

# No pressure? Bailey's job is to keep champion Beavers on top

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Oregon State has won 111 of its last 130 baseball games, is coming off its third national championship since 2006 and its career coaching wins leader Pat Casey retired last fall.

Enter Pat Bailey, the 63-year-old interim head coach who hopes to earn the permanent job for 2020.

"People think there's a lot of pressure," Bailey said. "I'm going to be who I am. I can't be somebody else. In terms of the pressure part, I just think people a lot of times put undue pressure on themselves and make things out to be a lot bigger than what they are."

Bailey has been through this before, though not at this level. He was successor to Casey at George Fox College in Oregon and won the Division III championship four years before he joined Casey's Oregon State staff in 2008.

As a high school coach in Oregon, Bailey replaced a two-time state champion coach at West Linn and led the program to a state runner-up finish before he left for George Fox.



In this June 28, 2018, file photo, former Oregon State coach Pat Casey, left, celebrates with his associate head coach Pat Bailey, after beating Arkansas for the NCAA College World Series baseball championship in Omaha, Neb.

Athletic director Scott Barnes named Bailey interim coach last September when Casey announced he was retiring after 24 seasons. Casey remains as a

senior associate athletic director. Bailey's task is to keep the Beavers doing what they've been doing.

"Our expectations are extremely high," he said.

The Beavers begin the defense of their national title

in Surprise, Arizona, when the Division I season opens Friday. They open against New Mexico, play Gonzaga on Saturday and Minnesota on Sunday.

Kevin Abel, who as a freshman won a record four

games in the College World Series and threw a two-hit shutout against Arkansas in Game 3 of the finals, heads a pitching staff that remains mostly intact. Bryce Fehmel, a 10-game winner last year, and Grant Gambrell are the Nos. 2 and 3 starters, and 16-save closer Jake Mulholland returns.

The Beavers posted some of the best numbers in program history last year, and six of the players from the everyday lineup are gone. They still have catcher Adley Rutschman, the 2018 CWS Most Outstanding Player and possible No. 1 pick in the Major League Baseball draft in June, along with first baseman Zak Taylor and outfielder Preston Jones.

"I think we're going to be fine offensively," Bailey said. "We're going to score runs. We're going to find ways. And honestly, batting average isn't as important as on-base percentage and run production. That's what we're working on."

The Beavers, 12th in the nation in fielding last year, are without No. 4 overall draft pick Nick Madrigal at second base and Pac-12

defensive player of the year Cadyn Greiner at shortstop. Andy Armstrong will start at second after filling in for an injured Madrigal last season. Junior-college transfer Beau Phillip takes over a shortstop. Bailey's undecided on who'll play third. Joe Casey or Jones will play left field, Kyler McMahon or Jones will be in center and Tyler Malone will be in right.

The Beavers will be going for a third straight CWS appearance. In 2017, they won their first two games in Omaha before going out with losses to LSU. Last year, they lost their CWS opener before winning four straight to reach the best-of-three finals.

"Our freshman year, making it so far and then coming up short, there was a lot of motivation there," Rutschman said. "I think we have the same motivation now. It's just coming from a different place, from having won a national championship and having that unbelievable experience, knowing that nothing else besides that is really going to be the same."

## PREP ROUNDUP

### Umatilla boys advance to district championships

East Oregonian

The Umatilla boys have set their sights on the 3A Eastern Oregon League district championships after defeating Burns on Tuesday, 49-38.

Although they took home the win, things didn't look promising the entire time — the Vikings were down by 11 points in the third quarter.

"It was a slow start, to say the least," said coach Scott Bow.

The Vikings rallied in the final eight minutes to outscore their visitors 22-11 to pull ahead down the stretch.

"We brought the energy up and changed up our offense," Bow said. "We did better in transitioning our offense to finally let us get to the net."

Andrew Earl led Umatilla with 13 points.

The No. 2 Vikings (19-6, 7-4 EOL) challenge the No. 1 Nyssa Bulldogs on Friday to compete for the district championship. Tip-off is at 5 p.m.

#### Boys hoops

**NYSSA 58, RIVERSIDE 45** — The Pirates ended their season with a home loss on Tuesday.

Coach Clair Costello said Riverside played "right with Nyssa" until the third quarter, when the Bulldogs went on a 22-6 run to put the game away.

"The third quarter was our downfall," Costello said. "But the boys overachieved this year. They played better than they have in the past two years."

Johan Pena posted 14 points to lead Riverside (10-14, 4-6 EOL), and Juan Reyna and Mario Madrigal each added eight.

Riverside stands at No. 4 of 6 in the Eastern Oregon League.

#### Girls hoops

**NYSSA 31, RIVERSIDE 23** — With the game tied with just three minutes left to play, Nyssa's Alexia Arredondo hit a 3-pointer that kept the contest out of Riverside's reach for good.

"After that 3, we missed a bunch of shots," said coach Clair Costello. "Up until then, we were right alongside them."

Megan Hegar scored 10 points to lead the Pirates (12-11, 4-6 EOL), and Brendy Avalos and Faith Rosen each posted five.

