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SEASON PREVIEW

Spanning art, science

■ **Randall Milstein, an astronomy instructor, holds a photography exhibit at Oregon State**

By Alice Marshall
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State University instructor Randall Milstein has extensive educational achievements.

Milstein discussed his menagerie of interests, his involvement at OSU and the importance of the arts in our community.

"I've had the opportunity to teach in 10 different departments on campus just because of my academic and professional background," Milstein said.

With such a variety of skill sets, he is able to teach in many areas, but his favorite is space science. Milstein teaches an intro to astronomy class and his love of the subject is unwavering.

Milstein began his educational endeavors with a degree in photography.

"When I went to art school and graduated, I got out and it occurred to me that photography really didn't explain the world to me the way I saw it," Milstein said.

He decided to continue on in school and received a degree in earth science with an emphasis in stratigraphy and petroleum geology. After receiving his degree, he worked as a commercial photographer until he was presented

with an opportunity he could not pass up.

"I was offered a job with the geological survey in Michigan with the petroleum geology in Michigan," Milstein said.

In a state where a significant percentage of America's fresh water is found, there are critical rules that need to be enforced regarding the oil that is also prevalent there.

One thing led to another and through the Michigan Geological Survey, yet another opportunity presented itself.

"I got handed a project pertaining to a strange oil field," Milstein said. "I found out that it was a 450-million-year-old impact crater that was really, really deep in the ground."

He explained the shattering effect of the impact crater and how it creates a great location for an oil field.

Milstein described the excitement that accompanies discovery as well as how much he enjoyed naming the craters he found.

"I really enjoyed my time as a teaching assistant when I was in school and so I decided to make a change in my career," Milstein said.

It was a choice between continuing on to law school or coming to Oregon State.

"I decided I wanted the adventure and so I came here," Milstein said. "Very shortly after that, the geoscience department was looking for someone

to teach stratigraphy. When I got done with my degree, I just stayed around as an instructor."

His photography continues to be an integral part of his life and he recognizes differences and similarities in his science and art backgrounds.

"My job is to teach, and it is a great love of mine but I'm always thinking about science," Milstein said. "To go and be able to take pictures of something that's very interesting is an outlet and lets my brain have a break."

There is cross-over of the subject though.

"When I approach shooting pictures of dancers, I see the physics of it," Milstein said.

"When it comes down to it, it's all about forces and the power of the bodies," Milstein said.

Aside from his work at OSU and his photography, Milstein engages in the Arts Center of Corvallis and is on the board of directors.

As he explains, significance of art in the community is incredibly important.

"I think that if you're going to be a member of the community, wherever you live, if you're not contributing to making it better, what good are you?" Milstein said.

Milstein is currently exhibiting a series of photographs from the Oregon Ballet of which he describes the unique experiences it has given him.



COURTESY OF RANDALL MILSTEIN | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Victoria Jaiani and Temus Suluashvili in the Joffrey Ballet, performing Yuri Possokhov's "Bells," 2012.

"I look at it as my privilege to be able to go photograph the companies," Milstein said. "You establish a professional, trusting relationship with the athletes."

His exhibition is in the OSU Center for the Humanities and continues through March 29.

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Singing in the sunshine



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Chris Morrell, a post-baccalaureate music student, played guitar and gave out flowers yesterday near Strand Agricultural Hall. "I thought it would be nice to brighten somebody's day," Morrell said.

OSU alum comes full circle

■ **Drew Desilet, ASOSU advocate, focuses his time, energy on projecting student voices**

By Ricky Zipp
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After graduating from Oregon State University and holding an initial job for three years with University Housing and Dining Services, Associated Students of Oregon State University's student organizing advocate Drew Desilet has returned to the environment he loves.

Desilet said two-and-a-half years away from the campus and Corvallis has helped him gain experience. Returning to the OSU community for his new position is a plus, Desilet said.

The student organizing advocate plays an advising role between the legislative, executive and judicial branches of ASOSU. The normal top-down advising approach is not what Desilet wants to do.

"I am here to help students project their own voices and their own motives," Desilet said. "I may have strong relationships with [University Housing and Dining Services], for example, but I am behind the students 100 percent."

Desilet's road back to OSU was inspired by his experiences here as a student. Desilet participated in ASOSU for one year, establishing the MealBux program from what was essentially a sheet of paper, to what it has grown to be today. The desire to stay in higher education was always there.

After graduation the same position he now occupies was vacant, but due to the requirement of a master's degree Desilet was unable to apply. He did stay on campus, however, working for housing and dining services for three years.

After leaving Corvallis to work on his master's degree, he has come full circle to where he was hoping to start.

According to Desilet, his role as a student and also working with a great adviser while he was here motivated him to apply. The relationship between having been down

similar roads as this year's administration but facilitating a completely student-fueled experience for its members is challenging, but always the goal.

"Every situation is different," Desilet said. "I'm constantly faced with the question of how much do I say or how much

do I stay silent." While attending OSU Desilet did not take the usual four or five year in-and-out college approach. According to Desilet it was a seven-year process, two of which were spent on academic probation. Those struggles now provide him an opportunity to speak from experience.

"All students are faced with a variety of challenges but not equipped with all the resources," Desilet said. "Now it's about how [the university] can assist or remove those challenges for students."

Desilet also looks beyond the scope of campus as well, seeing the higher education system as a whole and pointing out changes that have

"I am here to help students project their own voices and their own motives."

Drew Desilet
ASOSU student organizing advocate

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Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea to sunshine, flowers, short sleeves and yoga pants.
Nay to realizing how fleeting this sunshine is, sort of like a cherry blossom falling in haste to its demise. You see that? We do haiku.

Yea to the school year being half over. The end is near and soon we will be unemployed without a care in the world.

Nay to overindulging in tequila. It has been brought to our attention that there are some of you out there who feel like this is OK, that it's all right to be carried out of night clubs by bouncers, to vomit in the streets and to act inappropriately. Of course you're young and we like to let loose a little too, but make sure you are being responsible, not acting like a fool, and that you are taking care of yourself and your friends. One mistake can lead to an altered life.

