

Civil War match up highlights exciting day of lacrosse action

On Saturday, April 17th, thousands of fans from across Oregon will gather to celebrate one of the biggest lacrosse rivalries of the year between the University of Oregon Ducks and the Oregon State University Beavers. The game will be hosted by Sunset Lacrosse, and is part of an all day event powered by Warrior Sports at Sunset High School in Portland beginning at 8:30am.

The event is the Second Annual Civil War Lacrosse Game Day which was created as a way to bring together fans throughout the state in celebrating Oregon lacrosse. Throughout the day there will be four exciting lacrosse games, clinics, contests, raffles, vendor shopping, and meet and greets with professional players. The event is friendly to all ages and is sure to provide entertainment for everyone.

The event's highlight game between the Ducks and Beavers is sure to be full of passion and intensity. The Ducks had a successful 2009 campaign, with a record of 11-7. They finished second in the Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League conference, which led to a trip to the national championship tournament. UO is currently ranked 9th in the standings for college club lacrosse teams in the US on both the Lax Mag TOP23 and the LAX Power polls. The Beavers are an up-and-coming program that is currently ranked second in the PNCLL division. With a 6-6 record this past season and a 14-6 loss to UO in last year's Civil War game, OSU will be looking to avenge the 2009 defeat.

Also competing at the event is the 2009 OHSLA champion, Oregon Episcopal School (OES), and the 2009 semi-finalist, Sunset High School. Both teams are currently in the Top 5 preseason rankings for 2010. After last year's narrow defeat by OES at the inaugural Civil War Lacrosse Game Day, Sunset will be seeking payback against one of its biggest rivals and competitors.

During the course of the event, there will be two clinics hosted by some of lacrosse's top talent. Lorne Smith, President and Director of Lorne Smith Lacrosse Camps and sales representative for Warrior Sports, will be coaching a clinic called "6v6 Motion Offense – Playing in Rhythm" which focuses on learning how to anticipate and move together as a team to attack a defense. Team USA and Warrior Player's Club member Mike Leveille will be giving tips and tricks on how to beat a man from X to score and draw double teams in his clinic "Dodging from Behind for Attackmen and Inverting Middies."

Those in attendance will also be able to show off their skills in the Warrior "Fastest Shot in Oregon" contest. The competition spans across four age divisions (U11, U13, U15, and HS) with the top two finalists from each contending against one another during the Civil War halftime event. Four winners will receive an unstrung Warrior Noz head, "The lightest head in lacrosse."

Also making an appearance at the event will be vendors Lorne Smith, Warrior, Brine, Rhino Lacrosse, Bigfoot Lacrosse, Lacrosse Northwest, Chopstix Lacrosse, Sunset Lacrosse, University of Oregon Boosters, and Oregon State University Boosters.

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase through the Sunset Lacrosse tent. Prizes include donations from various companies throughout the community. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit the University of Oregon and Oregon State, and Sunset lacrosse programs.

Admission prices will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for kids and students ages 5-18, but only \$1 for kids and students who wear a lacrosse jersey to the event. Kids ages 5 and under get in free.

Game Schedule

8:30am Sunset JV2 vs. OES
10:30am Sunset JV vs. OES
12:30pm HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY
Sunset vs. OES
3:00pm CIVIL WAR
UO Ducks vs. OSU Beavers

Clinic Schedule

11:00am Coached by Lorne Smith
6v6 Motion Offense - Playing in Rhythm
12:30pm Coached by Mike Leveille
Dodging from behind for attackmen and inverting middies.

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