

# OSU: Has outscored its opposition 49-8 through five postseason games

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to say that with USC in here and Ian Kennedy on the mound and all the guys they had, it was awesome.”

Andy Jenkins, a current assistant coach, hit for the cycle as OSU gutted out a 10-8 victory in the finale. The Beavers were back at the CWS for the first time since 1952.

OSU won consecutive national titles in 2006-07 — defeating North Carolina in both finals — and also qualified for the CWS in 2013 and 2017. Casey has fond memories of all five trips, including the quick exit in 2005.

“They are all different and they are all special,” Casey said. “Obviously ’05 was our first time, and we kind of shocked the world a little bit there.”

The college baseball world would not be shocked if OSU captures its third national title in 2018.

The Beavers, who are 105-16-1 overall the past two seasons, have outscored the opposition 49-8 through five postseason games. OSU did trail in Saturday’s 6-3 victory over Minnesota, but the offense came alive late to clinch the Corvallis Super Regional.

“They have an outstanding lineup,” Golden Gophers coach John Anderson said. “They are going to give people trouble trying to pitch to that lineup for nine innings, we found that out.”

“It’ll be interesting to see how that offense plays in the big stadium, but they sure do put the ball in play and they grind out at-bats for you up and down the lineup.”

OSU is hitting .320 as a team, the third-highest mark in all of Division I, entering cavernous TD Ameritrade Park. The Beavers are tied for fourth nationally with a .981 fielding percentage.

“(Adley) Rutschman

does an outstanding job back there handling that staff and they are strong up the middle,” Anderson said. “If you’re going to be a championship team, you’ve got to be strong up the middle. And they are strong up the middle.”

The Beavers’ starting rotation of Luke Heimlich (16-1, 2.32 earned run average), Bryce Fehmel (10-1, 2.87) and Kevin Abel (4-1, 3.58) has also impressed throughout the postseason.

Heimlich struck out nine in 8½ innings of one-run ball as OSU defeated Minnesota 8-1 in the Corvallis Super Regional opener. Fehmel didn’t have his usual command but still limited the Golden Gophers to three runs in six-plus innings Saturday night.

“Heimlich, he’s a pro pitcher,” Anderson said. “He’s the top left-handed pitcher maybe I’ve seen in my career based on how he pitched the other night. Fehmel is going to get you to try and expand the zone, use his three pitches and wants you to chase.”

Abel worked eight shut-out innings against LSU, striking out eight with one walk. Bullpen members Dylan Pearce, Brandon Eisert, Sam Tweedt, Jake Mulholland and Christian Chamberlain have combined to throw 7½ scoreless innings with 12 strikeouts in the NCAA tournament.

“With Heimlich on the mound, they’ll be able to beat anybody in the country,” Anderson said. “Fehmel will go out there and he’ll force you to really try to put together a good at-bat ... and the two lefties I saw tonight (Chamberlain, Mulholland) were pretty special. I like their chances, I really do, based on what I saw out there the last two games.”

“I wouldn’t count them out in Omaha, that’s for sure.”

# MARINERS: Maintain 1/2 game lead over Houston in AL West

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Haniger lined an opposite-field solo shot off Jaime Barria (5-2) in the first. Trout tied it at 1 with his homer in the fifth off Seattle starter Mike Leake.

That was the only run permitted by Leake, who gave up four hits while striking out four.

It was Leake’s 10th win with the Mariners since they acquired him from St. Louis on Aug. 30 last year for infielder Rayder Ascanio.

## ROSTER RESHUFFLING

Angels: Barria was recalled from the minors to make the start, and Los Angeles optioned reliever Eduardo Paredes to Triple-A Salt Lake. Paredes pitched in eight games for the Angels, compiling a 6.97 ERA.

Mariners: To complete a trade with Boston for left-hander Roenis Elias, Seattle sent outfielder Eric Filia to the Red Sox. Filia began the season serving a 50-game suspension. He was hitting .426 at Double-A Arkansas.

