SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SCHEDULE

Friday

PREP VOLLEYBALL
- Elgin at Cove, 4 p.m.
- Powder Valley at Wallowa, 4 p.m.

PREP FOOTBALL
- The Dalles at La Grande, 7 p.m.
- Imbler at Union, 7 p.m.
- Powder Valley at Wallowa, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
- Eastern Oregon at Multnomah, Portland, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY
- Eastern Oregon at CSI Classic, Twin Falls, Idaho, 4 p.m.

Saturday

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
- Eastern Oregon at Montana Tech, Butte Montana, 5 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
- Eastern Oregon at Warner Pacific, Portland, 5 p.m.

PREP FOOTBALL
- Burnt River at Joseph, 1 p.m.

PREP GIRLS SOCCER
- La Grande vs. Tillamook at The Dalles, 2 p.m.

PREP BOYS SOCCER
- La Grande vs. Tillamook at The Dalles, 4 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL
- Cove, Imbler at Griswold Tournament, 8 a.m.
- Enterprise at Elgin, 1 p.m.
- Union vs. Ione at Condon, 11 a.m.
- Union at Condon, 3 p.m.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY
Enterprise, La Grande, Union, Elgin at Runners Soul XC Fest, Hermiston, 12:50 p.m.

— Subject to change

FOOTBALL

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Chargers	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	18	12
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	12	18
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Rams	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0

All Times PDT
Thursday, Sept. 6
Philadelphia 18, Atlanta 12
Sunday, Sept. 9
San Francisco at Minnesota, 10 a.m.
Houston at New England, 10 a.m.
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 10 a.m.
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 10 a.m.
Jacksonville at N.Y. Giants, 10 a.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 10 a.m.
Buffalo at Baltimore, 10 a.m.
Tennessee at Miami, 10 a.m.
Kansas City at L.A. Chargers, 1:05 p.m.
Dallas at Carolina, 1:25 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 1:25 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 1:25 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 5:20 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 10
N.Y. Jets at Detroit, 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Oakland, 7:20 p.m.

NCAA Division I

AP Top 25
All Times PDT
Friday
No. 16 TCU at SMU, 5 p.m.
Saturday
No. 1 Alabama vs. Arkansas State, 12:30 p.m.
No. 2 Clemson at Texas A&M, 4 p.m.
No. 3 Georgia at No. 24 South Carolina, 12:30 p.m.
No. 4 Ohio State vs. Rutgers, 12:30 p.m.
No. 5 Wisconsin vs. New Mexico, 9 a.m.
No. 6 Oklahoma vs. UCLA, 10 a.m.
No. 7 Auburn vs. Alabama State, 4:30 p.m.
No. 8 Notre Dame vs. Ball State, 12:30 p.m.
No. 9 Washington vs. North Dakota, 2 p.m.
No. 10 Stanford vs. No. 17 Southern Cal, 5:30 p.m.
No. 11 LSU vs. SE Louisiana, 4 p.m.
No. 12 Virginia Tech vs. William & Mary, 11 a.m.
No. 13 Penn State at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m.
No. 14 West Virginia vs. Youngstown State, 3 p.m.
No. 15 Michigan State at Arizona State, 7:45 p.m.
No. 18 Mississippi State at Kansas State, 9 a.m.
No. 19 UCF vs. SC State, 3 p.m.
No. 20 Boise State vs. UConn, 7:15 p.m.
No. 21 Michigan vs. Western Michigan, 9 a.m.
No. 22 Miami vs. Savannah State, 3 p.m.
No. 23 Oregon vs. Portland State, 11 a.m.
No. 25 Florida vs. Kentucky, 4:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

MLB Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	97	44	.688	—
New York	87	53	.621	9½
Tampa Bay	75	64	.540	21
Toronto	63	77	.450	33½
Baltimore	41	99	.293	55½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Cleveland	80	60	.571	—
Minnesota	63	76	.453	16½
Detroit	57	83	.407	23
Chicago	56	84	.400	24
Kansas City	46	93	.331	33½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Houston	87	53	.621	—
Oakland	84	57	.596	3½
Seattle	78	62	.557	9
Los Angeles	68	72	.486	19
Texas	61	79	.436	26

