



# NEWS

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## **North and South Both Earn Wins in Series Slugfest; Thurston's Decker Stedman Captures HR Derby**

**Corvallis, Oregon, Tuesday, June 25** – In a series slugfest from start to finish, the North rebounded to beat the South 12-9 in the series finale on Sunday after dropping the opener to the South 13-10 on Saturday night. Both teams scored 22 runs over the two-game set. In game one, the two teams combined for 30 hits; the South recorded 19 hits. The series finished in a tie, with each team taking one game.

Decker Stedman of Thurston, the inaugural Jugs Sports Home Run Derby champion, had a huge series going 5-for-9 with 3 doubles, a homer and 4 RBIs; and he earned a save in the opener. Stedman earned Bob Brockman Oregon All-Star Series MVP honors.

He beat CJ Rivers of Tigard in an extra round on a walk-off homer to capture the home run crown in the Jugs Sports Home Run Derby. Stedman, an Oregon commit, blasted 10 homers in total and advanced to a tie-breaking round after smashing 5 homers in the second and final round to match Rivers. Trevor Antonson of Wilsonville, Sage Dunaway of Sherwood, Patrick Muskat of Central Catholic, Zach Hold of Southridge and Ethan Krupp of Crescent Valley all advanced to the second round along with Stedman and Rivers.

Ruben Cedillo of Central was named the South's Most Outstanding Player. The future Linn-Benton CC Roadrunner went 6-for-10 with 4 doubles, 5 runs scored and 3 RBIs. Trevor Antonson of Wilsonville, a Seattle University commit, earned North Most Outstanding Player honors. Antonson played a stellar second base and went 4-for-9.

The series Most Valuable Pitchers were South Salem's Ryan Brown of the South and Wilsonville's Nolan Thebiay of the North. Brown, a future Oregon State Beaver, also shined as a hitter going 3-for-4 with 2 doubles and 5 RBIs in game one.

The Freightliner Oregon All-Star Series showcases 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, Freightliner, and a partner lineup made up of the Portland Diamond Project, 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, Jugs Sports, Oregon City Sporting Goods, Washington Park Advisors, Visit Corvallis, Metropolitan Construction, P-Town Partners and the University Inn Corvallis.

The Oregon All-Star Series is managed 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](http://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**

Freightliner Trucks is a division of Daimler Trucks North America LLC, headquartered in Portland, Ore. and the leading heavy-duty truck manufacturer in North America. Daimler Trucks North America produces and markets Class 5-8 trucks and is a Daimler company, the world's leading commercial vehicle manufacture.

### **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](http://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](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 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](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 miles of the coast, the Siuslaw National Forest and Portland. For more info on Corvallis, visit: [www.visitcorvallis.com](http://www.visitcorvallis.com).