## TRAINER’S ROOM

Angels: 1B Jeffry Marte (sprained left wrist) was in a splint after being placed on the 10-day disabled list. Angels manager Mike Scioscia said Marte will be re-evaluated later this week in Southern California. INF David Fletcher was promoted from Triple-A Salt Lake to replace Marte. SS Adrelton Simmons

(ankle) did some light baseball activities but is not running yet. After fouling a ball off his foot Monday, Trout started in center field as usual. ... Relief pitcher Blake Wood (elbow) was transferred to the 60-day DL after Tommy John surgery.

Mariners: Right-handed reliever Nick Vincent (groin) had to cut a 25-pitch bullpen session short Monday, and likely won’t attempt another one until this weekend at the earliest. Seattle manager Scott Servais said reliever Juan Nicasio (right knee) felt better and some of the swelling in his knee has subsided. Nicasio has yet to throw off a mound. Right-hander Dan Altavilla (elbow) isn’t close to returning to baseball activity, Servais said.

## UP NEXT

Angels: Right-hander Garrett Richards (4-4, 3.26 ERA) shut out the Mariners for 6 2/3 innings on May 4 for his fourth win of the season. He has not won since. After dropping three consecutive decisions to close out May, Richards has given up just two runs in the past 12 1/3 innings.

Mariners: Left-hander Marco Gonzales (7-3, 3.28 ERA) has allowed just three earned runs in his past five starts combined over a span of 33 1/3 innings. He has gone at least six innings in eight of his past nine starts. He does not have a decision in three appearances against the Angels.



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The refurbished Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, Russia, where the opening match and final of the World Cup will be played when the soccer world gathers at 12 stadiums in 11 cities across the European portion of Russia starting June 14 for a 32-day, 64-match championship.

# Germany looks to become 1st repeat Cup champ in half-century

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MOSCOW — After raising the World Cup eight miles from Copacabana Beach four years ago, Germany hopes to lift the trophy four miles from the Kremlin on July 15 and become the first repeat champion in more than a half-century.

The soccer world gathers at 12 stadiums in 11 cities across the European portion of Russia starting Thursday for a 32-day, 64-match championship. Much has changed since Die Mannschaft humiliated the host Selecao 7-1 in the 2014 semifinals, then left Rio de Janeiro’s Maracana Stadium with a 1-0 extra-time win over Argentina on Mario Goetze’s 113th-minute goal.

The United States will be missing from soccer’s showcase after seven straight appearances. Four-time champion Italy will be watching from home for the first time since 1958, its streak of 14 consecutive appearances ended by a playoff loss to Sweden. The Netherlands, which lost the 2010 final to Spain, missed out after slumping to third in its qualifying group. And Chile failed to qualify after consecutive Copa America titles.

Iceland and Panama are World Cup debutantes, Peru is back for the first time since 1982, and Egypt ends an absence dating to 1990.

Germany and Brazil are the pretournament favorites,

and France is fancied behind them with a young roster. England will try to end more than five decades of hurt since winning its only major title on home soil in 1966. Mexico will try to advance past the second round for the first time since 1986, but El Tri opens against Germany and its likely second-round opponent is Brazil.

There also has been a generational change within FIFA. Many of its leaders have moved from penthouses to prisons following indictments by the U.S. Department of Justice that detailed kickbacks to be as much a part of soccer as free kicks.

Expect controversy on a regular basis.

FIFA’s Congress votes June 13 on the host of the 2026 tournament, and a joint bid by the U.S., Mexico and Canada is competing against Morocco — where most of the infrastructure would have to be built — on a ballot that includes a none-of-the-above option.

Following the drug-testing scandal that engulfed the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics, FIFA’s medical committee chairman said no Russians will be involved in collection of urine and blood samples, which will be flown to Lausanne, Switzerland, for analysis.

VAR will be the acronym of the moment: video assistant referees in soccer-speak, instant replay for most viewers at home.

And as soon as the final

whistle of the tournament is blown at Moscow’s Luzhniki Stadium, attention will shift to the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, moved to Nov. 21 through Dec. 18 because of summer desert heat and compressed to 28 days because it is in the middle of the European club season. Gianni Infantino, who succeeded the disgraced Sepp Blatter as FIFA president in 2016, has discussed increasing the World Cup field from 32 to 48 in 2022, four years ahead of schedule.