Yea to making time for friends. It's great coming home from work and enjoying some laughs with your friends to get rid of the midweek monotony.

Nay to not seeing your friends enough.

Yea to Dear Leader Kim Jong Un once again showing all the world how powerful of a dictator he is by testing a nuke. We are quaking in our boots. Dear Leader has shown the rest of the world that Juche solidarity with the worker will be the only solution to world peace.

Nay to dictators. North Korea needs a Korean Spring.

Yea to chicken wings.

Nay to our insatiable appetite for them.

Yea to the Oregon State wrestling team crushing the competition in two dual meets last weekend. At least one of our teams can dominate.

Nay to the International Olympic Committee recommending that wrestling be removed as an event from the Olympics.

Yea to guest speakers coming to town, inspiring you and filling you up with visions of grandeur and ambition.

Nay to realizing you might not ever live up to them.

Yea to walking around with a big grin on your face.

Nay getting looks of judgment when you do.

Yea to chocolate.

Nay to made up holidays.

Yea to it being Beaver baseball season again.

Nay to the first home game being 15 days away.

Yea to finally having some time to catch up on homework. Who knows, we might actually pass school this term.

Nay to going to class. We need to skip more often — we know nothing important is being discussed there.

Nay to Valentine's cards.

Yea to sending one to your grandmother.

Yea to it being Friday. We know the sunshine went to your heads yesterday, children. Just because it gets to be 50 degrees and the sky isn't dismal grey doesn't mean you get to act silly. Stay safe and sober, children.

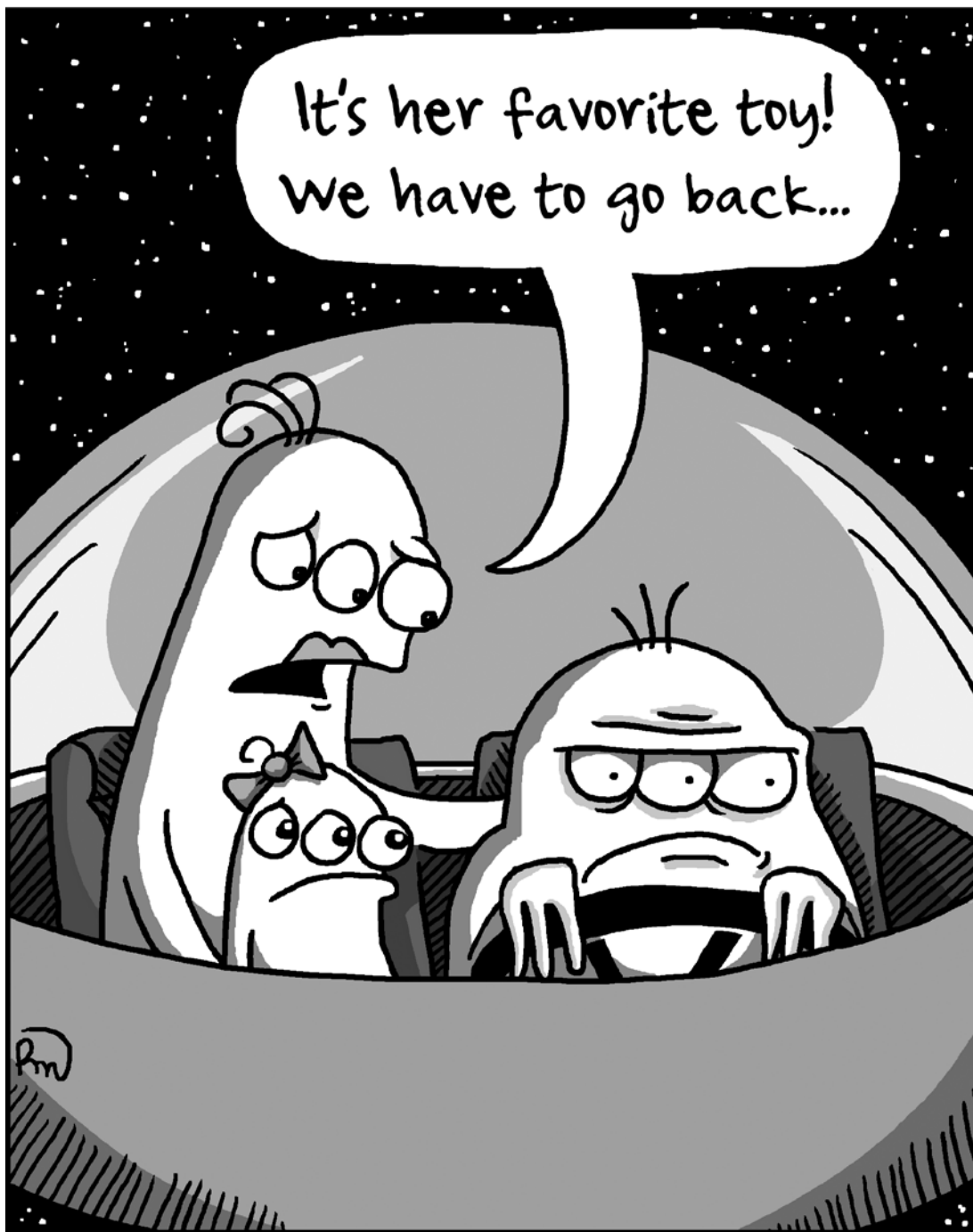
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Bias against agricultural practices evident at OSU

Considering we are an agricultural college, one would think the classes at Oregon State would not speak ill of agriculture. However, in my experience, I have found this to be more commonplace than perceived. Indeed, even in an animal sciences class I have found bias against agriculture, and a deplorable, unfair representation of agriculture and its practices.

For instance, I took a philosophy class, and while the teacher was very knowledgeable, and very intelligent, he made it seem agriculturalists and farmers do not care for the land upon which they depend upon. To me, this is a misconception. Why would the farmer not care for his land, when the land is what pays his bills and feeds his family? Granted, there are farmers who may not care for the land as well as they should, but overall farmers are the best caretakers of the Earth.

