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Longtime OSU baseball coach Casey retires



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OSU coach Pat Casey walks in front of the dugout during the 2017 NCAA College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

By ANNE M. PETERSON
 Associated Press

Oregon State baseball coach Pat Casey, who led the Beavers to three national championships, has announced his retirement after 24 seasons with the team.

Casey's most recent College World Series title came this summer, following back-to-back titles in 2006 and 2007. Since 2005, the Beavers have made the NCAA tournament field 12 times and they've advanced to Omaha six times. The team also won five conference championships under Casey.

"My problem is, what I expect from my players on the field I expect out of myself,"

Casey said during an emotional news conference in Corvallis on Thursday. "Right now I'm not positive that I can give that same effort that I expect of them, I'm not sure I can. But I will never put the uniform on unless I do it with that same passion I expect of them."

Casey was hired by the Beavers in 1995 after a stint at Division III George Fox. He compiled a 900-458-6 (.662) record at Oregon State.

"I've been doing this for 31 years. I wish I was one of those guys who could tell you I wouldn't change a thing, because I'm not one of those guys," Casey said. "I wish I was as good a coach day one as I was the last

day, I wish I would have made every player better, I wish I would have been a guy that didn't make any mistakes. That doesn't happen in coaching."

The Beavers went 55-12-1 this season. The team swept through the regional and super regional rounds before losing their CWS opener. They won four straight elimination games to reach a best-of-three finals against Arkansas.

Rumors had swirled this summer after the championship run that the 59-year-old native of Oregon might retire.

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

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Astoria football hosts Stayton in home opener

The gates at CMH Field will open at 3 p.m. for spectator admission, for today's football games vs. Stayton.

There is discounted pricing for fans arriving early for the freshmen/sophomore contest, which begins at 4 p.m. Admission pricing from 3-5 p.m. will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for school age students and senior citizens.

At 5 p.m., admission pricing will be raised to \$6 admission for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Fans will not be charged twice.

St. Paul lassos the Jewell Jays

JEWELL — In 1A Casco League volleyball action Thursday, St. Paul remained undefeated with a three-game win at Jewell.

The first-place Buckaroos improved to 3-0 atop the league standings with their 25-8, 25-13, 25-9 victory, dropping the Blue Jays to 4-3 overall, 1-2 in league.

North Marion sweeps Seaside

AURORA — The Class 4A leader in overall victories went down to defeat Thursday night, as North Marion posted a sweep over Seaside, 25-21, 25-17, 25-18.

Ranked 14th, the Gulls drop to 5-3 overall. Seaside takes to the road again Saturday to take part in the Cascade Tournament.

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M's host Yankees; playoff implications

Associated Press

Oakland fans will be keeping an eye on Seattle, where the Yankees play the Mariners. The A's are 3 1/2 games back of New York for the top AL wild card, but the Mariners are 5 1/2 behind Oakland and really the only team with much of a chance to knock the Athletics out of the playoffs entirely. Masahiro Tanaka will face Mariners lefty James Paxton, while the A's send Chris Bassitt to the mound against the Rangers in Oakland. Tanaka (10-5, 3.83 ERA) is 6-0 with a 2.34 ERA in eight starts against the Mariners — and 3-0 with a 2.17 ERA at Safeco Field. Paxton (11-5, 3.74) returned from the disabled list last Saturday and struck out 10 in five innings to beat Oakland.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Football — Stayton at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Seaside at Marist, 7 p.m.; Knappa at Toledo, 7 p.m.; Creswell at Warrenton, 7 p.m.; Powers at Jewell, 5 p.m.; White Salmon at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

Volleyball — Jewell at Damascus Christian, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY

Volleyball — Astoria, Seaside at Cascade tournament, TBA; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie tournament, TBA

Girls soccer — Marshfield vs. Astoria (at Newport), 1:30 p.m.; Estacada at Seaside, 3 p.m.

Boys soccer — Marshfield vs. Astoria (at Newport), 3:15 p.m.

Cross country — Jewell Elk Run, Teevin Ranch, 10 a.m.



Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Jonathan Jimenez takes a penalty kick for the Fishermen.

Astoria soccer scores late-night win over St. Helens

By GARY HENLEY
 The Daily Astorian

Six days after their season-opening 2-1 victory over Rainier, the Astoria boys soccer team returned to their No. 1 home at CMH Field, and scored a 2-1, nonleague win over St. Helens.

The Fishermen — still not at full strength for Thursday's contest under the lights — took advantage of their edge in the speed department, as they out-hustled St. Helens on the artificial turf.