All Times PDT
Wednesday's Games
Boston 9, Atlanta 8
Cleveland 3, Kansas City 1
Toronto 10, Tampa Bay 3
L.A. Angels 9, Texas 3
Detroit 10, Chicago White Sox 2
Houston 9, Minnesota 1
Oakland 8, N.Y. Yankees 2
Seattle 5, Baltimore 2
Thursday's Game
Cleveland 9, Toronto 4
Friday's Games
Cleveland (Carrasco 16-8) at Toronto (Estrada 7-11), 4:07 p.m.
Baltimore (Bundy 7-13) at Tampa Bay (Snell 17-5), 4:10 p.m.
Houston (Cole 13-5) at Boston (Price 14-6), 4:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Gomber 5-0) at Detroit (Norris 0-3), 4:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Fillmyer 2-1) at Minnesota (Gonsalves 0-2), 5:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Pena 1-4) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 6-4), 5:10 p.m.
Texas (Gallardo 8-3) at Oakland (Hendriks 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 10-5) at Seattle (Paxton 11-5), 7:10 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Houston at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Texas at Oakland, 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 3:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 3:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Minnesota, 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Chicago White Sox, 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, 6:10 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Cleveland at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 1:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
Texas at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.
Houston at Boston, 8:05 p.m.

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	77	63	.550	—
Philadelphia	73	66	.525	3½
Washington	69	72	.489	8½
New York	63	76	.453	13½
Miami	56	84	.400	21
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	83	57	.593	—
Milwaukee	79	62	.560	4½
St. Louis	78	62	.557	5
Pittsburgh	69	71	.493	14
Cincinnati	59	82	.418	24½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Colorado	77	62	.554	—
Los Angeles	76	64	.543	1½
Arizona	75	65	.536	2½
San Francisco	68	73	.482	10
San Diego	56	86	.394	22½

All Times PDT
Wednesday's Games
Boston 9, Atlanta 8
Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 2
St. Louis 7, Washington 6
Miami 2, Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Mets 7, L.A. Dodgers 3
Chicago Cubs 6, Milwaukee 4
Colorado 5, San Francisco 3
Thursday's Games
San Diego 6, Cincinnati 2
Chicago Cubs 6, Washington 4, 10 innings
Atlanta 7, Arizona 6, 10 innings
Friday's Games
San Diego (Kennedy 1-2) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 7-4), 3:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lester 15-5) at Washington (Ross 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Miami (Straily 5-6) at Pittsburgh (Archer 4-7), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Eflin 9-6) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 5-11), 4:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Gomber 5-0) at Detroit (Norris 0-3), 4:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Holland 7-8) at Milwaukee (Anderson 9-7), 5:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 6-5) at Colorado (Gray 11-7), 5:40 p.m.
Atlanta (Gausman 9-9) at Arizona (Corbin 10-5), 6:40 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Miami at Pittsburgh, 10:05 a.m.
San Diego at Cincinnati, 1:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 3:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Washington, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 4:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Milwaukee, 4:10 p.m.
Atlanta at Arizona, 5:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 5:10 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
San Diego at Cincinnati, 1:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 1:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Washington, 1:35 p.m.
Miami at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
San Francisco at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.
Atlanta at Arizona, 4:10 p.m.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New York	17	7	4	55	50	29
Atlanta United FC	16	5	6	54	56	33
New York City FC	14	8	6	48	50	37
Columbus	12	8	7	43	35	34
Philadelphia	12	11	4	40	39	41
Montreal	11	14	3	36	37	45
New England	8	10	9	33	40	42
D.C. United	8	11	6	30	42	43
Toronto FC	7	14	6	27	45	52
Orlando City	7	16	3	24	40	61
Chicago	6	15	6	24	37	52