I came across this bias again in a soils class. The argument was that due to agricultural practices, the soil could form a hard shelf, making it impermeable to water under the tilling zone due to the pressures of the tiller itself. No mention was made of the farming practices which farmers implement to prevent such effects, nor any mention of the fact that farmers would not want such a shelf because it may affect water retention for their crops, as well as other issues.

However, the worst case of bias against agriculture and its misrepresentation that I have experienced is in the aforementioned animal sciences class. While the class is meant to cover controversial issues in agriculture, it does not fairly represent the players within that controversy. To explain this extreme misrepresentation, let me elaborate: We watched "Food Inc."

Tyler Pike

An Advocate for Agriculture

—to those unfamiliar, the movie elaborates upon the food companies that own many of the products at our local food store. But it is not that simple. The movie also shows animals being abused and being held in unsanitary conditions.

The gross misrepresentations of agriculture in these classes and in "Food Inc." are offensive to me. It would not have angered me as much if they had fairly represented agriculture, but that was not the case. There were no mentions of the measures farmers implement to prevent another Dust Bowl. There were no mentions of the animal agriculturalists who treat their animals humanely. Instead, we saw a one-sided argument, which due to its bias loses its integrity.

These classes represent agriculturalists as those who do not care for their product, only profit. This is not true. Yes, you must make money if you are to stay in business and feed your family; that is only sensible. To say that farmers do not care for their land, or that ranchers do not care for their cattle is incorrect. If the land is what makes the farmers money and feeds their families and pays their bills, why would they abuse it? Likewise for ranchers or any of those in animal agriculture — why would they abuse the product that makes them money? In fact, cattle excrete a hormone under duress that, if they are harvested while under duress, affects the meat quality. Why would they implement any sys-

tem that puts the cattle under duress? The same is true for any type of animal agriculture.

While the classes that misrepresent agriculture may be abundant, that does not mean there are not opportunities for students to become educated. Practices such as crop rotations, varying tilling styles, weed management techniques and fertilizer techniques are to prevent issues like the Dust Bowl. Animal agriculturalists do believe in the humane treatment of animals. There are many safeguards in place to prevent injury to both the animal and the handler. For instance, at the Clark Meat Center, if an animal is under duress when harvested, the whole operation is shut down, the issue is found and is resolved before any more work can be done.

I must stress I do not disagree there are agriculturalists who mistreat their animals or land. However, it is not industry-wide custom to abuse the land or animals farmers or ranchers work with.

Considering the misrepresentations practiced at this university, as well as in the media and by various organizations, I must advocate that students take courses via the college of agriculture if they are curious about the practices and motivations behind the industry. Once you are fully informed, then you may understand the reasons behind the practices of the agricultural field. You may even discover a new passion. Please, become informed before you make rash judgments about those in agriculture. There is a lot more than meets the eye.

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Masami Wadama

The Daily Barometer

ADD is overdiagnosed

Attention deficit disorder (ADD) is very common. It is characterized by impulsiveness, short attention span and hyperactivity interfering with typical daily activities. Attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD) is a chronic condition that includes very similar symptoms to ADD but is predominantly characterized by more impulsiveness and hyperactivity. People who are diagnosed with these disorders are often treated with medicines such as Adderall or Ritalin.

The problem with treating "disorders" is it's hard to determine whether it is necessary to treat with prescribed drugs.

Unless the symptoms are out of control, ADD or ADHD is not as common as it is claimed to be. It seems so easy for parents or doctors to immediately think something is wrong with children. But the symptoms associated with ADD or ADHD are too common and too vague.

Every student learns differently, which may have something to do with it. Some students are strictly visual learners, some learn well by reading but either way it doesn't mean anything is wrong with them.

According to an article in the Examiner, TV, video games and computers are strongly affecting peoples' attention spans.

An article from 2010 reported a study conducted by an Iowa State University graduate surveying elementary and middle school students as well as college students. The survey results reported college students as more likely to have attention issues, which makes sense. We are older and have spent much more time on computers, watching TV and playing video games than younger students.

This is because we have formed a habit of going on the computer or TV and changing the channels constantly or opening up multiple browser windows or tabs.

"Brain science demonstrates that [the] brain becomes what the brain does," wrote Douglas Gentile in the article. Gentile is an associate professor of psychology at Iowa State University and co-author of the study.

"If we train the brain to require constant stimulation and constant flickering lights, changes in sound and camera angle, or immediate feedback, such as video games can provide, then when the child lands in a classroom where the teacher doesn't have a million-dollar-per-episode budget, it may be hard to get children to sustain their attention."

ADD and ADHD is overdiagnosed. Misdiagnosing children only gives them a reason to think they are sick when they're not.

We need to be more aware of how much time we are spending doing these activities. When we watch TV, watch one show at a time and relax. There is no need to feel rushed, to change the channels back and forth. Take a break every once in a while. When using the computer, know exactly what it is you want to look up and try not to get too distracted. It's when you have a bunch of windows up at the same time that you are ruining your attention span.

Unfortunately at this rate technology is going to dominate our means of living and this problem will become more extreme as time goes on. Do what you can and take a rest every once in a while. Read a book or do something peaceful to put your mind at ease.

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**OREGON STATE BASEBALL
PROJECTED LINEUP & ROTATION**

Rotation:

- 1. Ben Wetzler
- 2. Dan Child
- 3. Matt Boyd

Bullpen:

- Scott Schultz
- Dylan Davis
- Tony Bryant
- Taylor Starr
- Cole Brocker
- Andrew Moore
- Max Engelbrekt

Catcher:

Nate Esposito

1st Base:

Kavin Keyes

2nd Base:

Jake Rodriguez

Shortstop:

Tyler Smith

3rd Base:

Jerad Casper

Left Field:

Michael Conforto

Center Field:

Joey Matthews

Right Field:

Ryan Barnes*

Designated Hitter:

Danny Hayes

Projected lineup:

- 1. Matthews, CF
- 2. Smith, SS
- 3. Conforto, LF
- 4. Hayes, DH
- 5. Barnes, RF
- 6. Kayes, 1B
- 7. Casper, 3B
- 8. Rodriguez, 2B
- 9. Esposito, C

* - Will miss 4-6 weeks

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Beaver **Tweet** of the Day
"Any press is good press #notphased @barosports"
@r_harrington12 Richie Harrington



NEIL ABREW | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Sophomore outfielder Michael Conforto is looking to repeat on his freshman year (.349 average, 13 HRs, 76 RBIs) in 2013.