"The girls played really good defense this year," Costello said. "We've just had a hard time scoring."

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Headings

Feb. 8 in a 61-57 road win at Whitman College.

The 5-foot-11 senior is averaging 12.7 points, 2.5 rebounds and 1.2 steals a game for the Bruins.

She is averaging 14.6 points a game in conference play.

The Bruins are 20-3 overall and 13-1 in Northwest Conference play.

**Jada Burns (Irrigon)**, a 5-8 freshman, is averaging 4.3 points and 1.8 rebounds a game for Chemeketa Community College. She has started four of 16 games.

Burns is shooting 41.3 percent from the floor, including 30.3 from the 3-point line.

She had a season-high 17 points on Nov. 28 against Simpson College, and scored 15 on Dec. 15 against Highline.

The Storm (10-11 overall, 5-5 NWAC South) plays at Portland Community College on Wednesday.



Burns

## Wrestling: Hermiston will send 7 to Mat Classic

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"To my knowledge, this is the first time ever that we have had to do this," WIAA Sports & Activities Information Director Casey Johnson said.

The tournament also will have a different format than in the past, with the six classifications split between morning and afternoon sessions.

The 3A, 2A and 1B/2B teams will compete between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, with the remainder of the teams hitting the mats at 2 p.m.

All classifications will compete starting at 9:45 a.m. Saturday.

"We got lucky with that format," Johnson said. "It was going into place this year any way. This way, it will go faster because we can use more mats per round."

The draws for the Hermiston wrestlers don't mean much in the grand scheme of things. None have faced their first-round opponents before.

"I take the approach that you aren't wrestling a name or a seed, just the man in the singlet," Larson said. "The winning and losing will take care of itself. When we show up, we want people to worry about wrestling Hermiston."

Dyer will face Gage Nelson of Yelm in his first match. Nelson, ranked No. 11, finished seventh at state last year at 106 pounds.

Shiple will take on Ryan Davis of Yelm. Ranked No. 4, Davis placed fifth at state late year at 126.

Franklin's first opponent is Sam Smith of Peninsula, while Wagner will face Stone Anderson of Gig Harbor. Wagner is ranked No. 12.

Cadenas, a freshman, will battle sixth-ranked Jake Flynn of Gig Harbor in his first match.

Lee, who is ranked fifth, will wrestle John Scott of Yelm in his first match. He is the only freshman ranked in the top 16 in his weight class.

Rounding out the group is Coughlin, who is ranked 12th. He will wrestle William Christman of Gig Harbor.

"Our guys are good enough to compete at a high level," Larson said. "They will go out and do their best."

While the wrestlers are raring to go, Usher said they have been monitoring road conditions in Washington and Oregon to find the safest way to get the athletes to Tacoma.

The main road to Tacoma is I-90, which was closed

Tuesday after more than 4 feet of snow fell over the span of two days on Snoqualmie Pass. The route through Portland is no safer with I-84 reporting icy conditions.

"Hour by hour, that is our job right now," Usher said of scouring road reports. "I'm just about to get online and see what it will be to fly our guys there. That might be the safest thing to do. Some of the MCC teams are thinking of sending their guys on Wednesday. It might be the little window of time to get them through the pass."

The WIAA also is monitoring the roads in an effort to advise teams from the east side of the state of the best routes to take.

"We are talking to people from around the state," Johnson said. "People are trying to find a way to make it work."

## SCOREBOARD

### LOCAL SLATE

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13
Boys Basketball
Ontario at Mac-Hi, 4:30 p.m.
Hood River Valley at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Pendleton at Hood River Valley, 6:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 14

Girls Basketball
Nixyaawii vs. Cove (at Baker), 6:30 p.m.
Hermiston vs. Kennewick-Mt. Spokane loser, TBD

### FRIDAY, FEB. 15

Boys Basketball
Umatilla at Nyssa, 5 p.m.
Stanfield vs. Enterprise (at Pendleton Convention Center), 6 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Old Oregon League Districts (at Baker), 6:30 p.m.
Pendleton at Redmond, 6:30 p.m.
Echo at Big Sky League Districts (at Madras)

### Girls Basketball

Heppler vs. Enterprise (at Pendleton Convention Center), 2:45 p.m.
Echo vs. lone (at Madras), 6 p.m.
Redmond at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.
Stanfield vs. Union (at Pendleton Convention Center), 7:45 p.m.

### Boys Wrestling

Hermiston at Mat Classic XXXI (at Tacoma), 8:30 a.m.
Heppler at Districts (at Halfway), 2 p.m.

### Swimming

Pendleton at State Championships (at Beaverton), 1:45 p.m.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 16

Boys Basketball
Nixyaawii at Old Oregon League Districts (at Baker), 3 p.m.
Heppler at Blue Mountain Conference Districts (at Pendleton Convention Center), 6 p.m.
Echo at Big Sky Districts (at Madras)

### Girls Basketball

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Echo at Big Sky Districts (at Madras)

### Boys Wrestling

Hermiston at Mat Classic XXXI (at Tacoma), 9:45 a.m.
Irrigon at Burns, 9 a.m.
Heppler at Districts (at Halfway), 10 a.m.