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
FC Dallas	14	6	7	49	47	37
Los Angeles FC	13	7	7	46	54	42
Sporting KC	13	7	6	45	48	33
Real Salt Lake	13	10	5	44	48	46
Seattle	12	9	5	41	35	27
Portland	11	7	8	41	38	36
Vancouver	11	9	7	40	45	52
LA Galaxy	10	10	8	38	51	54
Minnesota United	9	15	2	29	38	52
Houston	7	13	7	28	43	42
Colorado	6	14	6	24	31	48
San Jose	4	15	8	20	41	52

All Times PDT
Wednesday, September 5
New England 1, New York City FC 0
Saturday, September 8
D.C. United at New York City FC, 1:55 p.m.
Orlando City at Sporting Kansas City, 5:30 p.m.
Colorado at Portland, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 12
Minnesota United at D.C. United, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 15
Atlanta United FC at Colorado, 12:30 p.m.
LA Galaxy at Toronto FC, 4:30 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m.
Columbus at FC Dallas, 5 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 5:30 p.m.
Minnesota United at Real Salt Lake, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
New England at Los Angeles FC, 7:30 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 16
New York at D.C. United, 10 a.m.
Orlando City at Chicago, 2 p.m.

LOCAL STANDINGS

College Football

Frontier Conference

Team	FC	All
Southern Oregon	1-0	1-0
Montana Tech	1-0	1-0
Montana Western	1-0	1-0
Eastern Oregon	**1-1**	**1-1**
Rocky Mountain	1-1	1-1*
Carroll College	1-1	1-1*
MSU-Northern	0-1	1-1
College of Idaho	0-2	0-2

*-record includes forfeiture of Rocky Mountain's 19-0 win over Carroll College

College Volleyball

Cascade Collegiate Conference

Team	CCC	All
Southern Oregon	4-0	11-0
Corban	2-0	6-5
Evergreen	1-0	3-7
Northwest Christian	1-1	6-3
College of Idaho	1-1	6-4
Eastern Oregon	**1-1**	**6-4**
Warner Pacific	1-1	2-5
Oregon Tech	1-2	6-4
Northwest	0-1	4-6
Multnomah	0-2	1-8
Walla Walla	0-3	0-4

Men's College Soccer

Cascade Collegiate Conference

Team	CCC	All
Corban	0-0-0	3-0-0
Evergreen	0-0-0	2-0-0
Northwest	0-0-0	1-0-1
Rocky Mountain	0-0-0	3-1-0
Eastern Oregon	**0-0-0**	**2-1-1**
Carroll	0-0-0	1-1-0
Northwest Christian	0-0-0	1-1-0
Multnomah	0-0-0	1-2-0
Southern Oregon	0-0-0	1-2-0
Warner Pacific	0-0-0	1-3-0
Oregon Tech	0-0-0	0-2-1
College of Idaho	0-0-0	0-0-0
Providence	0-0-0	0-1-0
Walla Walla	0-0-0	0-3-0

Women's College Soccer

Cascade Collegiate Conference

Team	CCC	All
Eastern Oregon	**0-0-0**	**4-0-0**
Rocky Mountain	0-0-0	3-0-0
College of Idaho	0-0-0	2-0-0
Oregon Tech	0-0-0	2-1-0
Providence	0-0-0	2-1-0
Corban	0-0-0	2-2-0
Southern Oregon	0-0-0	1-1-1
Evergreen	0-0-0	1-3-0
Northwest	0-0-0	1-5-0
Carroll	0-0-0	0-4-0
Multnomah	0-0-0	0-2-0
Northwest Christian	0-0-0	0-3-0
Warner Pacific	0-0-0	0-4-0

Prep Football

4A-SD6 Greater Oregon League

	GOL	All	PF	PA	RK
Baker	0-0	1-0	7	6	N/A
La Grande	**0-0**	**0-1**	**12**	**38**	**N/A**
McLoughlin/Gris.	0-0	0-1	7	53	N/A
Ontario	0-0	0-1	7	33	N/A