Conforto attempting to repeat freshman year

■ **Outfielder Michael Conforto was an All-American as a freshman, looking at his prospects for 2013**

By **Andrew Kilstrom**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Last year as a true freshman, Michael Conforto was the Pac-12 Player of the Year runner-up, Pac-12 Freshman Player of the Year, a Freshman All-American and the Louisville Slugger Freshman Hitter of the Year.

The left fielder led Oregon State in batting average (.349), homeruns (13) and even set the all-time OSU record for RBIs in a season with 76.

The biggest question for No. 6 Oregon State entering the start of the season might just be if its star player can repeat the production he provided in 2012.

Amazingly, coaches and teammates think Conforto will be even better.

"I don't think there's a doubt in my mind that he's going to do it again," said senior outfielder Ryan Barnes. "Mike's a great guy, he puts the work in and just watching him scrimmage even, he looks like a more polished hitter this year than he was last year."

"I think he'll be a better hitter," added head coach Pat Casey at media day on Jan. 30. "I don't see Michael Conforto not being a better hitter. Matter of fact, he will be a better hitter."

Even more important than the confidence of teammates and coaches is Conforto's belief in himself.

"It depends on a lot of different things, but as far as what I believe I can do, I think I can do better," Conforto said. "As long as I have that confidence in myself, I think that's all that really matters."

While everyone surrounding the team believes in Conforto's abilities, replicating last year's historical season will be no

easy task.

Now that his name is well-known around the country, the Woodinville, Wash. native will be pitched to more carefully as a sophomore. He won't get the luxury of seeing many fastballs, and teams will always be looking for a weakness.

"People are going to change up what they did to him last year, and sort of find the pitches that he can't hit," said sophomore right-hander Dylan Davis. "If he has a hole, which I don't know that he does, he has to focus on that because people are going to find it and try to attack him right there."

Conforto knows he's going to be pitched to differently this season, but it's something he's spent the entire offseason preparing for.

"They're going to throw hard inside and throw soft away," Conforto said. "They're always going to find something different because nobody's swing is ever perfect, there's always going to be a hole."

There are two pitches in particular that Conforto has difficulty hitting.

"I don't think it's a secret at all, it's a good changeup that's down and a slider backdoor," Conforto said. "Those are the two really tough pitches to hit in baseball."

Last season Conforto was the beneficiary of productive hitters in front of and behind him. If he's to come anywhere near last season's statistics he will need senior shortstop Tyler Smith to get on base and senior first baseman Danny Hayes to protect him.

"I think a lot of it's going to be more about what people do behind him," Barnes said. "We had guys with [an] on-base percentage above .400 hitting in front of him the whole year, so that helps his cause. But I think a lot of how he gets pitched is how Danny [Hayes] and how a lot of the other guys swing it this year."

Then there are the pressures that come with being the face of a program.

At only 19 years old, carrying the No. 6 team in the nation is a tough expectation. But Conforto's not your typical college sophomore.

"Mike's a great guy because he has that self-confidence but he's not arrogant about it," Barnes said. "He's got an ego within himself and he's not going to show it to anyone else. That's what makes him such a great guy, such a great leader."

Among all the new obstacles that come with this season, one in particular might have the greatest long-term implications for Conforto as an individual.

After all of the offseason accolades, Conforto has skyrocketed to the top of MLB Draft boards everywhere.

While the sophomore still has two more years of collegiate baseball before he's eligible for the Major League draft, all 32 MLB teams will be analyzing every swing Conforto takes this year.

"That's a big thing that gets in the back of a lot of player's minds, and it can really mess with the way you play," Conforto said. "But there's no denying that as a player you see the stuff on the Internet. So you hear those things but you just try to stay with your approach and what you're doing day-to-day, and just remember that I'm here to play for Oregon State."

Even with all the changes and new challenges the second-year player will have to face this season, winning is ultimately what matters most. Conforto would sacrifice individual statistics and all of the awards if it meant getting to Omaha.

"I just want to win," Conforto said. "I don't care how we do it or what it takes."

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Best-case Scenario

With eight returning starters in the lineup, two returning starters who posted sub-3.00 earned run averages, and a coach with national titles, the No. 6 Beavers will be bound for Omaha, Neb., even an appearance in the CWS that should be considered the team could win the whole thing.

Worst-case Scenario

It all starts with sophomore outfielder Michael Conforto. If Pat Casey loves to play small ball, but the top teams in the nation source of power. If Conforto goes through a sophomore slump, himself in a rut against the best pitchers the Pac-12 has to offer could fall with him.

Aside from Conforto, losing Jace Fry shouldn't slip under the team was the team's best pitcher as a freshman, and while Ben Wetzler and Dan Child are rock-solid, Fry has ace written all over him.

If all things go wrong for the Beavers, the worst-case scenario is a No. 3 seed in the four-team regional. It's hard to see the Beavers out of the postseason though, but stranger things have happened.

Biggest Question Mark

Bullpen

In 2012, Oregon State had an above average offense, a superb rotation, but one area was lacking. The bullpen especially under a year ago. Tony Bryant saw his ERA dip from 1.52 to 3.82, and in 2013 with the most experience out of the 'pen with Matt Boyd in the rotation. Scott Schultz will be a stud in the long-relief role in the seventh, eighth and ninth innings that could be concerning.

Secret Weapon

Jace Fry

Fry is expected to be back toward the end of the season, likely in two series of the year (Oregon, Washington State). If all goes well with the pitching staff and for Fry's recovery, this could be the perfect slide back into the rotation, and Boyd has a full year of starting on the belt. That allows the Beavers to go four-deep for a postseason run.