### Swimming

Pendleton at State Championships (at Beaverton), 1 p.m.

### NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic
Toronto 42 16 .724
Boston 36 21 .632
Philadelphia 36 21 .632
Brooklyn 29 29 .500
New York 10 46 .179
Southeast
Charlotte 27 29 .482
Miami 25 30 .455

Orlando 26 32 .448
Washington 24 33 .421
Atlanta 19 38 .333
Central
Milwaukee 42 14 .750
Indiana 38 19 .667
Detroit 26 29 .473
Chicago 13 44 .228
Cleveland 12 45 .211

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest
Houston 33 23 .589
San Antonio 33 26 .559
Dallas 26 30 .464
New Orleans 25 33 .431
Memphis 23 35 .397
Northwest
Denver 38 18 .679
Oklahoma City 37 19 .661
Portland 33 23 .589
Utah 32 24 .571
Minnesota 26 30 .464
Pacific
Golden State 40 15 .727
Sacramento 30 26 .536
L.A. Clippers 31 27 .534
L.A. Lakers 28 29 .491
Phoenix 11 47 .190

### Monday's Games

Cleveland 107, New York 104
Detroit 121, Washington 112
Indiana 99, Charlotte 90
Toronto 127, Brooklyn 125
Houston 120, Dallas 104
Milwaukee 112, Chicago 99
Minnesota 130, L.A. Clippers 120
Oklahoma City 120, Portland 111
Denver 103, Miami 87

### Tuesday's Games

Atlanta 117, L.A. Lakers 113
Boston 112, Philadelphia 109
Orlando 118, New Orleans 88
San Antonio 108, Memphis 107
Golden State 115, Utah 108

### Wednesday's Games

Brooklyn at Cleveland, 4 p.m.
Milwaukee at Indiana, 4 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 4:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 4:30 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Memphis at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Denver, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday's Games

Charlotte at Orlando, 4 p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 5 p.m.

### Friday's Games

Team World vs. Team USA at Charlotte, N.C., 6 p.m.

### NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic
Tampa Bay 57 42 11 4 88 223 159
Toronto 56 35 18 3 73 200 159
Boston 57 32 17 8 72 168 148
Montreal 56 31 18 7 69 172 162
Buffalo 56 28 21 7 63 165 171
Florida 55 23 24 8 54 168 192

## Warriors roll past Jazz



AP Photo/Ben Margot

Golden State Warriors general manager Bob Myers, third from left, presents All-Star jerseys to Klay Thompson (11), Stephen Curry (30) and Kevin Durant (35) prior to an NBA basketball game against the Utah Jazz on Tuesday in Oakland, Calif. The Warriors defeated the Jazz 115-108.

Detroit 57 22 28 7 51 159 188
Ottawa 56 21 30 5 47 173 205
Metropolitan
N.Y. Islanders 56 33 17 6 72 161 136
Washington 57 31 19 7 69 192 183
Columbus 55 32 20 3 67 180 167
Pittsburgh 56 29 20 7 65 193 173
Carolina 57 29 22 6 64 167 164
Philadelphia 57 26 24 7 59 167 190
N.Y. Rangers 56 24 24 8 56 159 186
New Jersey 56 21 27 8 50 162 194

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central
Winnipeg 57 36 18 3 75 198 163
Nashville 59 33 21 5 71 182 154
Dallas 56 29 22 5 63 145 140
St. Louis 55 28 22 5 61 163 162
Minnesota 57 27 25 5 59 160 167
Colorado 56 22 23 11 55 182 188
Chicago 57 23 25 9 55 185 209

### Pacific

San Jose 57 34 16 7 75 205 177
Calgary 56 34 16 6 74 207 167
Vegas 58 31 23 4 66 172 161
Vancouver 57 25 27 5 77 164 181
Arizona 56 25 26 5 55 150 163
Edmonton 55 24 26 5 53 159 184
Los Angeles 56 23 28 5 51 136 171
Anaheim 56 21 26 9 51 127 182

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

### Monday's Games

Washington 6, Los Angeles 4

Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 1
San Jose 7, Vancouver 2

### Tuesday's Games

Columbus 3, Washington 0
Buffalo 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
Dallas 3, Florida 0
Boston 6, Chicago 3
Tampa Bay 6, Calgary 3
Carolina 4, Ottawa 1
Philadelphia 5, Minnesota 4
Winnipeg 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
St. Louis 8, New Jersey 3
Detroit 3, Nashville 2
Toronto 5, Colorado 2
Arizona 5, Vegas 2

### Wednesday's Games

Edmonton at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m.
Vancouver at Anaheim, 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday's Games

N.Y. Islanders at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Calgary at Florida, 4 p.m.
Ottawa at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
Dallas at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m.
Colorado at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.
Montreal at Nashville, 5 p.m.
New Jersey at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Vegas, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday's Games

N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
Edmonton at Carolina, 4:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Minnesota, 5:30 p.m.
Boston at Anaheim, 7 p.m.