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## College World Series

# Beavers team to beat in Omaha?

'No ego on this team' says coach Pat Casey

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Portland Tribune

CORVALLIS — Oregon State is Omaha-bound, headed for its fifth College World Series appearance in the past 13 years.

The Beavers finished off the 2006 and '07 seasons with national championships, and this year's team hasn't accomplished that yet.

But no matter how this year's Beavers finish the season, consider some perspective on what has already been achieved.

Oregon State finished the regular season 49-4, the best such record among the nation's Division I teams in 35 years.

The 1982 Texas Longhorns opened  
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The Oregon State baseball team celebrates after defeating Vanderbilt 9-2 in an NCAA tournament super regional game Saturday, June 10, 2017, in Corvallis, Ore., to advance to the College World Series.

Andy Cripe/  
The Corvallis  
Gazette-Times  
via AP

## Prep Softball/Baseball

# Locals earn all-state honors

**RIGHT:** Pendleton's Payton Hergert hauls down a foul ball on the third base line during a playoff game against Hood River this season at Steve Cary Field. Pendleton won 4-2. Hergert was one of two first-team All-State selections for the Buckaroos this season.

**INSET:** Pendleton pitcher Lauren Richards winds up during a playoff game against Hood River at Steve Cary Field. Richards was one of two of Pendleton's first-team All-State selections this season.

Staff photos by Kathy Aney



## Five Bucks, three TigerScots, three Rockets and a Pirate chosen

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PENDLETON — The Pendleton Buckaroos softball team once again finished as one of the top teams in Oregon's Class 5A in 2017 after making its sixth state semifinal in seven seasons.

And once again several Bucks were honored with All-State selections after coaches turned in their ballots at the end of the season.

This year five players

were chosen to stand among the state's best, with junior pitcher Lauren Richards and senior shortstop Payton Hergert selected to the first team.

Junior third baseman Kalan McGlothlan was chosen for the second team, and sophomore Aspen Garton was selected to the third team as a utility/designated player.

Completing the Bucks' selections was junior first baseman Alexi Brehaut as an honorable mention.

Player of the Year was Marist Catholic senior infielder Lauren Burke, and Pitcher of the Year was Dallas sophomore Kaelynn Simmons.

Marist Catholic beat Dallas 12-7 in the championship, and also was awarded Coaching Staff of the Year.

**5A Softball 2017 All-State Teams**  
Player of the Year — Lauren Burke, sr., Marist  
Pitcher of the Year — Kaelynn Simmons, so., Dallas  
Coaching Staff of the Year — Marist Catholic

**First Team Pitchers**  
Sarah Abramson, sr., Rex Putnam  
Megan Ayres, sr., Eagle Point

Kaelynn Simmons, so., Dallas

Lauren Richards, jr., Pendleton

**Catchers**  
Lauren Wallace, jr., Dallas

Abby Doerr, fr., Marist

**Infield**  
Lauren Burke, sr., Marist

Ariel Carlson, so., Marist

Lauren Christie, jr., Lebanon

Brook Herrington, sr., Ridgeview

Payton Hergert, sr., Pendleton

**Outfield**  
Renel Koker, sr., Lebanon

Hannah Sisul, jr., La Salle

Alex Spencer, sr., Ridgeview

Noel Balderston, sr., Marist

**Utility/Designated Player**  
Makenna Slavenski, sr., Lebanon

Miyah Smith, jr., Eagle Point

**Second Team Pitchers**  
Baylee Eaton, sr., Marist

Hannah McNeerney, jr., Hood River Valley

See ALL-STATE/2B

## Rodeo

# Williams in race for CNFR title

Blue Mountain barrel racer fifth after two rounds

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CASPER, Wyo. — With two rounds in the books, Blue Mountain Community College barrel racer Danyelle Williams is in the lead pack in the College National Finals Rodeo title race.

Williams is fifth in the aggregate after placing in the top 10 in each of the first two rounds, with one more round before the short-go.

