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Locals will play in Baker City Shrine All-Star game



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Keldon Littell, No. 69, may be blocking one more time for his quarterback, Fridtjof Fremstad, No. 14, as the two players will compete for the West team in the August Shrine Game.

The Daily Astorian

The rosters and coaching staffs are set for the 65th annual East-West Shrine All-Star Football game, scheduled for Aug. 5 in Baker City.

Clatsop County will have a few representatives on the playing field and a coach on the sidelines, when the All-Stars meet for the annual contest, which benefits Portland Shriners Hospital for Children.

The late summer game will showcase the top senior players (1A to 4A) in the state from the 2016 season.

Astoria seniors Fridtjof Fremstad and Keldon Littell will join Knappa's Andrew Goozee as the player representatives from Clatsop County,

while Knappa coach Aaron Barendse is one of four coaches on the West team's coaching staff, along with Jim Lockwood, Jeremy McLoud and Andy Mott.



Aaron Barendse

Listed as alternates for the West team: Astoria's Olaf Englund, Warrenton's Devon Bowser and Knappa's Mitch Geisler.

The game will be aired on Root Sports Network, time to be announced.

East-West Shrine Game West Roster

Milo Applebee, Banks
 Chase Carpenter, Dayton
 Quinn Carl, Gladstone
 Daniel Ferenczi, North Bend
 Jacob Forsyth, St. Paul
Fridtjof Fremstad, Astoria
Andrew Goozee, Knappa
 Cody Gray, South Umpqua

Eric Gustin, Regis
 Daniel Hardy, Valley Catholic
 Andre Holmes, Central Linn
 Hunter Jansen, Hosanna Chr.
 Job Karber, Rainier
 Doug Kirchhofer, Estacada
 Randall Klagge, Santiam
 Jeremy Kliewer, Kennedy
 Kenny Lane, Lowell
Keldon Littell, Astoria
 Brody Lucero, North Bend
 Nick Minton, Marshfield
 Jaymon Moser, Triangle Lake
 Zane Rideout, Taft
 Oscar Rosas, Dayton
 Drew Spear, Blanchet Catholic
 Jackson Stallard, Powers
 Parker Stutzman, Santiam Chr.
 Brett Traeger, Kennedy
 Skyler Williams, Salem Academy
 Walker Woolley, North Douglas
 Ayden Zimmerman, Scio

West Coaches

Aaron Barendse, Knappa
 Jim Lockwood
 Jeremy McLoud, Dayton
 Andy Mott, Gladstone

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Oregon State to meet Fullerton in College World Series opener

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — No. 1 national seed Oregon State will play Cal State Fullerton in the College World Series opener on Saturday.

The NCAA on Monday night announced the weekend schedule at TD Ameritrade Park. Oregon State (54-4) will bring a 21-game win streak into the Bracket 1

afternoon game against Fullerton (39-22). The night game pits No. 4 seed LSU (48-17), a winner of 16 in a row, against Florida State (45-21).

Bracket 2 games Sunday have No. 7 seed Louisville (52-10) playing Texas A&M (41-21) in the afternoon and No. 6 seed TCU (47-16) facing No. 3 seed Florida (47-18) at night.

Five of the eight national seeds reached the CWS: No. 1 Oregon State, No. 3 Florida, No. 4 LSU, No. 6 TCU and No. 7 Louisville. The previous time so many national seeds made it to Omaha was 2011, when six advanced.

The Southeastern Conference has three teams in the CWS for the second time in three years.

Cruz drives in 4; Mariners cruise past Twins, 14-3

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Having Mitch Haniger batting high in the lineup again ought to be a lift for the Seattle Mariners in this up-and-down season.

The names hardly mattered with the way they were hitting at Minnesota on Monday.

Nelson Cruz drove in four runs, Haniger had four hits, and the Mariners started a series against the Twins with a football score for the second time in a week, a 14-3 victory fueled by 19 hits.

"I don't even know what the final score was, but we ran it up pretty good," said Ben Gamel, who went 2 for 4 with two walks.

Danny Valencia and Mike Zunino hit back-to-back home runs in the eighth inning, the fifth such feat for the Mariners this season. Yovani Gallardo (3-6) sailed through six innings with the excess support, allowing three runs and seven hits.

"Definitely took a little bit of pressure off," said Gallardo, whose ERA has been over 6.00 for the past three weeks. "But you've still got to go out there and pitch."

SCOREBOARD

SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Junior State Baseball — Seaside at Warrenton, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

Junior State Baseball — Warrenton at Neah-Kah-Nie, 5:30 p.m.

NBA FINALS



AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez

Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant gestures as he holds the Bill Russell NBA Finals Most Valuable Player Award after Game 5 of basketball's NBA Finals between the Warriors and the Cleveland Cavaliers in Oakland, Calif., Monday. The Warriors won 129-120 to win the NBA championship. It's the second title in three years for the Golden State Warriors.

Durant, Curry lead Warriors to NBA title

By JANIE MCCAULEY
 Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — As a fresh NBA champions cap sat a tad off-kilter on his head, Kevin Durant embraced mother Wanda. Then he moved across the podium and hugged Stephen Curry before accepting his shiny MVP trophy, holding out his arms and hoisting it for everyone to see.

From the Bay all the way to OKC.

Durant capped his spectacular first season with the Warriors by bringing home that coveted NBA championship he joined Golden State last July so determined to get, scoring 39 points in a fast-and-furious, Finals-clinching 129-120 victory over LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 5 on Monday night.

"You can talk about whatever you want to talk about, but nobody comes in and cares about the game or loves the game as much as I do or works as hard as do I at the basketball game. You can talk about whatever happens on the outside, but inside those lines, I come to bring it every day," Durant said. "I work hard, I believe in myself, I believe in the game, I respect the game, I love the game, and I knew at some point in my life that it will come around for me."

Stephen Curry added 34 points, 10 assists and six rebounds as Golden State closed out its second title in three years after squandering a 3-1 lead a year ago. That stung ever since, and even Durant understood, because he gave up the same lead to the Warriors a round earlier with Oklahoma City.

James, who in 2012 with Miami beat the Thunder in Durant's only other Finals, wound up with 41 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists.

"I left everything on the floor every game," James said after averaging a triple-double in his eighth Finals.



AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez

Golden State Warriors forward Draymond Green, left, and guard Stephen Curry (30) celebrate during the second half of Game 5 of basketball's NBA Finals against the Cleveland Cavaliers in Oakland, Calif., Monday. The Warriors won 129-120.

Kyrie Irving followed up his 40-point gem in Game 4 with 26 points but shot 9 for 22.

This time, King James gave way to KD, who was the NBA Finals MVP 10 years after being picked second in the NBA draft behind Greg Oden.

Durant drove left, right and down the middle, knocked down 3-pointers, dished and dunked. He hit a 17-foot fadeaway over James early in the fourth quarter, then assisted on a 3-pointer by Andre Iguodala the next time down as the Warriors pulled away.

Iguodala, the 2015 Finals MVP, came up big again with his 2017 postseason-best 20 points off the bench in a testy, tightly called finale to this trilogy Finals that everyone had

stamped on the calendar from the moment Durant departed Oklahoma City to join Curry and Co. last July.

The Warriors won in 2015 before the Cavs made their historic comeback last year. Then it was Golden State's time again, with Durant as the prized addition.

Sure, the Warriors missed becoming the first undefeated champion, but 16-1 still gave Golden State the best winning percentage of any title team at .941.

Durant shot 14 for 20 and Curry — the two-time reigning MVP who took a backseat as the new big star got acclimated — finished off a brilliant postseason. Not to mention a healthy one after his 2016 injuries.