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South wins series, Ellenson of Corvallis High named MVP

Corvallis, Oregon, June 19, 2013 – Southpaw pitcher Luther Ellenson of Corvallis High School earned the Oregon All-Star Series Bob Brockman MVP Award as the South edged the North 3-2 on Sunday at Goss Stadium in front of 304 fans to win the Reser's All-Star Series for the first time.

The South trailed 2-1 heading into the last of the eighth, but shortstop Cooper Stiles (Sheldon) changed that as the 6A state champion drove home the tying and go-ahead runs with a two-out double off the left-field fence. Stiles had three hits on Sunday.

The North had the tying run on base with two outs in the ninth but Ray Ayo (Westview) was thrown out trying to steal second by Andrew Reichenbach (Newberg) for the final out. Austin Kelly (Clackamas) had two hits for the North.

Ellenson pitched five scoreless innings overall and won both games for the South, the opener and finale. He had four strikeouts and also scored a run on Saturday in his only plate appearance.

A slick-fielding infielder, Stiles was the South's Most Outstanding Player. He hit .500 (4-8) with a double, two RBIs, a run and a stolen base.

J.D. Abbas (Redmond) was the South's Most Outstanding Pitcher. He gave up no earned runs in three innings of Saturday's 7-2 South win and had three strikeouts.

Connor Zwetsch (Westview) was the North's Most Outstanding Pitcher. He threw four scoreless innings and had three strikeouts in Sunday's game.

A third baseman, Kelly hit .444 (4-9) to earn North Most Outstanding Player honors. He had two hits on Sunday and in Saturday's second game.

The series was run by the Corvallis Knights and total attendance for the weekend series was 742. The South won Game One 7-2 and the North won Game Two on Saturday.

The coaches were Bret Bailey (Bend) and Stan Manley (Sheldon) for the South and Joe Monahan (Southridge) and Jon Strohmaier (Sherwood) for the North.

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.