

Sports

BAKER CROSS COUNTRY

Baker shines at Union

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Baker's cross country teams continued to turn in impressive times Friday at the 42nd-annual Catherine Creek Scamper.

"Another good day is in the books for the 2018 cross-country team," said Baker coach Suzy Cole.

"Our JV teams especially stepped up with Payton Jones winning the girls race and Hollie Mays 4th. On the boys side Eithen Hatfield was 4th and Joseph Daugherty 5th."

Cole said on the varsity teams Alex Gross and Salena Bott both had their best races of the season.

"We continue to improve but were maybe a little flatter than last week due to the training they have been putting in. I am very excited about the direction this team continues to take. We have a couple injuries and an illness that we are dealing with but I feel like we are making progress on that front as well. Almost the entire girls team had season bests at this meet," Cole said.

Baker travels to Seaside Saturday for the annual Three Course Challenge.

Catherine Creek Scamper (Baker results)

Boys varsity — 17 Lucas Stearns, 19:26. 21. John Niehaus, 20:11. 27 Alex Gross, 20:34. 40. Gavin Stone, 21:09. 41. Shane Cunningham, 21:15.

Boys junior varsity — 6. Eithen Hatfield, 21:32. 7. Joseph Daugherty, 21:44. 28. Kaden Dalke, 23:23. 42. Ian Jesenko, 24:48. 60. Conner Jensen, 27:28.

Boys middle school — 24. Hudson Spike, 11:03. 27. Gabriel Bott, 11:13. 50. Seth Masturde, 12:06. 63. Trenton Newman, 13:01. 81. Reeve Damschen, 14:06. 91. Anthony Christopher, 16:16. 92. Cole Hester, 16:41.

Girls middle school — 51. Maddison Gagnon, 16:24.

Girls varsity — 10. Carah Downing, 23:20. 17. Sydney Keller, 24:04. 18. Salena Bott, 24:05. 29. Kaitlyn Waters, 25:50. 41. Lacey Jones, 26:46. 42. Jayden Rice, 26:56. 48. Beka Shaw, 27:44.

Girls junior varsity — Payton Jones, 27:37. Hollie Mays, 28:15. Maria Granhus, 29:58. Flippa Kraup, 31:55. Alana Cook, 34:53. Zoe Carlson-Morrow, 43:08.

EOU women fall 2-1 in OT

GREAT FALLS, Mont. The No. 19 Eastern Oregon women's soccer team opened conference play on the road on Friday evening, falling to Providence 2-1 in overtime.

The Mountaineers (4-1-0, 0-1-0 CCC) had a dominant first half as they controlled the attack, leading in shots 7-4.

BAKER BOYS SOCCER TOPS LA GRANDE FOR FIRST LEAGUE WIN IN 10 YEARS



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Colton Anderson scores one of Baker's five goals against La Grande Saturday.

Bulldogs remain unbeaten

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Baker went into some rarified territory Saturday after defeating La Grande 5-3 in a Greater Oregon League boys soccer match at the Baker Sports Complex.

The win not only kept Baker's current season without a loss (4-0-1), it also was Baker's first league victory in 10 years.

La Grande actually scored first 15 minutes into the match.

Baker then evened the score at 1-1 on a penalty kick by Omar Benites.

That's where the score remained at halftime.

Baker took the lead for good five minutes into the second half when Jamisun Rigeiro scored after receiving an arching free kick from

Benites.

Baker was aided in the second half when La Grande had to play with just nine players. One player received a red card and was ejected. Another Tiger accumulated two yellow cards and also was ejected.

Colton Anderson increased Baker's lead to 3-1 when his shot caromed off the side post and into the net for the score.

Then, after La Grande cut Baker's lead to one goal, Rigeiro scored on a header in front of the net after receiving a corner kick from Benites.

La Grande again cut the lead to one, but Jorge Duran quickly answered with the day's final goal.

Baker is idle until Saturday when the Bulldogs travel to Ontario for a GOL match.