1A-SD3 Special District 3

	SD3	All	PF	PA	RK
Crane	1-0	2-0	80	62	N/A
Elgin	**1-0**	**1-1**	**54**	**58**	**N/A**
Powder Valley	**0-0**	**1-0**	**34**	**6**	**N/A**
Wallowa	**0-0**	**0-1**	**20**	**54**	**N/A**
Pine Eagle	0-0	0-1	12	58	N/A
Adrian/Jor. Val.	0-1	1-1	114	112	N/A
Cove	**0-1**	**1-1**	**82**	**28**	**N/A**

Pilot Rock/Nixy	2-0	2-0	74	12	N/A
Enterprise	**1-1**	**1-1**	**36**	**38**	**N/A**
Union	**0-0**	**1-0**	**36**	**30**	**N/A**
Dufur	0-0	1-0	70	32	N/A
Imbler	**0-0**	**1-0**	**32**	**26**	**N/A**
Arlington/Con.	0-0	0-0	0	0	N/A
Sherman	0-1	0-2	0	116	N/A
Ione	0-1	0-2	20	58	N/A

1A-SD5 (6-man) Special District 5

	SD5	All	PF	PA	RK
Joseph	**1-0**	**1-0**	**80**	**0**	**N/A**
South Wasco	1-0	1-0	46	0	N/A
Harper	1-0	1-0	38	13	N/A
Dayville/Monu.	1-0	1-0	27	12	N/A
Burnt River	0-0	0-0	0	0	N/A
Echo	0-1	0-1	13	38	N/A
Huntington	0-1	0-1	0	80	N/A
Mitch/Spray/Whe	0-1	0-1	0	46	N/A
Prairie City	0-1	0-1	12	27	N/A

Prep Volleyball

4A-6 Greater Oregon League

	GOL	All	SW	SL	RK
La Grande	**0-0**	**4-1**	**11**	**5**	**10**
Baker	0-0	2-5	5	14	28
McLoughlin	0-0	1-4	5	12	24
Ontario	0-0	0-3	1	8	34

2A-6 Blue Mountain Conference

	BMC	All	SW	SL	RK
Weston-McEwen	0-0	10-1	27	7	1
Grant Union	0-0	6-2	17	9	6
Stanfield	0-0	4-1	13	6	18
Pilot Rock	0-0	4-3	12	8	11
Enterprise	**0-0**	**2-2**	**6**	**5**	**17**
Union	**0-0**	**2-2**	**5**	**5**	**14**
Heppner	0-0	3-6	13	17	26

1A-7 Old Oregon League

	OOL	All	SW	SL	RK
Imbler	**2-0**	**5-3**	**15**	**9**	**10**
Joseph	**1-0**	**10-5**	**24**	**14**	**9**
Griswold	1-0	4-4	12	13	38
Powder Valley	**0-0**	**11-0**	**23**	**1**	**1**
Wallowa	**0-0**	**1-5**	**4**	**12**	**48**
Cove	**0-1**	**2-2**	**6**	**8**	**30**
Elgin	**0-1**	**1-3**	**4**	**10**	**56**
Nixyaawii	0-1	0-1	0	3	55
Pine Eagle	0-1	0-3	0	9	44

Prep Boys Soccer

4A-6 Greater Oregon League

	GOL	All	GS	GA	RK
Ontario	0-0-0	2-0-0	11	2	21
Baker/PV	0-0-0	1-0-0	4	3	5
McL/W-McE	0-0-0	1-0-0	7	0	3
La Grande	**0-0-0**	**1-1-0**	**4**	**3**	**22**

Prep Girls Soccer

4A-6 Greater Oregon League

	GOL	All	GS	GA	RK
McLoughlin	0-0-0	2-0-0	8	0	6
La Grande	**0-0-0**	**2-0-0**	**12**	**1**	**14**
Baker/PV	0-0-0	1-1-1	8	5	10
Ontario	0-0-0	0-2-0	3	7	25

BASKETBALL

WNBA Playoffs

Finals
(Best-of-5; x-if necessary)
Washington vs. Seattle
Friday, Sept. 7: Washington at Seattle, 6 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 9: Washington at Seattle, 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept 12: Seattle at Washington, 5 p.m.
x-Friday, Sept. 14: Seattle at Washington, 5 p.m.
x-Sunday, Sept. 16: Washington at Seattle, 5 p.m.