Williams, who placed second in the nation last year, was fifth in the first round on Monday with a time of 14.71 seconds, and seventh in Tuesday's second round with 14.60 to give her 29.31 on two.

Kailee Webb of Wyoming is first with 29.14 on two. Blue Mountain's Jessica Lewis, who was fourth in 2016, is 34th (30.54 on two) and Quincy Pendergrass is 40th (31.16).

Williams was slated to compete in Tuesday's performance, but results were not available by the *East Oregonian* press deadline.

The Timberwolves didn't have any other contestants ranked in the top 10 as the third round began with Tuesday night's performance.

Williams and header Quinton Nyman were close, though, and were 15th in team roping (27.4 on two).

Williams was 35th in goat tying (14.7 on two) and Lauren Leyva was tied for 33rd (14.6 on two); Pendergrass was 28th in breakaway (3.2 on one).

Johnny Espeland held the 16th slot in saddle bronc riding (72 points on one) and Calvin Shaffer was 19th (68.5 on one), Preston Pederson was 17th in tie-down roping (29.5 on two).

See RODEO/2B

## Prep Softball

# TigerScots pair plays in Senior All-Star Series

Hillmick, Peal represent Weston-McEwen on North team

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CORVALLIS — Two members of the Weston-McEwen softball team were able to participate in the 3A Senior All-Star Series held June 4 at Oregon State University.

Senior pitcher Bailey Hillmick and senior catcher Sydney Peal represented the TigerScots in a pair of games played on the same field as the state championships.

They played for the North Team, which won the second game 6-3 after dropping the first 12-11 on a walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh inning.

See SENIOR SERIES/2B

## Sports shorts

### EOU 12th in Director's Cup race

CLEVELAND — After the program's most-successful sports season in history, EOU has also achieved its highest finish in the Learfield Directors' Cup standings.

Out of 199 programs in the final standings, the Mountaineers scored No. 12, the highest finish in school history. The Blue and Gold led all Cascade Collegiate Conference teams, with in-state rival Southern Oregon finishing one spot behind (No. 13).

EOU tallied 530 points over the 2016-17 season. The Mountaineers notched points in the spring from men's track & field (45 points) and women's track and field (6 points).

Other conference finishers include College of Idaho (No. 26), Oregon Tech (No. 49), Corban (No. 63), Northwest Christian (no. 68), Northwest (No. 93), Warner Pacific (No. 157), and Evergreen State (No. 191).



"When you offer someone, I take it serious. I do understand he's 11 years old, but we take it serious."

— Frank Lacaden

Father of Titan Lacaden, a fifth grade quarterback from Kapolei, Hawaii, who received a verbal offer of a scholarship by University of Hawaii head coach Nick Rolovich on Saturday.

### Mariners, Safeco Insurance end stadium naming rights deal

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners and Safeco Insurance announced Tuesday that they will end their stadium naming rights partnership after the 2018 season.

Safeco Insurance has held the naming rights for the stadium since 1998, a year before Safeco Field opened.

Safeco Insurance President Tyler Asher says the company is changing its marketing approach but intends to remain "active partners" with the Mariners. The Mariners say they have started preliminary talks with others about potential naming rights opportunities.

Regarded as one of the top parks in baseball, Safeco Field hosted the 2001 All-Star Game but has not been home to postseason baseball since that season. The Mariners have the longest playoff drought in the majors.



### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

**1994** — The New York Rangers hold off the Vancouver Canucks 3-2 in Game 7 for their first Stanley Cup in 54 years.

**1998** — Michael Jordan scores 45 points, steals the ball and hitting a jumper with 5.2 seconds left to give Chicago an 87-86 win and a 4-2 series victory over Utah for a sixth NBA title.

**2005** — Michelle Wie becomes the first female player to qualify for an adult male USGA championship, tying for first place in a 36-hole U.S. Amateur sectional qualifying tournament at Belle Vernon, Pa.

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