

Sports

BRIEFING

Baker hosts volleyball tournament

Baker hosted its own varsity volleyball tournament Friday in the BHS gym.

The Bulldogs placed first in their pool, defeating Hepner 25-18, 25-12, Weiser 28-26, 25-19 and Ontario 25-12, 25-12.

Baker then lost 25-12, 21-25, 12-15 to Grant Union in bracket play.

Baker travels to Parma today, then hosts La Grande in Greater Oregon League play Tuesday.

Baker spikers add Fruitland match

Baker will host Fruitland in a nonleague volleyball match Sept. 24 at BHS.

The first match, JV2, will begin at 4 p.m. followed by the JV and varsity matches.

Baker volleyball matches switched

Baker's Greater Oregon League volleyball matches with La Grande have switched dates.

Baker now will host La Grande Sept. 18 and travel to La Grande Oct. 11. Tim Smith, BHS athletic director, said the switch was made so a community organization can use the BHS auditorium and not have a volleyball match going on across the hall.

Baker JV, JV2 volleyball add games

Baker's JV and JV2 volleyball teams have added matches against La Grande.

On Oct. 3 the JV2 team travels to La Grande for a 5:30 p.m. match, and the JV team for a 7 p.m. match. On Oct. 17 La Grande travels to Baker on the same time schedule.

Linfield shuts out Redlands, 13-0

McMINNVILLE — No. 11 Linfield's defense didn't allow Redlands inside the Wildcat 30-yard line and the host Wildcats took a 13-0 win in nonleague football Saturday afternoon at Maxwell Field. That helped the 'Cats (1-1) overcome some costly mistakes to win their home opener in front of a crowd of 2,817.

Linfield has a bye next week before opening Northwest Conference play at Whitworth on September 29.

The Wildcats outgained the Bulldogs (2-1) by 389-199 in total offense but struggled to score, managing a 3-0 halftime lead and adding a touchdown and field goal after halftime. Linfield turned the ball over four times, including twice near the Redlands goal line; the 'Cats also had a touchdown nullified by a penalty and that possession ultimately resulted in a missed field goal.

Linfield's Chidubem Nnoli rushed for 149 yards on 24 carries. Wildcat quarterback Wyatt Smith completed 19 of 28 passes for 246 yards and a touchdown while being picked off twice. Max Novak had six catches for 66 yards and a touchdown while Keegan Weiss added five catches for 44 yards and Tyler Torgerson had four catches for 92 yards.

Angels top Mariners to avoid 4-game sweep

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Kole Calhoun hit a two-run homer and Justin Upton homered in his third straight game as the Los Angeles Angels avoided a four-game sweep with a 4-3 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Sunday.

Calhoun homered with two out in the seventh inning off reliever Nick Vincent (3-4), snapping a 0-for-25 skid and breaking open a tie game. It was his 19th home run.

Upton extended his home run streak with a three-run shot in the fifth inning, giving the Angels a 3-1 lead. Upton has hit four home runs in his last three games. The homer was Upton's 30th of the season and marked his third consecutive season of at least 30 home runs.

Shohei Ohtani appeared to be limping as he jogged off the field in the eighth inning after he slid awkwardly into second base and was caught stealing.

Ty Buttrey struck out the side in the ninth inning to earn his third save.

Seattle's Daniel Vogelbach hit a first-pitch, two-run homer off starter Jaime Barria to tie the game at 3-all in the fourth inning.

Portland State breaks 15-game skid

PORTLAND (AP) — Davis Alexander passed for three touchdowns, ran for another and Portland State ended a 15-game losing streak, pounding NAIA College of Idaho 63-14 on Saturday.

The losing skid stretched back to the 2016 season.

The Vikings scored twice in four seconds to close a 28-point first quarter. Carlos Marlin ran in from the 6 with 42 seconds left in the period. Anthony Adams jumped on a College of Idaho fumble in the end zone four ticks later.

Portland State scored 21 points off four College of Idaho turnovers and racked up 657 yards total offense.

Alexander and Jalani Eason each passed for more than 100 yards, a combined 307, and four scores. Davis Koetter led eight receivers with 105 yards and a touchdown on two catches.

Manotas sets record, Dynamo top Timbers

HOUSTON (AP) — Mauro Manotas had two goals and an assist and set a franchise record for goals in a calendar year, helping the Houston Dynamo snap a 10-game winless streak with a 4-1 victory over the Portland Timbers on Saturday night.

Manotas gave the Dynamo a 2-1 lead in the 39th minute, tapping in Alberth Elis' low cross. It was Manotas' 17th goal in all competitions this year.

Manotas added another goal to his tally in the 71st minute, volleying home goalkeeper Steve Clark's botched attempt to punch away Elis' cross.

Houston's Alejandro Fuenmayor scored an own goal to give the Timbers (12-8-8) the lead in the ninth minute.

Elis headed home Tomas Martinez's free kick to tie it at 1 for the Dynamo (8-13-7) in the 32nd minute.

Fuenmayor capped the scoring in the 81st minute with a right-footed shot to finish Manotas' pass.

BAKER FOOTBALL AT MAC-HI

Bulldogs romp past Pioneers, 41-0

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It didn't take Baker long to dominate Mac-Hi in their Greater Oregon League football opener Friday.

The Bulldogs needed just six offensive plays to take a 20-0 first-half lead on the way to a 41-0 romp at Milton-Freewater.

"We did some good things," said Baker coach Dave Johnson.