It was enough to win a defensive battle with the Class 5A Lions, who dropped to 0-2.

A goal by Astoria's Michael Postlewait in the 48th minute was the game-winner, and Fishermen keeper Tony Tumbarello did the rest, as the sophomore goalie made five saves in the second half to preserve the win.

He had help, with strong defensive efforts from Astoria teammates Porter Whitsett, Brooks Fromwiller and Rodrigo Palacio-Rojas.

Meanwhile, St. Helens held a slight edge in shots on goal in the first half. Lions' senior Regan Tolman bounced a shot off the crossbar in the 14th minute, while an attempt by Astoria's Jonathan Jimenez was wide left.

The game's first goal came on a penalty kick, as the Lions were called for a foul just inside the penalty area in the 26th minute.

Jimenez converted, driving the free shot into the lower left corner of the net for a 1-0 lead.

But it didn't last long. With 10 minutes left in the half, St. Helens sophomore Kaleb Edwards chased down a ball



Astoria's Dalton Byrd, left, goes up for a ball against a St. Helens player.

off a throw-in, and scored past Tumbarello to tie the game.

The Lions nearly picked up a second goal in the closing minute of the half, but Palacio-Rojas was able to disrupt a breakaway by the Lions' Waylon Nichols, preserving a 1-1 tie at the half.

"Jonathan Jimenez stayed calm for a nice PK, but I was impressed with the combo and shot from St. Helens that found our net," said Astoria coach Lee Cain.

But, "For the most part, the team fixed our problem areas after the halftime talk."

The Fishermen wasted little time in creating opportunities on offense in the second half.

A long free kick by Jimenez in the open-

ing minutes sailed wide right, but 8:18 into the half, Jimenez centered a deep ball to Postlewait, who beat two defenders to the ball and scored into an open net for what turned out to be the game-winning score.

Astoria needed the victory, as five of its next seven games are on the road, including the Cowapa League opener Sept. 20 at Seaside.

Cain "was fairly happy with the results tonight," he said. "I liked the boys' play when they were on, and wasn't surprised when they were off, because we are still a fairly young team and it's early."

"But they are improving, and played at least as well or better than I expected," he said. "Michael Postlewait's goal came at a good time, and I liked how we held things steady and kept the 2-1 score through some smart defensive tactics that the boys employed on their own on the pitch."

The Fishermen take on Marshfield in a nonleague game Saturday (played at Newport, kickoff at 3:15 p.m.).

St. Helens girls soccer team tops Astoria, 4-0

ST. HELENS — In nonleague girls soccer action Thursday, St. Helens posted a 4-0 win over Astoria, sending the Lady Fishermen to their first loss of the season.

Astoria returns to action Saturday, when the Fishermen travel to Newport to play Marshfield (1:30 p.m.) in a Pirates vs. Fishermen soccer doubleheader.

Knappa volleyball downs Ilwaco in four games

The Daily Astorian

ILWACO, Wash. — Knappa snapped a two-match losing streak with a four-game win Thursday night in Ilwaco, Washington, in nonleague volleyball action.

The Loggers scored the cross-state victory by bouncing back from a Game 1 loss, then holding off the Fishermen with some strong serving for the win, 21-25, 25-11, 25-19, 25-23.

"I was a bit worried as to how we

would measure up against this much larger school on the other side of the river," said Knappa coach Jeff Kaul.

After Ilwaco captured the first game, Knappa jumped out to a quick 12-2 lead in Game 2 behind nine straight service points from Aiko Miller.

More strong serving by Kourtney Tischer led to a 24-10 lead, and the eventual win for the Loggers.

Knappa built an early nine-point advantage in Game 3, with Tischer at the service line.

Ilwaco rallied to within 16-15, but the Loggers regrouped behind more pinpoint serving from Tischer.

Knappa built a 21-18 advantage, and Miller finished the game at the service line to give the Loggers a two games-to-one edge.

The Lady Fishermen led 15-10 in Game 4, before Knappa's Taylin Regier drilled four successful jump serves for an eventual 15-15 tie.

Knappa's Sophia Carlson got her turn at the line and served the Loggers to a 20-16 lead.

One last rally by Ilwaco brought the Fishermen to within 24-23, before the Loggers scored the match point on a net violation.

Tischer was 25-for-25 serving with five aces, five digs and 11 assists, while Miller was 21-for-21 at the service line with four aces and 18 digs.

Jordan Walter hit 10-of-10 serves and added 10 digs, Vicki Ramvick had four blocks, and Hannah Dietrichs scored 10 kills for Knappa. Regier finished with four kills and three blocks.