The Rock



National Top 25

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| 1. North Carolina | 14. Texas Christian |
| 2. Vanderbilt | 15. Oregon |
| 3. Arkansas | 16. Georgia Tech |
| 4. Louisville | 17. Florida |
| 5. Mississippi State | 18. Rice |
| 6. Oregon State | 19. Oklahoma |
| 7. South Carolina | 20. Florida State |
| 8. North Carolina State | 21. New Mexico |
| 9. Stanford | 22. Cal State Fullerton |
| 10. Louisiana State | 23. Southern Mississippi |
| 11. Kentucky | 24. Arizona |
| 12. UCLA | 25. San Diego |
| 13. Mississippi | |

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Best-case Scenario

Best-case scenario has the Beavers finishing the regular season 50-10, winning the Pac-12 Championship and hosting a regional and then Super Regional. Matt Boyd proves to be even better as a starter than he was coming out of the bullpen and wins 12 games, while Jace Fry returns for the postseason and is dominant coming as a closer. OSU advances to Omaha and has a run similar to 2006 and 2007, going undefeated at the College World Series, winning the third national championship in program history.

Worst-case Scenario

Oregon State battles injuries all season long and struggles to make the postseason. Senior Ryan Barnes isn't the same after returning from shoulder surgery and Jace Fry isn't able to return from Tommy John surgery in 2013. Michael Conforto experiences a sophomore slump and isn't the same player from 2012 while the Beavers struggle to consistently score runs. The Beavers are only able to finish fifth in the Pac-12, but sneak into the playoffs before losing their first two games of regionals ending their season.

Biggest Question Mark

Third Starter

With sophomore left-hander Jace Fry recovers from offseason Tommy John surgery, a sizeable hole remains in the starting rotation. Senior left-hander Matt Boyd will be the guy early on, but could be replaced by a number of other bullpen pitchers if he struggles early. Wetzler and Child are as good as it gets as a one-two punch, but in a conference as competitive as the Pac-12, the third starter for weekend series could be the difference between Oregon State finishing in the top three in the conference and the bottom half.

Secret Weapon

Danny Hayes

Arguably the biggest reason Oregon State was as good as it was last year was because of the play of sophomore left fielder Michael Conforto. This year, teams will try to avoid the left-handed hitter by pitching around him as much as possible. If senior first baseman Danny Hayes — who follows Conforto in the lineup — can continue where he left off at the end of last year, and provide power at the plate, teams will be forced to pitch to the best hitter in the Pac-12.

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Senior left-handed pitcher Matt Boyd will begin the season as the No. 3 starter in the pitching rotation for Oregon State.

Matt Boyd makes the transition to the rotation

■ Left-handed pitcher Matt Boyd has been in the bullpen his first 3 years, now will start for Oregon State baseball

By Andrew Kilstrom
THE DAILY BAROMETER

When sophomore left hander Jace Fry underwent Tommy John surgery to repair his throwing elbow after last season, a gaping hole formed in the starting rotation for No. 6 Oregon State.

Fry was a pivotal part of OSU's playoff run, leading the Beavers in earned run average at 2.45 with three complete games in his 13 starts. With Fry not expected back until just before the postseason, Oregon State needs somebody to step up and fill the void.

Luckily for the Beavers there are many options — right-handed pitchers Scott Schultz and Taylor Starr provided big innings, and sophomore Dylan Davis showed flashes last season.

While all three are viable candidates, head coach Pat Casey chose to go with another experienced pitcher — senior left hander Matt Boyd.

"Coach [Casey] said there would be an opportunity to start if I was interested," Boyd said. "I was definitely interested and it was something I tried to work toward in [the summer] to get some starts under my belt and get the feeling back and in the right mindset."

Boyd has the necessary experience to be an effective replacement — the senior has a 2.22 ERA in 125.2 career innings — but he'll have to make an important transition first.

Boyd has come out of the bullpen almost exclusively in his three-year career at Oregon State, including all 31 appearances in 2012. The switch from the bullpen to the starting rotation can be a difficult one, but one Boyd's coaches and teammates think it will be a smooth one.

"I expect him to be sharp," Casey said. "I expect him to be better as a starter. He'll be less on edge and I think he will be more in tune to get into that groove."

Sophomore right hander Dylan Davis knows better than anybody what it takes to go back and forth between positions.

Davis started in right field for the first half of 2012 before being utilized more as a pitcher,

starting one game before coming out of the bullpen. The flamethrower expects Boyd's experience and offseason training to prepare him well for what lies ahead.

"I don't think it was that big of a change because this summer he started [in the Cape Cod League]," Davis said. "I think he kind of developed a routine and I think he knows what he has to do differently. It's more mental than anything."

Of his 13 appearances in the highly-competitive Cape Cod League, Boyd only started four games. He still spent the offseason preparing for the change.

"It's a transition but he's been training for it all summer and all fall," Starr said. "Now as we're heading into the spring he's been training into it, he's in great shape and I think he'll be ready to go."

"If it was somebody that hadn't done it I think it would be different," Casey added. "But here's a guy that's been here three years and been a lot of big games in a lot of big situations."

The biggest difference Boyd has had to make in the offseason is improving his stamina. As a reliever Boyd is only asked to pitch one or two innings in a game, as opposed to the six-plus innings that will be expected out of him as a starter.

"I'm really focusing more on endurance instead of quick, short bursts," Boyd said. "Just really strength and condition, that's been the biggest thing to last with more of a workload of innings. I'm just trying to last longer for a whole season."

After the Cincinnati Reds selected Boyd in the 13th round of the 2012 Major League Baseball Draft, it was up in the air if he would even return for his senior season.

But coming four wins short of the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., Boyd had no shortage of motivation. The left hander decided to come back to Oregon State for one last chance at a championship.

"I'm definitely trying to push harder this year," Boyd said. "It's kind of my last hurrah to win a title. That's the reason I came back, is to get to Omaha."

I expect him to be sharp. I expect him to be better as a starter. He'll be less on edge and I think he will be more in tune to get into that groove.