Some of the top storylines likely to dominate play in Russia:

## MESSI AND RONALDO

Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo have split the last 10 FIFA Player of the Year awards, and this is likely their last chance to win a World Cup. Messi turns 31 on June 24, two days before Argentina finishes the first round against Nigeria, and has lost four finals with the national team. Ronaldo, 33, helped Portugal win the 2016 European Championship for its first major title.

## BREAKOUT STARS?

Brazil’s Neymar, England’s Harry Kane, Egypt’s Mohamed Salah, France’s Antoine Griezmann and Belgium’s Kevin De Bruyne are stars who could lift themselves into Player of the Year contention with stellar World Cups.

## BACK TO BACK

Italy in 1934 and ‘38, and Brazil in 1958 and ‘62 are

the only teams to win consecutive World Cups. Germany was 10-0 in qualifying, the only European team with a perfect record, and outscored opponents 43-4.

## PLAY IT AGAIN

Following the first use of goal-line technology at a World Cup in 2014, FIFA has expanded off-the-field decision-making. A video assistant ref can notify the referee by headset of the need to reverse a decision if there is a “clear error” involving goals and their buildups, penalty kicks, straight red cards, and mistaken identity for red and yellow cards.

## ICE, ICE BABY

Iceland at about 335,000 becomes the least-populous nation to appear in a World Cup, a mark that had been held since 2006 by Trinidad and Tobago at 1.3 million.

## MISSING

Injured players missing the tournament include Argentina goalkeeper Sergio Romero and midfielder Manuel Lanzini; France defender Laurent Koscielny; Serbia defender Matija Nastasic; Brazil right back Dani Alves; and England midfielder Alex-Oxlade Chamberlain.

## SPLIT SCREEN?

The World Cup final starts two hours after the beginning of the Wimbledon men’s singles final. If Spain and Rafa Nadal are playing for titles, and the tennis isn’t decided in straight sets, which event do fans watch?

## SCOREBOARD

### Local slate

LEGION BASEBALL				
Wednesday’s Games				
Hodgen Distributing vs. Hanford (BMCC field), 3 p.m.				
Pepsi Diamondjazz at Hanford (WA), 4 p.m.				
Friday’s Games				
Pepsi Diamondjazz at Walla Walla Griz Tourney, 4 p.m.				
Hodgen Distributing at June Jam Wood Bat Tourney (Yakima), TBD				

### Basketball

WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	7	1	1.875	—
Atlanta	5	4	5.556	2½
Washington	5	4	5.556	2½
New York	3	4	4.289	3½
Chicago	3	6	3.333	4½
Indiana	0	9	0.000	7½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	8	3	72.7	—
Seattle	7	3	70.0	½
Los Angeles	6	2	75.0	½
Dallas	4	4	50.0	2½
Minnesota	3	6	33.3	4
Las Vegas	2	7	22.2	5

Tuesday’s Games				
Las Vegas 101, Indiana 92, OT				
Seattle 96, Chicago 85				
Phoenix 75, Dallas 72				
Los Angeles 72, Atlanta 64				
Wednesday’s Games				
Las Vegas at New York, 4 p.m.				
Washington at Connecticut, 4 p.m.				

### Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	43	19	69.4	—
Boston	46	22	67.6	—
Tampa Bay	31	35	47.0	14
Toronto	30	37	44.8	15½
Baltimore	19	47	28.8	26
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	35	30	53.8	—
Minnesota	29	34	46.0	5
Detroit	31	37	45.6	5½
Chicago	23	42	35.4	12
Kansas City	22	45	32.8	14
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	43	24	64.2	—
Houston	43	25	63.2	½
Los Angeles	37	31	54.5	6½
Oakland	34	33	50.7	8½
Texas	27	42	39.1	17

Tuesday’s Games

Boston 6, Baltimore 4				
N.Y. Yankees 3, Washington 0				
Minnesota 6, Detroit 4				
Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 1				
Chicago White Sox 5, Cleveland 1				
Cincinnati 5, Kansas City 1, 10 innings				
Houston 6, Oakland 3				
Seattle 6, L.A. Angels 3				
L.A. Dodgers 12, Texas 5				