TENNIS

US Open

Thursday
Women's Singles
Semifinal
Serena Williams (17), United States, def. Anastasija Sevastova (19), Latvia, 6-3, 6-0.
Naomi Osaka (20), Japan, def. Madison Keys (14), United States, 6-2, 6-4.
Men's Doubles
Semifinal
Lukasz Kubot, Poland and Marcelo Melo (7), Brazil, def. Malek Jaziri, Tunisia and Radu Albot, Moldova, 7-6 (3), 3-6, 6-3.
Mike Bryan, United States and Jack Sock (3), United States, def. Robert Farah, Colombia and Juan Sebastian Cabal (5), Colombia, 6-2, 6-7 (1), 6-4.
Women's Doubles
Semifinal
Coco Vandeweghe, United States and Ashleigh Barty (13), Australia, def. Barbora Krejcikova, Czech Republic and Katerina Siniakova (1), Czech Republic, 6-4, 7-6 (6).
Kristina Mladenovic, France and Timea Babos (2), Hungary, def. Samantha Stosur, Australia and Shuai Zhang, China, 6-4, 7-6 (4).
Wednesday
Men's Singles
Quarterfinal
Kei Nishikori (21), Japan, def. Marin Cilic (7), Croatia, 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-4.
Novak Djokovic (6), Serbia, def. John Millman, Australia, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
Women's Singles
Quarterfinal
Madison Keys (14), United States, def. Carla Suarez-Navarro (30), Spain, 6-4, 6-3.
Naomi Osaka (20), Japan, def. Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, 6-1, 6-1.
Men's Doubles
Quarterfinal
Malek Jaziri, Tunisia and Radu Albot, Moldova, def. Bruno Soares, Brazil and Jamie Murray (4), Britain, 7-5, 6-4.
Mike Bryan, United States and Jack Sock (3), United States, def. Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina and Nicolas Jarry, Chile, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
Women's Doubles
Quarterfinal
Barbora Krejcikova, Czech Republic and Katerina Siniakova (1), Czech Republic, def. Demi Schuurs, Netherlands and Elise Mertens (7), Belgium, 2-6, 7-6 (7), 6-3.
Samantha Stosur, Australia and Shuai Zhang, China, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia and Anastasija Sevastova, Latvia, 6-2, 6-3.

CASEY

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Casey will remain at Oregon State as a senior associate athletic director and special assistant to athletic director Scott Barnes.

"I have no oceans to sail, I have no mountains to climb, I have no hobbies, I don't know what the hell I'm going to do," Casey joked.

Oregon State associate head coach Pat Bailey will serve as interim coach of the Beavers. The team will conduct a national search for a replacement following the next season.