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Beavers looking for redemption

■ OSU women's basketball lost to UW, WSU in overtime two weeks ago, host both this weekend

By Sarah Kerrigan
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State women's basketball returns home to face Washington State tonight for its annual Pink Out game.

This game is the second time the Beavers (9-15, 3-9 Pac-12) face an opponent they have already seen this season. It provides the team with an extra edge in preparation, since they can know what to expect.

"It helps going into our games, because we know what they do and who they are," said freshman center Ruth Hamblin. "You just feel more familiar and know what you need to do to beat them."

Since the teams have played each other once, there is a tactical game played the second time around. Each team will make adjustments to cater to how each played last time, making it difficult to anticipate what the opponent will change.

"It becomes a chess match a little bit, you both make adjustments going into the next game," said head coach Scott Rueck.

Neither Oregon State nor Washington State (9-14, 5-7) is the same team as last time they met each other.

Since its overtime losses to the WSU (Jan. 25) and Washington (Jan. 27), Oregon State has faced three top-25 teams and lost some of its confidence amidst a six-game losing streak.

"It's been a rough road for the last three weeks, and we are looking to get back on the winning track," Rueck said.

Washington State went through the opposite trend. The Cougars went on a four-game winning streak and are coming into the game with confidence.

In their first meeting this season, the Beavers were unable to close out the game and lost in overtime. Both the overtime losses have served to fuel the team in preparation for their rematches.

"We want to bounce back and split the series with both of them," said senior guard Mollee Schwegler. "Because we know we should have had both those 'W's.'"

If the Beavers are to come away with a win, they must start strong. In their last two games, they have struggled to find a rhythm and get on the scoreboard early.

Against Colorado it took them more than five minutes to score, and they also struggled out of the gate in a loss to Utah.

"We started all four halves like that last weekend," Rueck said. "Where we got down in the hole before we started com-



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Freshman guard Jamie Weisner rises up for layup in a game against Cal on Feb. 1.

peting, and that's a mystery to me, to be honest."

The team looked lackluster and lost on the floor. The Beavers will need to figure out how to overcome this men-

tal block if they are to stand a chance against Washington State tonight.

"We have to have the right mindset and the right perspec-

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No. 9 Oregon State wrestling hosts Regional Duals

■ Oregon State, No. 7 Virginia Tech, No. 19 Michigan, Kent State all battle for spot in National Duals

By Andrew Kilstrom
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After a grueling regular season for No. 9 Oregon State, the postseason has finally arrived.

The Beavers will host three other teams for Regional Duals this Sunday in Gill Coliseum, with the winner advancing to National Duals.

No. 7 Virginia Tech, No. 19 Michigan and unranked Kent State will all travel to Corvallis with hopes of moving on in part one of the wrestling playoffs — the second part being the NCAA Championships, which begin March 21.

Starting at 1 p.m., Oregon State (10-3, 3-1 Pac-12) will take on Michigan (9-6, 3-5 Big Ten) on one side of Gill Coliseum while Virginia Tech (14-2, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) takes on Kent State (9-5, 4-1 Mid-American Conference) simultaneously on the other side.

Oregon State already lost to Michigan 21-18 in Gill Coliseum on Nov. 16, so getting revenge would be particularly rewarding.

"It's one of those losses that I've been thinking about ever since it happened," said No. 4 Chad Hanke, senior heavy-

weight. "It was our first home match and the first time in front of the fans. We wrestled so bad and we've been thinking about them for a long time."

To take down the Wolverines and advance to the championship match, the Beavers will need to avoid allowing bonus points while scoring them themselves.

"We just have to wrestle better," said head coach Jim Zalesky. "Michigan outwrestled us the first time. We didn't finish a lot of matches and they scored quite a few bonus points."

"We've got to have our young guys step up and not give up bonus points, and just wrestle like we've been wrestling," Hanke added. "If we do that I think we'll tear them up."

The Beavers will get a lift from the improved performance of their younger unranked wrestlers. The unit is wrestling substantially better than early in the year when OSU first took on Michigan.

"If the last couple weeks are signs of things to come then I think it's going to be a good weekend for Oregon State," Hanke said. "[The young guys] have been wrestling like studs lately and really stepping up their game. It's been the big reason we've won seven in a row now."

"They've really been stepping their game up," added No. 3 Mike Mangrum, 141-pound senior. "They've been training really hard, doing what the coaches are

telling them and I think they're going to pull out a couple of upsets this weekend."

The Beavers will also get the benefit of wrestling at home. OSU had to travel to Iowa for last year's Regional Duals and was only able to finish second, thus failing to qualify for National Duals.

"It's a huge advantage," Hanke said. "They've got to come here. Usually on the West Coast we have to travel over there, lose time and not get to sleep in our beds, so everything is falling into place for us to have a good weekend."

While Regional and National Duals are important, it's the NCAA Championships at the end of the year that carries more weight. There, individuals will wrestle to become the national champions of their respective weight classes.

Still, Oregon State is excited to prove it's one of the top programs in the nation from a team standpoint.

"This is definitely more team oriented and sometimes you have to have guys do what's best for the team and not for themselves," Hanke said. "Whether it's not giving up bonus points or getting bonus points. It's going to be more team oriented, but it's just as big of a deal for us to win this as it is for individuals."

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Gymnastics hosts No. 4 UCLA Saturday at Gill

By Warner Strausbaugh
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Meet notes for when No. 13 Oregon State faces No. 4 UCLA on Saturday at 7 p.m. at Gill Coliseum.

• Senior Makayla Stambaugh has been exceptional this season on uneven bars. In the past four meets, Stambaugh has scored 9.900, 9.925, 9.875 and 9.950 (a season-high score for OSU gymnasts on any event).

Stambaugh changed up her bar routine early in the 2013 season. In the simplest terms possible for gymnastics jargon, this was the change: When

Stambaugh is on the high bar, she'll do a front flip and catch the high bar again, but instead of doing it in a straddle position, it is now in a pike position.

"I really like the new change in my bar routine and I feel like it's a little bit more impressive," Stambaugh said. "I feel confident with that, especially being last up and being in that anchor spot."

