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# Reser's Oregon All-Star Series Releases 2014 Schedule; Fourth Series in Corvallis Set for June 14-15

Corvallis, Oregon, December 2, 2013 – The Reser's All-Star Series is returning to Corvallis in 2014. The Oregon All-Star Series features the state's top senior high school baseball players from 6A/5A classifications and has been held at Goss Stadium on the campus of Oregon State University since 2011.

Reser's Fine Foods, Nike Team Sports and Bi-Mart sponsor the Oregon All-Series, which is operated by the Corvallis Knights of the West Coast League.

The three-game showcase series matches prospects from the North against the very best from the South. It begins with a 1 p.m. doubleheader (two 7-inning games) on Saturday, June 14, to be followed by a single nine-inning game on Sunday, June 15, starting at 10 a.m. All games are played at Goss Stadium at Coleman Field. Reserved tickets are \$10 and general admission \$5.

The South recorded its first Goss Stadium series win in 2013 taking two of three from the North. Corvallis High School pitcher Luther Ellenson earned Most Valuable Player honors. Southridge High School pitcher Jace Fry of Oregon State was the MVP in 2011 and Central Catholic pitcher/first baseman Codi Scanlon was the 2012 MVP.

Combined attendance for the Oregon All-Star Series was 742 last year, 635 in 2012 and 1,099 in 2011.

"We're working to make this a premier event for high school baseball," said Marty Reser of Reser's Fine Foods, the event's title sponsor. "It is already outstanding and it will continue to get better every year."

"The feedback from players and coaches has been really good," said Lake Oswego head baseball coach Jake Anders, the 6A coordinator. "The word is spreading that this is a first-class event and a lot of fun.

"There is no doubt being selected to the Reser's All-Star Series is an honor."

The series has a long history in Oregon. It was held in The Dalles from 1971 through 2007, and in Bend and McMinnville from 2008-2010 before moving to Goss Stadium.

Many former Oregon high school standouts played in past games. Corvallis natives/Corvallis High graduates Kevin Gregg and Harold Reynolds; former Oregon State national champions Darwin Barney, Cole Gillespie, Kevin Gunderson and Jonah Nickerson, and former major leaguers Danny Ainge, Scott Brosius, John Jaha and Dale Murphy each played in the series after their senior year in high school before starting their college and/or professional careers.

Nike Team Sports is the official supplier of uniforms, apparel, compression, headwear, equipment and footwear for the Oregon All-Star Series.

For more information about the Reser's Oregon All-Star Series, please visit: <a href="www.oregonallstarseries.com">www.oregonallstarseries.com</a>

#### 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 2013 series was 742.

#### 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 four NCAA Super Regionals and six West Coast League Championship Series. For more info on Goss Stadium, visit: <a href="https://www.osubeavers.com/facilities/goss-stadium.html">www.osubeavers.com/facilities/goss-stadium.html</a>.

## ABOUT THE CORVALLIS KNIGHTS

The Corvallis Knights are a member of the twelve-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: <a href="https://www.corvallisknights.com">www.corvallisknights.com</a>.

## 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, Wenatchee AppleSox and expansion Yakima. Teams feature top players from schools from major conferences like the Pac-12, Big West and WCC. The league's 54-game 2014 regular season opens June 6 and concludes August 10. For more info on the West Coast League, visit: <a href="www.wccbl.com">www.wccbl.com</a>.

#### 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: <a href="www.visitcorvallis.com">www.visitcorvallis.com</a>.