

Sports

BAKER BOYS SOCCER

Bulldogs defeat Wolverines, 4-1

■ Baker boys soccer team remains undefeated after posting a 4-1 nonleague win over Weiser

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Baker scored three goals in the second half Monday to break a 1-1 tie and defeat Weiser 4-1 in a nonleague boys soccer match at the Baker Sports Complex.

Colton Anderson, Brylan Robb and Omar Benites each scored goals after halftime.

Anderson's goal was his second of the match. Earlier he had given Baker a 1-0 first-half lead off a crossing pass from Benites.

The majority of the second half was played in the Baker offensive end.

Anderson's second-half goal came off a crossing pass after a short corner kick.

Benites and Robb scored from in close later in the half.

Baker (3-0-1) opens Greater Oregon League play Saturday when the Bulldogs host La Grande at noon at the Sports Complex.



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Baker's Justin Eskew, left, will mix it up and come away with the ball during the Bulldogs' 4-1 win over Weiser Monday.

BAKER GIRLS SOCCER

Weiser doubles up Baker girls

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Weiser doubled up Baker 6-3 in a nonleague girls soccer match Monday at Weiser.

"The girls played hard," said Baker coach Kristen Rushton.

Baker goals were scored by Shayna Ruby on a chip over the Weiser keeper, Alayna Calaway off a deflection, and Emily

Black on a penalty kick. Rushton said Black had "lots of great saves" at goal for the Bulldogs, and Kaitlyn and Natalie Nelson, Mary Rushton and Addie Flanagan all had a strong defensive match.

Baker (1-2-1) opens Greater Oregon League play Saturday at 2 p.m. against La Grande at the Baker Sports Complex.

BAKER VOLLEYBALL

Baker sweeps Tigers

ONTARIO — Baker opened Greater Oregon League volleyball play Tuesday by sweeping Ontario 25-15, 25-13, 25-17 at Ontario.

No statistics were available.

Baker (4-6 overall)

hosts its own tournament Friday starting at 9 a.m. at the Baker High School gym.

Baker's first game is at 9 a.m. against Heppner. The Bulldogs then have a rematch against Ontario beginning at 10 a.m.

NFL

L.A. Rams spoil Gruden's return

By Josh Dubow
AP Pro Football Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jon Gruden's return to the Oakland Raiders' sideline couldn't have gotten off to a better start, with Marshawn Lynch powering his way into the end zone for a touchdown.

The rest of the night turned out to be rather forgettable for the Raiders and showed that Oakland has a long way to go to get back to the level Gruden had the team playing at when his first stint as coach ended more than 16 years ago.

All that positive energy generated when Gruden was hired back in January turned to a chorus of boos by the end of a 33-13 loss to the Los Angeles Rams on Monday.

"It was great," Gruden said of being back on the sideline at the Oakland Coliseum. "It's not time for that anymore. It's about getting this football team better. It wasn't good enough tonight."

The Raiders (0-1) were good enough for one half as Derek Carr led the team to that opening-drive touchdown and two more field goals that gave Oakland a 13-10 lead at halftime.

But the Rams (1-0) then scored all 23 points in the second half, with Marcus Peters returning Carr's third interception of the game 50 yards for a game-sealing touchdown that sent the fans who pined for Gruden's return for years heading to the exits.

"We are a better team than what was put out there on the field," tight end Jared Cook said. "This one game does not define us."

Mariners fall farther behind in wild card race

By Tim Booth
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — The Mariners' offensive woes have been the chief culprit for their fall from AL playoff contention. Those struggles showed up again Tuesday night, only furthering Seattle's fade from the wild-card race.

Wil Myers lined an RBI double off major league saves leader Edwin Diaz with one out in the ninth inning, lifting the San Diego Padres to a 2-1 win and dropping the Mariners 8 1/2 games back in the race for the second AL wild card.

The Mariners only have 18 games left after losing to the Padres for the third

time in the past month. It was the 11th time since July 1 the Mariners scored one run or fewer. Not surprisingly, they dropped to 1-10 in those games.

"Story of tonight, just our lack of offensive production. We haven't done much at all swinging the bats against San Diego this year," Seattle manager Scott Servais.

While Seattle's hitters failed to come through with scoring chances, Myers got the better of the best closer in baseball this season. Myers lined an RBI double off Diaz to snap the 1-1 tie.

Diaz (0-4) struggled without having a chance at his 55th save and left pitches

up. He gave up singles to Hunter Renfroe and Eric Hosmer leading off the inning. After a strikeout of Franmil Reyes, Myers jumped on the first pitch and pulled it into the left field corner, letting pinch-runner Travis Jankowski score easily from second.

It was just the second inning all night the Padres put multiple runners on base, but they were able to capitalize on their opportunity unlike the Mariners.

"To be able to get something going off a guy like that is pretty tough," Myers said. "I think it's pretty cool that we can sit back and say we got to arguably the best closer in the game."