• The Beavers haven't had a home meet in more than a month now. The last four meets were all on the road. Of the six meets this season, the only one in Corvallis was on Jan. 11 when the Beavers defeated

Ohio State,

"It kind of feels like it's been forever," said senior Stephanie McGregor. "But I know we're all really excited to be back out in front of Beaver Nation."

The gymnasts have always taken pride in competing at Gill Coliseum, because of the top-10 national attendance rate they get yearly.

"It's obviously always exciting to be in Gill. Being away from it for so long really gets you more excited for this coming week, and the next few weeks as well," said senior Melanie Jones.

• Last week, Oregon State

defeated Arizona State in Tempe, Ariz., and scored the team's second-highest total of the year, 196.300. It was an especially tough meet for the Beavers, because it was only five days after their previous road meet. The team was only in Corvallis for four days last week.

"I was really pleased with the focus we had on the road," said head coach Tanya Chaplin. "Now we want to take that focus into Gill."

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OSU hoops looks for second straight win

After beating WSU on Wednesday, the Beavers seek their first two-game conference winning streak

By Alex Crawford
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Fresh off a one-point victory over Washington State, the Oregon State men's basketball team will look to win consecutive conference games for the first time this season when it takes on the University of Washington on Saturday. Here are 10 notes on the game:

1. The Huskies' last win against the Beavers happened over a year ago — a three-point victory back on Feb. 12, 2012 in Corvallis. Since then, the Beavers are 2-0 against the Huskies, including an upset win in last year's Pac-12 Tournament that essentially prevented Washington from getting into the NCAA Tournament.

2. The Beavers' win over UW on Jan. 23 was their first Pac-12 win of the season and snapped a season-long, five-game losing streak.

3. After Wednesday night's 17-point performance, Roberto Nelson has now led the Beavers in scoring in seven of their last nine games. Jared Cunningham left Nelson some big shoes to fill, and the junior guard finally seems to be filling them, averaging 21.8 points over the last five games and 17.1 on the season — sixth-best in the Pac-12.

Oregon State vs. Washington

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
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OSU key players:

Roberto Nelson: 17.1 PPG, 3.2 RPG, 2.6 APG
Ahmad Starks: 11.9 PPG, 2.3 RPG, 2.4 APG
Joe Burton: 11.5 PPG, 6.4 RPG, 3.5 APG

Washington key players:

C.J. Wilcox: 17.3 PPG, 4.6 RPG, 2.1 APG
Scott Suggs: 11.6 PPG, 2.2 RPG, 1.5 APG
Abdul Gaddy: 11.5 PPG, 3.1 RPG, 4.0 APG

4. Playing the Huskies exorcised some sort of shooting demon from Nelson, who only shot 21.4 percent against Washington the last time these two teams met. Since then, he has made 57.9 percent of his field goal attempts.

5. Washington has lost its last three games, and seven of its last eight after starting off Pac-12 play 4-0. The Beavers know a thing or two about losing streaks and would love nothing more than to impart their knowledge on the Huskies.

6. Aziz N'Diaye, Washington's seven-foot center, is one of the best big men in the Pac-12. N'Diaye averages 10.6 points and 9.8 rebounds per game while leading the conference in field goal percentage — mak-

ing 61.6 percent of his shots from the field. OSU forward Eric Moreland, who averages 10.7 boards per game, will definitely have his hands full.

7. Although both teams have the same record, Washington has a better RPI (86) than the Beavers (166).

8. Washington may be in a downward spiral, but it is still important for Oregon State to come out with intensity in the second half. When these two teams last met, Oregon State saw a 10-point halftime lead dwindle down to a one-point lead with 10 minutes to go in the game. The Beavers have struggled at the beginning of the second half all season.

9. Though the Beavers are coming off a win in Pullman, they're still a team that's struggled on the road most of the season. Finishing in the top half of the conference is out of the question, but the Beavers could still string together a few victories and end the regular season on a high note. To do that, they will have to win on the road though, as four of their final six games will be played away from Gill Coliseum.

10. Speaking of road struggles, the last time OSU won in Seattle, Joe Burton was in sixth grade. The Beavers haven't beaten Washington on their court since the 2002-03 season.

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WOMEN'S HOOPS

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tive going in from the tip, knowing that we need to kill this team, run them out of the gym," Schwegler said.

Once the Beavers were able to find a rhythm, they were able to put together good looks but were just unable to knock down shots.

When the Beavers were able to get a defensive stop, many times they were unable to convert those stops into points. Offensive execution will be crucial this weekend with Washington (first in the Pac-12 in scoring) and Washington State (fifth).

Besides playing for redemption for their overtime losses, the Beavers are playing for a bigger cause tonight in their Pink Out game. The Pink Out game is to raise awareness and money for breast cancer research.

"I'm really excited for the Pink Out game because it is a great cause," Hamblin said. "It's cool that we get to be a part of it and it makes you want to play harder, because it makes you realize there is something bigger in life that we are playing for too."

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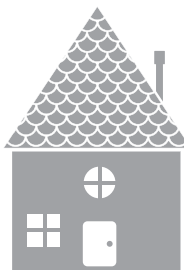
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Yesterday's Solution

Projecting the 2013 Oregon State Beavers



Previewing the rest of the Pac-12



By Andrew Kilstrom and Warner Strausbaugh

THE DAILY BAROMETER

No. 9 Stanford (Last year: 41-18 overall, 18-12 Pac-12)

When starting pitcher Mark Appel turned down a \$3.8 million offer from the Pittsburgh Pirates last year, it cemented Stanford as one of the top teams in the Pac-12 heading into 2013. The 6-foot-5 right hander was an All-American last year. He had a 10-2 record, a 2.56 earned run average and 130 strikeouts. He was widely regarded as the best player in the 2012 MLB Draft, but fell to No. 8 because of high contract demands from his agent, Scott Boras.

The Cardinal also feature two preseason All-Americans: outfielder Austin Wilson and first baseman Brian Ragira. Wilson hit .285, scored 56 runs and hit 10 home runs. Ragira batted .329, led the team with 83 hits and drove in 50 runs.

