the Pac-12, Big West and WCC. The league's 54-game 2016 regular season opens June 3 and concludes August 7. For more info on the West Coast League, visit: [www.wccbl.com](http://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](http://www.visitcorvallis.com).