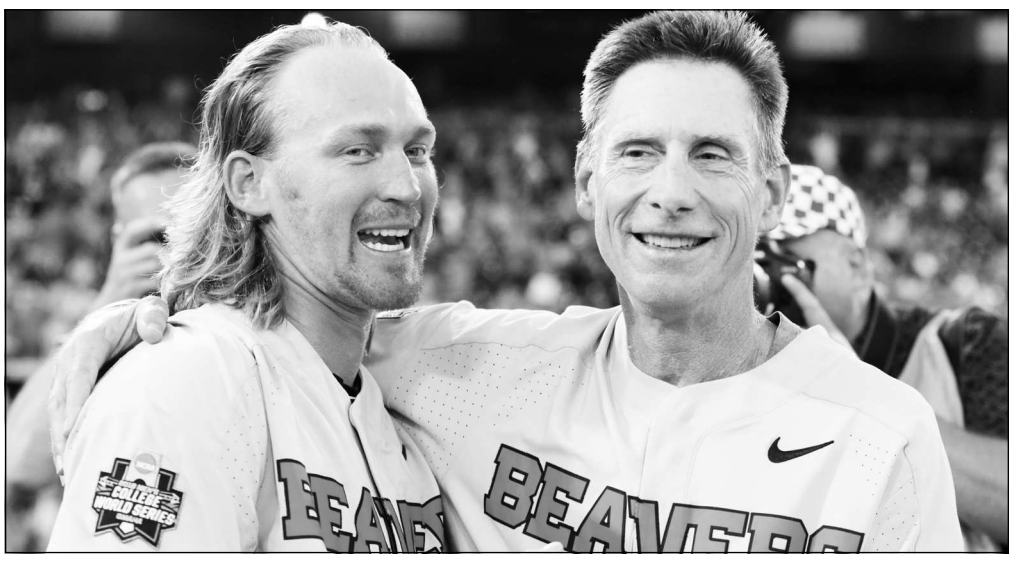
Barnes said the new right field deck at Goss Stadium on campus would be named "Casey's Corner."

"As you can tell by his opening comments, this is a guy who worries about what other people need, what other people expect, whether he's letting people down or not letting them down," Oregon State President Ed Ray said. "He has just been everything that we ever could have imagined in a baseball coach here."

The winningest coach in Oregon State history, Casey won league coach of the year five times, and was Baseball America's national Coach of the Year in 2006.

Many of Casey's players went on to major league careers, notably Tigers pitcher Matt Boyd, Yankees outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury and Mets outfielder Michael Conforto.

Oregon State's program came under a cloud in 2017 when it was revealed that pitcher Luke Heimlich had pleaded guilty at 15 to molesting a 6-year-old relative. The plea was revisited this spring in profiles by Sports Illustrated and the New York Times, with Heimlich telling both publications that he pleaded guilty to spare his family the ordeal of a trial.



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Oregon State head coach Pat Casey, right, celebrates with pitcher Bryce Fehmel, left, after OSU beat Arkansas 5-0 in Game 3 to win the NCAA College World Series baseball finals June 28, 2018, in Omaha, Nebraska. Casey announced his retirement Thursday.

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time I had this big a freshman class was in the '90s."

The freshmen, in fact, were among the strongest athletes in the team time trial. Katie Jo Gebhardt, Michelle Herbes and Molly Gulden were three of the top four athletes for the Mountaineers, with Gebhardt winning the event. Calista Van Delden also ranked highly in the time trial.

"(That) is a pretty good indicator that you're ready to run," Welch said of Gebhardt's time trial win.

Welch said Faith Homer, Megan Boals and Amanda Welch are leading the pack for EOU returners.

Homer is returning to the cross country course after redshirting in the sport last fall.

"The freshmen class is looking really good. They came in super motivated," the senior said. "A lot of our returners came back really fit, had really good (summer) training."

There's also some motivation for Homer and the Mountaineers after taking sixth in the Cascade Collegiate Conference a year ago, just 10 points behind fifth-place Northwest. The top five from the CCC all qualified for nationals last fall.

Homer said she's additionally driven because she missed last season due to redshirting.

"I'm definitely a lot more motivated," Homer said. "Going to a lot of the meets last year and seeing the girls team miss out on going to nationals was hard because I feel I could have made that difference. That has been motivation. I want to set a good example and help the girls team get to nationals."

EOU was ranked just seventh in the CCC preseason poll, but Welch believes the team should be in the mix for the top four in the conference, which could also mean a potential national berth.

"Kind of baffling," Welch said of the ranking. "We've got a better core back. But I don't care. Just kind of adds fuel to the fire for the ladies."

The EOU women open the season today at the College of Southern Idaho Classic in Twin Falls. Both teams compete at the EOU Invitational Sept. 21, and the CCC championships are Nov. 3 in Issaquah, Washington.

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