OREGON DUCKS FOOTBALL

Ducks dispatch San Jose State, 35-22

By Anne M. Peterson
AP Sports Writer

EUGENE — Oregon coach Mario Cristobal said he spent the week telling the No. 20 Ducks the importance of focusing on San Jose State with Stanford looming next weekend.

Oregon emerged Saturday with a somewhat lackluster 35-22 victory over the surprising Spartans.

"The best part about this thing is when you go in the locker room the mood is just not content, not satisfied," Cristobal said. "You can watch tape and learn from this without having paid the price of not winning a football game."

Justin Herbert threw for 309 yards and three touchdowns in the Ducks' final nonconference tuneup before opening the Pac-12 season with the No. 9 Cardinal next week.

Freshman Cyrus Habibi-Likio scored on both of his carries and Johnny Johnson III caught a pair of touchdown passes to help Oregon win its 23rd straight non-conference game at Autzen Stadium.

The Ducks previously beat Bowling Green and Portland State, moving up three spots

in the rankings this week. They were 41-point favorites against San Jose State.

Troy Dye insisted the Ducks didn't overlook the Spartans.

"I think we were focused on San Jose State. San Jose State is a great team, don't get me wrong. They have a lot of athletes on offense and on defense, they're good up front," Dye said. "They're a great team and they gave us their best shot, as everybody does when they come into Autzen."

But Cristobal said that perhaps some of the hype over next week's game reached the team.

"A lot of people out there wanted to skip this game and get right to conference play and you have to protect your team from thinking that way," Cristobal said. "Is that part of it? It could be. It could be. We gotta be better about being on guard. We have to make sure that doesn't affect us."

San Jose (0-3) went into the game ranked 113th among FBS teams (out of 129) in total offense with an average of 315 yards game, and 125th in total defense, allowing 566.6 yards a game. The Spartans sputtered in last weekend's 31-0 loss to

the Cougars, managing just 109 total yards.

But they fared far better against the Ducks. Quarterback Josh Love completed 15 of 31 passes for 238 yards and a score, while Josh Oliver had six catches for 41 yards and a touchdown. They finished with 296 yards of total offense.

"We're getting better man, we're getting better," Spartans coach Brent Brannan said afterward. "It's good. We're fighting. And that's what we've got to do. We're trying to rebuild this thing in the best way we know how, in the direction we think it can be. We believe wholeheartedly we can have an incredible program at San Jose State. You're always looking for those moments where you take steps."

Oregon scored on its first series of the game when Habibi-Likio ran for a 3-yard touchdown. On the Ducks' next series, Herbert hit Jacob Breeland with a 66-yard TD pass.

Bryce Crawford kicked field goals from 31 and 28 yards out to get the Spartans in the game. But Herbert answered with a 39-yard scoring pass to Johnny Johnson III to make it 21-6.

The Ducks nearly scored

again before the end of the first half but Herbert's pass into the end zone was tipped and intercepted by San Jose cornerback Dakari Monroe.

Habibi-Likio scored on his second carry of the game, a 3-yarder to make it 28-6 for the Ducks, but Love found Oliver in the end zone with a 7-yard pass — the conversion failed — to narrow the lead.

Herbert opened the final quarter with a 22-yard scoring pass to Johnson to put the Ducks up 35-12. But Crawford kicked a 25-yard field goal and Malik Roberson added a 1-yard TD run for the Spartans to close out scoring with 4:02 left.

Herbert completed 16 of 34 passes but threw two interceptions. He has thrown 12 touchdown passes so far this season.

"They did a great job playing defense and unfortunately we didn't move the ball as well as would have liked and didn't play the type football we wanted today but we'll learn from it and get after it this week," he said.

The two teams last met in 1998 with No. 22 Oregon winning 58-3. Current Oregon offensive coordinator Marcus Arroyo started that game as a freshman quarterback for San Jose.

PORTLAND THORNS SOCCER

Thorns advance to title game

PORTLAND (AP) — Tobin Heath and Lindsey Horan scored and the Portland Thorns advanced to the National Women's Soccer League championship game with a 2-1 semifinal victory over the Seattle Reign on Saturday.