SCOREBOARD

TELEVISION

All Times PDT
Wednesday, Sept. 12
 WNBA Finals, 5 p.m. (ESPN2)
Thursday, Sept. 13
 Boston College at Wake Forest, 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
 Seattle at LA Angels, 6:30 p.m. (ROOT)
Friday, Sept. 14
 Georgia State at Memphis, 4 p.m. (ESPN)
 WNBA Finals, 4:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
 Seattle at LA Angels, 6:30 p.m. (ROOT)

MAJOR LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
z-Boston	99	46	.683	—
New York	90	55	.621	9
Tampa Bay	79	65	.549	19½
Toronto	65	79	.451	33½
Baltimore	41	103	.285	57½

Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cleveland	82	63	.566	—
Minnesota	66	78	.458	15½

West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	91	54	.628	—
Oakland	88	57	.607	3
Seattle	79	65	.549	11½
Los Angeles	72	73	.497	19
Texas	62	83	.428	29

Tuesday's Games

Houston 5, Detroit 4
 Oakland 3, Baltimore 2
 Boston 7, Toronto 2
 Cleveland 2, Tampa Bay 0
 Minnesota 10, N.Y. Yankees 5
 Kansas City 6, Chicago White Sox 3
 L.A. Angels 1, Texas 0
 San Diego 2, Seattle 1

Today's Games

All Times PDT
 Cleveland (Carrasco 16-8) at Tampa Bay (Snell 18-5), 10:10 a.m.
 Houston (Cole 13-5) at Detroit (Norris 0-3), 10:10 a.m.

National League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	81	64	.559	—
Philadelphia	74	70	.514	6½
Washington	73	72	.503	8
New York	65	78	.455	15
Miami	57	86	.399	23

Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Chicago	84	60	.583	—
Milwaukee	83	63	.568	2
St. Louis	81	64	.559	3½
Pittsburgh	71	73	.493	13
Cincinnati	63	83	.432	22

Thursday's Games

Oakland (Anderson 3-4) at Baltimore (Bundy 7-14), 4:05 p.m.
 Toronto (Gaviglio 3-8) at Boston (Rodriguez 12-4), 4:10 p.m.
 Minnesota (Gonzales 0-2) at Kansas City (Fillmyer 2-1), 5:15 p.m.
 Seattle (Faxon 11-6) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 2-0), 7:07 p.m.

West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Colorado	79	65	.549	—
Los Angeles	78	67	.538	1½
Arizona	77	68	.531	2½
San Francisco	68	78	.466	12
San Diego	58	88	.397	22

Today's Games

All Times PDT
 Washington 3, Philadelphia 1, 1st game
 Cincinnati 3, L.A. Dodgers 1
 Miami 5, N.Y. Mets 3
 Washington 7, Philadelphia 6, 2nd game, 10 innings
 Chicago Cubs 3, Milwaukee 0
 St. Louis 11, Pittsburgh 5
 Arizona 6, Colorado 3
 San Diego 2, Seattle 1
 Atlanta 4, San Francisco 1

L.A. Dodgers (Stripling 8-3) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 7-4), 9:35 a.m.
 Pittsburgh (Taillon 12-9) at St. Louis (Ponce-deleon 0-1), 10:15 a.m.
 Atlanta (Sanchez 6-5) at San Francisco (Holland 7-8), 12:45 p.m.
 Miami (Richards 3-8) at N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 10-7), 1:10 p.m., 1st game
 San Diego (Lucchesi 7-8) at Seattle (LeBlanc 8-3), 3:40 p.m.
 Washington (Strasburg 7-7) at Philadelphia (Nola 16-4), 4:05 p.m.
 Miami (Brigham 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Vargas 5-9), 4:10 p.m., 2nd game
 Milwaukee (Anderson 9-7) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 11-10), 5:05 p.m.
 Arizona (Corbin 11-5) at Colorado (Gray 11-7), 5:40 p.m.

Ceremonies mark 9/11

By Mike Fitzpatrick
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — In a way, Don Mattingly was about as far from the hustle and bustle of downtown New York City as an ex-ballplayer could be on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001.

The former New York Yankees captain was cleaning out stalls on his horse farm in Indiana when he heard the horrible news on the radio: Two planes had crashed into the Twin Towers in Manhattan, destroying the World Trade Center landmarks and undoubtedly killing thousands of people.

So he went inside. "I felt like I watched TV for like three weeks straight," Mattingly said. "Just couldn't take my eyes off the TV."

Within a month, he returned to New York for a visit. "Unbelievable," he recalled. "Devastating." Mattingly, now managing the Miami Marlins, was back in New York on

Tuesday as Major League Baseball once again commemorated the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks with ceremonies at ballparks all across the country.

A moment of silence to honor victims and first responders was held before every game. Players, coaches and umpires wore caps with a "We Shall Not Forget" ribbon patch, and MLB planned to donate all royalties from the sales of those hats to the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, the Pentagon Memorial Fund and the Flight 93 National Memorial.

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