Wednesday’s Games				
Toronto (Happ 8-3) at Tampa Bay (Font 0-3), 10:10 a.m.				
Boston (Sale 5-4) at Baltimore (Ramirez 0-0), 12:05 p.m.				
L.A. Angels (Richards 4-4) at Seattle (Gonzales 7-3), 1:10 p.m.				
Washington (Fedde 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Gray 4-4), 4:05 p.m.				
Minnesota (Berrios 7-5) at Detroit (Boyd 4-4), 4:10 p.m.				
Cleveland (Bauer 5-4) at Chicago White Sox (Covey 2-1), 5:10 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Mahle 4-6) at Kansas City (Hammel 2-6), 5:15 p.m.				
Houston (Cole 7-1) at Oakland (Blackburn 1-0), 7:05 p.m.				
Texas (Hamels 3-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 4-4), 7:10 p.m.				

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	38	28	57.6	—
Washington	36	28	56.3	1
Philadelphia	34	30	53.1	3
New York	28	35	44.4	8½
Miami	25	42	37.3	13½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	40	27	59.7	—
Chicago	38	26	59.4	½
St. Louis	36	29	55.4	3
Pittsburgh	32	34	48.5	8
Cincinnati	24	43	35.8	16

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	37	29	56.1	—
Los Angeles	34	32	51.5	2½
San Francisco	33	34	49.3	4
Colorado	32	34	48.5	4½
San Diego	32	37	46.4	6

Tuesday’s Games				
N.Y. Yankees 3, Washington 0				
Philadelphia 5, Colorado 4				
Pittsburgh 8, N.Y. Mets 2				
Milwaukee 4, Kansas City 1, 10 innings				
Cincinnati 5, Chicago Cubs 1, 10 innings				
San Diego 4, St. Louis 2				
L.A. Dodgers 12, Texas 5				
Arizona 13, Pittsburgh 8				

Wednesday’s Games				
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 4-1) at Atlanta (Soroka 1-1), 9:10 a.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 2-1) at Milwaukee (Chacon 5-1), 11:10 a.m.				
Pittsburgh (Ballou 3-5) at Arizona (Greinke 5-4), 12:40 p.m.				
Colorado (Anderson 3-1) at Philadelphia (Pivetta 4-5), 4:05 p.m.				

Washington (Fedde 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Gray 4-4), 4:05 p.m.				
San Francisco (Suzarez 2-4) at Miami (Smith 5-6), 4:10 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Mahle 4-6) at Kansas City (Hammel 2-6), 5:15 p.m.				
San Diego (Lauer 2-4) at St. Louis (Weaver 3-5), 5:15 p.m.				
Texas (Hamels 3-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 4-4), 7:10 p.m.				

NCAA				
Division I Baseball Tournament				
College World Series				
ATTD Ameritrade Park Omaha				
Saturday’s Games				
Game 1 — Oregon State (49-10) vs. North Carolina (43-18), 12 p.m.				
Game 2 — Washington 35-24 vs. Mississippi State (37-37), 5 p.m.				
Sunday’s Games				
Game 3 — Arkansas (44-19) vs. Texas (42-21), 11 a.m.				
Game 4 — Texas Tech (44-18) vs. Florida (47-19), 4 p.m.				

## Soccer

MLS				
Tuesday’s Games				
No games scheduled.				
Wednesday’s Games				
Atlanta United FC at Columbus, 4:30 p.m.				
Orlando City at Montreal, 4:30 p.m.				
D.C. United at Toronto FC, 5 p.m.				
Seattle at New York, 5 p.m.				
Chicago at Colorado, 6 p.m.				
New England at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.				

FIFA WORLD CUP				
GROUP A				
	W	T	L	GF GA Pts
Egypt	0	0	0	0 0 0
Russia	0	0	0	0 0 0
Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	0 0 0
Uruguay	0	0	0	0 0 0

Thursday, June 14				
At Moscow				
Russia vs. Saudi Arabia, 8 a.m. (FOX)				
Friday, June 15				
At Ekaterinburg, Russia				
Egypt vs. Uruguay, 5 a.m.				