

College World Series will feature some Pac-12 nostalgia

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OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The ghosts of the old Pac-12 will be lurking at Charles Schwab Field this weekend when the College World Series opens.

Oregon State, UCLA and Arizona will be back in Omaha, where they combined for eight of the 29 national baseball championships won by the conference its previous iterations.

“This is for the West,” UCLA coach John Savage said.

The Pac-12 went all but dormant last July when 10 of its members dispersed to other conferences. The Pac-12 will ramp up again in July 2026 with holdovers Oregon State and Washington State joined by five members of the Mountain West Conference and one from the West Coast Conference.

No. 8 national seed Oregon State (47-14-1) is in the first of two years as a baseball independent and had only 19 regular-season home games because of scheduling challenges. The Beavers played eight more at home in the NCAA Tournament — the maximum possible — after coming out of the loser’s bracket to win their regional and beating Florida State in a three-game super regional.

UCLA (47-16) was the Big Ten regular-season

co-champion, made it to the conference tournament championship game and was 3-0 in its regional before it swept UTSA in its super regional.

Arizona (44-19) tied for fourth in the Big 12, won the conference tournament and went 3-0 as the No. 2 regional seed in Eugene, Oregon. The Wildcats had to go to North Carolina for their super regional and lost 18-2 in the opener. They won the next two, beating the Tar Heels 4-3 in the finale after erasing a 3-1 deficit in the eighth inning.

Three other former Pac-12 schools — Arizona State, Oregon and Southern California — didn’t advance past regionals.

Arizona meets Coastal Carolina (53-11) in the CWS opener Friday afternoon with Oregon State playing Louisville (40-22) at night. UCLA squares off with Murray State (44-15) on Saturday afternoon and LSU (48-15) takes on Arkansas (48-13), the only remaining SEC teams, at night.

For LSU coach Jay Johnson, it will be old home week in Omaha. He’s a California native who lived his entire life in the West before the Tigers hired him in June 2021. He coached at Nevada and Arizona, leading the Wildcats to the ’21 CWS.

“I know the brand of baseball out there,



UCLA coach John Savage is surrounded by players as he hoists the NCAA College World Series trophy on June 25, 2013 in Omaha, Neb. (AP PHOTO/ERIC FRANCIS, FILE)

something I’m proud of,” Johnson said. “It’s where I really cut my teeth against some of those great coaches, and it’ll be fun to see them out there” in Omaha.

Oregon State coach Mitch Canham was the catcher on the Pat Casey-coached teams that won national championships in 2006 and ’07 at Rosenblatt Stadium. Casey and the Beavers also won the title at the current CWS stadium in 2018, when Canham was managing in the minor leagues.

“Omaha is in the Beaver blood, man,”

Canham said. “It’ll be the first time stepping in that stadium for me and each and every one of these guys, other than Zak Taylor,” referring to his director of baseball development who played on the 2018 team.

Canon Reeder, who hit a three-run homer in the Beavers’ 14-10 win over Florida State on Sunday, said he and his teammates formed a unique bond through the challenges of a season spent mostly on the road.

“To be in the position where we are, you have to take a step back and appreciate what you’ve

done and where we’ve come this season,” he said. “Job’s not finished. There’s eight teams left and we want to be the last one standing.”

Arizona coach Chip Hale, an infielder on the Wildcats’ 1986 championship team and in his fourth season as coach, said he’s impressed with how his team responded to the ups and downs of the first year in the Big 12. The Wildcats opened 0-3, won 17 of their next 18 and lost five of six late in the season.

“We hit some real roadblocks along the

way and it ended up being a blessing to us because we got hot at the right time,” Hale said.

The CWS berth is especially meaningful to Mason White, who leads the Wildcats with a .332 batting average, 19 homers and 72 RBIs. He grew up a fan in Tucson, recalling that he watched every game when Arizona won the 2012 title and in 2016 when it lost to Coastal Carolina in the CWS finals. His father, Ben White, played for Arizona from 1993-96 and his grandfather, Tim White, lettered in 1968.

Kirk Cousins reports to Falcons minicamp

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FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. (AP) — Atlanta quarterback Kirk Cousins reported for the first day of Falcons minicamp on Tuesday.

Cousins, who signed a four-year, \$180 million contract with \$100 million guaranteed in March 2024, was benched after Week 14 last season and lost his starting job to rookie Michael Penix Jr. Cousins threw for 3,508 yards with 18 touchdowns and 16 interceptions.

There was offseason speculation that Cousins was looking for a starting job with a new team.

“Obviously you’d love to play but I’m not (going to) dwell on things that aren’t reality,” Cousins said. “It’s better (time) spent focusing on the situation you’re in and control what you can control. I think that’s the right mindset to have. Certainly there were conversations in January, February, March and even April but we’re moving forward timeline-wise.”

While Penix will begin the upcoming season as the starting quarterback, Cousins has maintained a positive attitude.



Atlanta Falcons quarterback Kirk Cousins, right and quarterback Michael Penix Jr., work out during practice at NFL football minicamp on Tuesday in Flowery Branch, Ga. (AP PHOTO/MIKE STEWART)

“I’ve always believed going back to my rookie year what (former coach) Mike Shanahan told me which is ‘Tough times don’t last, tough people do,’” Cousins said. “It’s not just (about being) physically tough. It’s (about being) mentally tough and emotionally tough. You (have to) be resilient. Life is (going to) throw you some curveballs. You just have to keep moving. The key is you don’t pout or stop. You just keep moving and keep working forward.”

Cousins, who tore his Achilles tendon while with Minnesota in 2023, said he spent time focusing on getting

healthy in the offseason after dealing with an ankle injury.

“It’s good to be out here with the guys,” Cousins said. “I wasn’t able to (have) 100% attendance this spring. I just felt like I had to budget the time to really focus on my body and make a lot of progress there. I felt like I did. It was time well spent but that brings a trade-off as well where you (have to) make up ground when you get back. That’s what this week is about and over the summer I’ll continue to take steps on my own and then we’ll use (training camp) to get ready to go for the season.”

After last season,

Cousins realized he wasn’t as healthy as he thought he was during the season.

“When the season ended last year I started getting into working on my body and having the time to do that,” Cousins said. “I thought I was much better than I was. On (a scale) of one to 10, I thought I was at an eight but I was really back at a three or four and now I’m getting back to that six, seven (or) eight. You start to realize that you weren’t as far along as you thought. (There was) a lot of learning this offseason to get there.”

HOTZE

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the goal and a competitive drive that sets her apart. Her presence on the field often drew extra attention from defenders, which opened up space and opportunities for others. Her level of play raised the bar in training and in games.”

Hotze helped the Dragons to a 9-4 record, the highest win total in program history. The Dragons earned their third straight winning season and hosted a playoff game for only the second time, where they fell 3-0 against Basehor-Linwood in the first game of the Class 5A regional tournament.

Hotze finished her

career at Pittsburg with 69 goals and 53 assists. She’ll stay in Pittsburg to continue her soccer career next year at Pittsburg State.

“Replacing her will be a challenge,” Bailey said. “At PSU, I expect her to continue growing, not just as a goal scorer but as a complete player. With the right environment and continued devel-

opment, she has the potential to be a real difference-maker at the next level.”

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Village Capital & Investment LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

Jenna M Parker, et al.

Defendants,

Case No.CRP-2025-CV-000046

Court No.

Title to Real Estate Involved

Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Crawford County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Crawford County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand on July 2, 2025 at the time of 10:00 AM at the Pittsburg Judicial Center front steps, 602 N. Locust, Pittsburg, Kansas, the following real estate:

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to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court.

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