Stanford is a consensus top-10 pick by all the different national rankings, and received half of the first-place votes in the Pac-12 preseason coaches' poll.

No. 12 UCLA (48-16, 20-10)

As the two-time defending Pac-12 champions, the Bruins are always scary in the ultra-competitive Pac-12. With a good blend of pitching and offense UCLA should challenge for a third straight conference title. With their entire starting rotation returning, the Bruins will be tough to score on. Junior right-hander Adam Plutko will lead a deep staff that features four different pitchers with sub-three ERAs in 2012.

The Bruins aren't slouches at the plate, either. UCLA's biggest threat at the plate, Jeff Gelalich, returns for his senior season after leading UCLA in batting average and home runs, hitting .351 with 11 long balls. With six players who hit better than .300 returning for 2013, UCLA will certainly be a force to be reckoned with yet again.

No. 15 Oregon (46-19, 19-11)

Whether Oregon State fans like it or not, the Ducks have become one of the premier college baseball teams in the nation — and their head coach, George Horton, just signed a five-year extension.

Oregon is clearly a one-dimensional team, led by the pitching staff. But it still got them to third place in the Pac-12 and to the Super Regionals. The Ducks did lose two of their best pitchers, Pac-12 Pitcher of the Year Alex Keudell and reliever Matt Housey (1.72 ERA) but still return a deep and talented area.

The bullpen should still be the strongest area of this team. Jimmie Sherfy was tied for second in the NCAA in saves with 19, had a 2.20 ERA and a ridiculous 13.6 strikeouts per nine innings. Thomas Thorpe also returns his 2.11 ERA and .179 batting average against to the back end of the 'pen.

The biggest question mark for the Ducks, and a reason they weren't able to get past Kent State (a four-seed) in the Super Regionals is their offense. Only Utah (the doormat of Pac-12 baseball) finished with a lower batting average in the conference and had more batters strike out than Oregon.

No. 24 Arizona (48-17, 20-10)

The Wildcats are the defending national champions and the Pac-12 alpha dogs until proven otherwise. Arizona unexpectedly ran the table last season and is deservedly loaded with confidence going into 2013. But there's a reason the defending champs are ranked No. 24 behind Pac-12 rivals OSU, Stanford, UCLA and Oregon. The Wildcats lost their ace and five key contributors on offense.

Still, the Wildcats led the nation in hits last season and return the majority of last year's pitching staff. The Pac-12 batting champ Johnny Field will lead what promises to be a dangerous offense, but the pitching staff is what will likely win games for Arizona. Outside of losing All-American Kurt Hoyer, the entire staff returns for another year and should benefit from postseason experience.

Arizona has seemingly become an afterthought already, but has proven it can beat anybody once the postseason roll around.

Arizona State (36-20, 18-12)

With 50 straight years of 30 plus wins it's a safe bet that the Sun Devils will be competitive once again. The Sun Devils aren't one of the conference favorites for the first time in a while, but with the

third best recruiting class in the nation, they won't be underdogs for long.

First Team All-American Trevor Williams can shutdown any team in the country and will make ASU near impossible to sweep in a weekend series. Highly touted freshmen left-handers Ryan Kellogg and Brett Lilek could make an immediate impact on the hill. If they can do anything like what south-paw Jace Fry did for Oregon State last season, the Sun Devils could find themselves at the top of the conference.

ASU doesn't have the usual power it's accustomed to, but returns enough starters to stay near the top of the Pac-12 in offensive production.

California (29-25, 12-18)

The Golden Bears looked promising for the first half of the 2012 season, but a 3-9 stretch late in the season (including getting swept by Oregon and Arizona) derailed their season.

Things look bleak on the offensive side of things for Cal, losing its top three hitters (Danny Oh, Mitch Delfino, Tony Renda) to the MLB Draft last June.

The Golden Bears also lost their best starter in Matt Flemer. Michael Theofanopoulos is the only returning starter for Cal, and he went 3-5 with an ERA north of 5. Yikes.

USC (23-32, 8-22)

The season hasn't even started and the Trojans are already making headlines for the wrong reasons. Apparently the baseball program didn't learn from the football team's recruiting violations, because head coach Frank Cruz has already been fired for exceeding maximum practice hours.

USC could have a hard time on the diamond as well. The Trojans lost 22 of their 30 games last season and are in a tough place, having lost their head coach only two days ago. USC has below average hitting but does have decent pitching staff.

The Trojans were picked to finish eighth in the coaches' poll, but at this point that ranking might even be generous.

Washington State (28-28, 12-18)

As overmatched as the Cougars were in 2012, they actually had an impressive offense. Washington State finished fourth in the conference in home runs, second in stolen bases and sixth in batting average.

Unfortunately, just like Cal, Washington State is losing a ton of that offensive production. Derek Jones and Taylor Ard accounted for 70 percent of the team's home runs, and both are gone now. The two also hit .335 and .332, respectively.

This team doesn't have pitching to fall back on to make up for the loss of offense, either. WSU was second-to-last in the Pac-12 in ERA 4.74 and WHIP (walks plus hits divided by innings pitched).

Washington (30-25, 13-17)

Washington comes in as last place in the Pac-12 North according to the preseason coaches' poll. The team's top hitter last year, Joe Meggs (the head coach's son), returns after batting .317. Meggs may be one of the only bright spots in a lineup that only had 11 total home runs (OSU's Michael Conforto hit 13 himself), and just two hitters over the .300 threshold.

The pitching staff also takes some big hits, losing its top starter to the MLB, as well as losing the team's closer and another reliever to season-ending injuries before Opening Day.

While Utah is in a league of its own at the bottom of the conference, the Huskies may surprisingly be not too far behind.

Utah (14-42, 7-23)

Baseball is not Utah's best sport and that's putting it nicely. The Utes finished last in the Pac-12 last year and were picked to finish there once again by the preseason coaches' poll in 2013. Utah has never been a baseball school and simply lacks the talent the rest of the Pac-12 contains.

Finishing anywhere but last would probably be a successful season for the Utes.

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