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Oregon High School Baseball All-Star Series Moves to Corvallis

Top Seniors to be Showcased at OSU's Goss Stadium

Corvallis, Oregon, Wednesday, December 8, 2010 – Oregon High School Baseball Coaches Association president Kevin Moffat announced today that the Oregon High School Baseball 5A/6A All-Star Series is moving to Corvallis. Last year's All-Star Series was held at Linfield College in McMinnville.

In 2011, Oregon's elite high school senior baseball players will compete in a three-game All-Star Series June 18-19 at Goss Stadium on the campus of Oregon State University.

The Corvallis Knights of the West Coast League will manage the Oregon All-Star Series.

"We are thrilled to host and promote the Oregon All-Star Series and have every intention of making it a premier event, one that delivers memorable experiences, showcases kids and brings Oregon's baseball community together for a good time," said Knights' team president Dan Segel.

"We're pleased the All-Star Series is going to be played here at Goss. It's going to be a neat thing for the players and coaches for sure," said Oregon State head baseball coach Pat Casey. "I'm confident the community will embrace this event much like The Dalles did in its heyday."

The All-Star Series thrived in The Dalles from 1971 through 2007 at Quinton Street Ball Park where players like Danny Ainge, Darwin Barney, Scott Brosius, Kevin Gregg, John Jaha, Dale Murphy and Harold Reynolds showcased their skills in front of enthusiastic crowds and where coaches and scouts gathered to watch baseball and share stories.

"It's super to see the Knights taking this on," said University of Oregon pitching coach Andrew Checketts. "They will make this a big deal like it was back in The Dalles, and they will do it right."

Checketts pitched in the 1994 All-Star Series representing West Linn High. He started his coaching career with the Knights in 2000.

Beginning in 2011, the Oregon All-Stars will be outfitted in Nike head to toe. Nike Team Sports has agreed to be the official supplier of uniforms, apparel, compression, headwear, equipment and footwear for the All-Star Series. Nike will also be hosting a Coaches Reception following Saturday's opener for all high school, youth and college baseball coaches attending the game.

"With Nike involved, playing at Goss Stadium with hosts like the Knights, in a town like Corvallis with such a rich baseball tradition, I think our All-Star Series can become the state's premier high school baseball event," said Lake Oswego High head baseball coach Jake Anders.

The opening game of the All-Star Series is scheduled for Saturday, June 18. First pitch is slated for 6 pm. The final two games will be played on Sunday, June 19 as part of a doubleheader starting at 2 pm.

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 set of games 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 is moving the All-Star Series to Corvallis for the first time 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 2,930. Goss Stadium features a video scoreboard, the Omaha Club Room and FieldTurf in the infield. The Stadium has hosted three NCAA Super Regionals and three 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 nine-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 host team of the 2011 WCL All-Star Game 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, Walla Walla Sweets and Wenatchee AppleSox. Teams feature top players from schools from major conferences like the Pac-10, Big West and Big 12. The league's 54-game 2011 regular season opens June 3 and concludes August 12. Its All-Star Game is scheduled for July 26 at Corvallis. 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.