"It was a nice rebound from last week."

Baker had lost 62-18 to Homedale a week earlier.

"We had a great defensive performance," Johnson said.

"We had to bow our necks a couple of times, but the kids did a great job."

Baker received the opening kickoff and needed just two plays before Alex Hammans scored on a 53-yard run.

Then, after Mac-Hi took almost eight minutes off the clock, Baker ran just three plays before quarterback Spencer Shirtcliff connected with Spencer Smith on a 63-yard scoring pass.

The first quarter ended with Baker leading 13-0.

Mac-Hi again ran time off the clock before Baker took over on the Pioneers' 27.

Shirtcliff then connected with Riley Flanagan to move the ball to the Mac-Hi 2.

Hammans scored his second TD on the next play to increase Baker's lead to 20-0.

Neither team scored in the third quarter.

Baker then ended the second-half drought when Shirtcliff and Flanagan hooked up again, this time from 15 yards to boost Baker up 27-0 to open the fourth quarter.

Baker's defense got into the scoring column three plays later.

The Bulldogs forced a Mac-Hi fumble near the goal line and Zander Arriaga scooped the ball up and went 5 yards for the score.

Baker completed the scoring later in the fourth quarter when Gabe Gambleton scored from a yard out.

Hammans led Baker runners with 148 yards on 16

carries.

Shirtcliff finished 9-of-17 for 151 yards. Flanagan caught four passes for 58 yards, and Smith three for 76 yards.

Baker (1-0 in the GOL) hosts Ontario Friday.

Baker 13 7 0 21 — 41
Mac-Hi 0 0 0 0 — 0
B — Hammans 53 run (Kick failed)
B — Smith 63 pass from Shirtcliff (Rushton kick)
B — Hammans 2 run (Rushton kick)
B — Flanagan 15 pass from Shirtcliff (Rushton kick)
B — Arriaga 5 fumble return (Rushton kick)
B — Gambleton 1 run (Rushton kick)

Individual statistics
Rushing — Baker: Hammans 16-148, Myer 2-15, Bloomer 5-12, Gambleton 2-3, Shirtcliff 4-28, Mac-Hi: Gilmore 13-48, White 10-20, Birdwell 4-9, Brinkley 6-7, M. Quist 1-4-0.
Passing — Baker: Shirtcliff 9-17-0-15, Gambleton 3-3-0-22, Mac-Hi: Gilmore 4-17-0-103.
Receiving — Baker: Flanagan 4-58, Smith 3-76, Myer 2-13, Gambleton 2-12, Bloomer 1-14, Mac-Hi: D. Quist 2-88, Birdwell 1-15, White 1-0.

BOISE STATE FOOTBALL

Oklahoma St. too much for Broncos

By Cliff Brunt
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STILLWATER, Okla. — Finally, Taylor Cornelius has emerged from Mason Rudolph's shadow.

The fifth-year senior ran for two touchdowns and passed for another to help No. 24 Oklahoma State beat No. 17 Boise State 44-21 on Saturday.

Cornelius waited his turn for years behind Rudolph, who now is with the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers. He made the most of his first career start against a ranked opponent.

"It's hard to faze that guy," Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said.

Cornelius passed for 243 yards and ran for 41. Several times, he kept momentum going with runs and kept plays alive with his strength and deceptive speed.

"He took care of the football and he led our team with toughness, and that was great to see," Oklahoma State offensive coordinator Mike Yurcich said. "He's a highly competitive guy, and that's one of the most important things any quarterback can have, is competitiveness and the willingness to lead your team, protect the football and do whatever it takes to win."

Justice Hill ran for 123 yards and a touchdown, and Tylan Wallace had five catches for 105 yards for the Cowboys (3-0).

Boise State's Brett Rypien passed for 380 yards and three touchdowns, but was sacked seven times and pressured throughout the day. Defensive end Jordan Brailford had three sacks, defensive end Jarrell Owens had two and linebacker Devin Harper had 1.5.

"Their D-line, I thought, did a good job," Rypien said. "You don't want to get into third-and-long against that defense."

Oklahoma State held the Broncos (2-1) to 34 yards rushing on 31 attempts.

A blocked punt by Oklahoma State's Amen Ogbongbemiga led to a 1-yard touchdown run by Cornelius that gave the Cowboys a 14-7 lead. Oklahoma State led 17-7 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Oklahoma State's Jarrick Bernard blocked another punt, and Za'Carrius Green scored on the return to push the Cowboys' lead to 34-14.

Rypien's 5-yard touchdown pass to Chase Blakley on fourth down cut Oklahoma State lead to 34-21 late in the third quarter, but the Cowboys maintained control. Cornelius closed the scoring

on a 6-yard touchdown run on which several of his teammates ganged up and pushed him over the goal line.

"We're obviously disappointed in the loss," Boise State coach Bryan Harsin said. "Give credit to Oklahoma State—they played well. They played like we've seen on tape. They played fast, they played physical and they made plays."

THE TAKEAWAY

Boise State: Rypien can only take the Broncos so far if he doesn't have time to throw. His quick release saved him from disaster numerous times, but the Cowboys still got to him too often and his running game was no help.

Oklahoma State: The Cowboys usually have to depend on their offense to win games,

but they showed they can change the game on defense and special teams, too.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Oklahoma State handled a ranked nonconference opponent with a strong reputation and should make a significant leap in the Top 25.

Boise State shouldn't fall too much with a road loss to a ranked Big 12 team.



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