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Reser's Oregon All-Star Series Announces 2016 North and South Coaches

Corvallis, Oregon, June 9, 2016 – The coaches for the North and South teams have been selected for the Reser's Oregon All-Star Series, set for June 18-19 at Goss Stadium on the campus of Oregon State.

Alan Embree of Summit and Ryan Starwalt of Crescent Valley will lead the South team. Colin Griffin of Jesuit and Erich Harjo of Hood River will lead the North team.

Embree recently coach the Storm to the 5A state championship over Hood River Valley, and was honored as the 5A Coach of the Year.

Embree played for 10 different major-league teams from 1992-2009 as a left-handed relief specialist and was part of the Red Sox 2004 World Series championship club. He is also the pitching coach for the Bend Elks of the West Coast League during the summer.

Starwalt played at Philomath High School and then coached at PHS before moving to Crescent Valley. He led the Raiders to the 2016 Mid-Willamette Conference championship and to the semifinals of the 5A state tournament, where they were eliminated by Summit.

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 was named the 6A Coach of the Year.

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.

Harjo led Hood River Valley to its first state championship since 1990 in 2015, when it defeated Liberty 2-0 at Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer in the championship game.

This season Hood River Valley lost to Summit in the 5A state-championship game.

The Reser's All-Star series pits Oregon's top 6A/5A senior players from the North against their counterparts in the South. The North won last year's series 2-1.

The teams will play a single game at 2:30 p.m. on June 18 and a 10 a.m. doubleheader on June 19.

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.

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.

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.

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.