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## Coaches Named for Reser's Oregon All-Star Series

**Corvallis, Oregon, June 6, 2012** – The coaches have been selected for the Reser's Oregon All-Star Series, set for June 16-17 at Goss Stadium on the Oregon State campus. Mike Clopton of Wilson and Greg Lord of Oregon City will coach the North team. C. J. Colt of Summit and Phil Dude of Thurston will coach the South team.

Lord led Oregon City to a 7-5 victory over Thurston in the 6A championship game. It was the first state baseball title for the Pioneers, whose previous best finish was second in 1951 and 1996.

Oregon City (20-11) was ranked No. 22 heading into the playoffs. It eliminated No. 4 Jesuit in the quarterfinals, No. 1 Roseburg in the semifinals and No. 2-ranked Thurston in the championship game.

"Here's the secret," Lord told reporters after the game. "You've got to believe. That's what it's all about. I know some people will think it's kind of hokey but you take it, you run with it, and you go."

Thurston eliminated Glencoe 9-2, Sunset 4-3, South Salem 9-5 and Sheldon 4-3 to reach the championship game.

Clopton directed Wilson to a 7-6 victory over Summit for the 5A crown. The Trojans scored four runs in the last of the seventh to prevail. It was Clopton's second state title at Wilson; he also directed the Trojans to the 4A title in 2006, before reclassification.

The comeback win in the championship game continued a trend the Trojans established throughout the playoffs. Wilson trailed Pendleton 7-1 in the quarterfinals, but rallied for a 9-7 victory. The Trojans then edged Bend 3-2 in 10 innings in the semifinals.

Summit reached the finals by defeating Wilsonville 8-6, Putnam 7-1 and Sherwood 11-1.

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 3-0.

The teams will play at 1 p.m. doubleheader on June 16 and a single game at noon on June 17.

For more information about the Reser's 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 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 last June's series with a single-game high attendance of 677 on Sunday.

## **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 four 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 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 team features top collegiate players and a full slate of entertaining promotions including fireworks. 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. 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 2012 regular season opens June 1 and concludes August 9. 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).