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Oregon All-Star Series Coaches Selected

Corvallis, Oregon, May 31, 2013 – The coaches have been selected for the Reser's Oregon All-Star Series, set for June 15-16 at Goss Stadium on the Oregon State campus.

Joe Monahan of Southridge and Jon Strohmaier of Sherwood will coach the North team. Bret Bailey of Bend and Stan Manley of Sheldon will coach the South team.

It will be the second All-Star Series appearance for Strohmaier, who also coached the South team in 2011, the series' first year in Corvallis. His Bowmen will play Bend for the 5A state championship on Saturday after defeating Crescent Valley 2-1; Hermiston 8-7 and Redmond 5-4 to reach the championship game.

Strohmaier is a health and physical education teacher at Sherwood who has coached the Bowmen for 21 seasons. He is a five-time league coach of the year, was the 2006 Oregon 3A Coach of the Year, and directed the Bowmen to the 2011 5A state championship.

Monahan is in his first season at Southridge. The Skyhawks defeated Reynolds 3-0, North Medford 9-3 and Lake Oswego 2-1 to reach the semifinals, where they lost 5-4 to Clackamas. He also coached at West Linn and Horizon Christian high schools and has more than 20 years of coaching experience.

Bailey's Lava Bears defeated Pendleton 7-3, Corvallis 9-2 and Wilsonville 9-2 to reach the 5A championship game. They lost in the semifinals in 2012.

The Gresham native was a Northwest Conference all-star as a linebacker in football and as an outfielder in baseball at Linfield and helped the Wildcats win championships in both sports. He is a member of the Linfield Athletic Hall of Fame, and has also assisted in football at Bend for more than 25 years.

Manley's Irish defeated Canby 11-2, McMinnville 22-2, Crater 2-1 and Roseburg 11-3 to reach the 6A title game. He is a 1978 Sheldon graduate who played football, basketball and baseball there and was named to the school's athletic hall of fame.

He was Sheldon's head baseball coach from 1991-99 and led the school to two Midwestern League titles. He returned to coaching there in 2011 and led the Irish to a first-place tie with Thurston in the Midwestern League this season.

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

The teams will play at noon doubleheader on June 15 and a single game at 11 a.m. on June 16. For more information about the Reser's Oregon All-Star Series, please visit: 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. A total of 1,099 fans attended the 2011 series, and total attendance for 2012 series was 635.

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 2,930. Goss Stadium features a video board, the Omaha Club Room and FieldTurf in the infield. The Stadium has hosted three NCAA Super Regionals and five West Coast League Championship Series. For more info on Goss Stadium, visit: www.osubeavers.com/facilities/goss-stadium.html.

ABOUT THE CORVALLIS KNIGHTS

The Corvallis Knights are a member of the eleven-team wood-bat 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 fireworks. 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. Member teams include the Bellingham Bells, Bend Elks, Corvallis Knights, Cowlitz Black Bears, Kelowna Falcons, Kitsap BlueJackets, Klamath Falls Gems, Medford Rogues, Victoria HarbourCats, Walla Walla Sweets and Wenatchee AppleSox. Teams feature top players from schools from major conferences like the Pac-12, Big West and WCC. The league's 54-game 2013 regular season opens June 5 and concludes August 10. 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.