The defending NWSL champion Thorns (13-6-6) will play the winner of the other semifinal between the Chicago Red Stars and the North Carolina Courage for the title next Saturday at Portland's Providence Park.

The semifinal between the Courage (17-1-6) and Red Stars (9-5-10) was originally set for Sunday in Cary, but the game was moved to Tuesday night in Portland

because of Hurricane Florence.

The move left the Courage, who finished with the best record in the league, without a postseason game at home. The NWSL named its championship venue in May.

The Reign went up first in the 28th minute when Megan Rapinoe's corner kick appeared to hit the cross bar and carom straight to Jasmine Spencer, who scored.

Horan was challenged by defenders and handed the ball off to Heath, whose shot from the corner of the box tied it.

Heath appeared to score again in the 69th minute but she was called offside.

The crowd roared with boos when the replay shown on the video scoreboard showed she wasn't.

Horan scored the go-ahead goal in the 77th minute on a header that bounced in off the post. It was her 14th of the season.

"Obviously we were ready," Thorns goalkeeper Adrianna France said afterward. "That was a wild game. The first half, they came down our throats but we stayed in it and we got the job done."

The Thorns defeated the Reign 3-1 in the regular-season finale last week. With the win, the Thorns secured home-field advantage for the semifinal.

WEEK AHEAD IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

MONDAY, SEPT. 17

■ **Girls soccer:** Weiser at Baker, 5 p.m.

■ **Volleyball:** Baker JV2 at Parma, 3 p.m.; Baker JV at Parma, 4 p.m.; Baker at Parma, 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18

■ **Volleyball:** La Grande at Baker JV2, 4 p.m.; La Grande at Baker JV, 5 p.m.; La Grande at Baker, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

■ **Football:** Baker JV at Ontario, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21

■ **Volleyball:** Powder Valley at Elgin, 4 p.m.

■ **Football:** Pine-Eagle at Crane, 2 p.m.; Burnt River at South Wasco, 4 p.m.; Ontario at Baker, 7 p.m.; Powder Valley at Elgin, 7 p.m.; Huntington at Echo, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

■ **Volleyball:** Powder Valley at South Wasco tourney, tba; Baker at Sisters tourney, tba

■ **Girls soccer:** Baker at Ontario, 2 p.m.

■ **Boys soccer:** Baker at Ontario, noon; Baker JV at Ontario, 2 p.m.

■ **Cross country:** Baker at Seaside, 9 a.m.

AT A GLANCE

Powder Valley stop Spartans

NORTH POWDER — Powder Valley evened its Old Oregon League football record at 1-1 Friday with a 46-28 win over Pine-Eagle.

Reece Dixon passed for 115 yards with a pair of touchdowns and added 102 yards and one score on the ground.

Kadien Krieger had 134 yards rushing with a touchdown, and Ethan Stephens ran for 103 yards and one touchdown.

Preston Martin scored on a recovered fumble.

Burnt River falls in 6-man action

MITCHELL — Burnt River lost 39-12 to Spray/Mitchell/Wheeler Friday in 6-man football action.

Harper shuts out Huntington 48-0

HARPER — Harper handed Huntington a 48-0 defeat in 6-man football play Friday.

Kerns begins college rodeo career at Cody

CODY, Wyoming — Former Powder Valley athlete Samantha Kerns began her collegiate rodeo career Sept. 7 at the Northwest College Rodeo No. 1.

Kerns, from Haines, won the barrels and breakaway roping, was third in goats and seventh in team roping header.

Competing for Montana State, Kerns earned the women's all-around award at the event.

After the first week of action Kerns is ranked first in breakaway roping, third in barrels, seventh in goats and 11th in team roping header in the Big Sky Region.

Duby places in team roping at Ellensburg

ELLENSBURG — Steven Duby, a former Hereford rider, placed eighth in team roping at Ellensburg Sept. 3.

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