

Sports

BRIEFING

Baker boys soccer team suffers first loss

ONTARIO — Ontario handed Baker its first loss of the season Saturday, a 4-2 decision in Greater Oregon League boys soccer play.

Ontario's Danny Rodriguez scored a three-goal "hat trick" to help defeat the Bulldogs.

Baker goals were by Omar Benites and Colton Anderson.

Baker (4-1-1) travels to Nyssa Tuesday for a nonleague match.

Baker girls soccer team defeats Ontario 6-1

ONTARIO — Baker topped Ontario 6-1 in a Greater Oregon League girls soccer match Saturday.

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.

Times change for soccer at Mac-Hi

Baker's boys and girls soccer games at Mac-Hi Oct. 20 will start earlier than previously scheduled.

Varsity boys play will begin at 11 a.m. Varsity girls will start at 1 p.m.

The change allows Baker student-athletes to take part in Homecoming festivities that evening.

Brown second in steer wrestling

PENDLETON — Baker's Jesse Brown placed second in average in steer wrestling Sept. 15 at the Pendleton Round-Up. Brown's time was 18.1.

Eastern riders place at St. Helens rodeos

ST. HELENS — Several Eastern Oregon rodeo team riders placed at the St. Helens high school rodeos Sept. 14-15.

In the first rodeo, Lexie Harrell was first in girls cutting, Michelle Williams second, Maggie Mackenzie third and Kylie Siddoway seventh.

Logan Nedrow was second in breakaway roping and Williams seventh. Williams also was sixth in goat tying.

In the second rodeo, Siddoway was first in girls cutting, Harrell second, Williams fourth and Mackenzie sixth.

Nedrow was second in barrels, and Mackenzie eighth in goats.

Harrell was first in breakaway roping and eighth in team roping headers.

Baker runners place at Coos Bay

COOS BAY — Two Baker City runners placed at the 39th annual Prefontaine Memorial 10K Road Race Sept. 15 at Coos Bay.

Elizabeth Hiller, 30, placed 283rd in a time of 1:00:39. Marshall Hiller, 30, was 284th in a time of 1:00:40.

Samantha Kerns places at Dawson CC

GLENDIVE, Montana — Powder Valley graduate Samantha Kerns placed in three events at the Dawson Community College rodeo Sept. 14-15.

Kerns, a freshman at Montana State, was second in girls all-around, second in barrels and fifth in goats.

Kerns currently is second in breakaway roping, third in barrels, sixth in goats and 15th in team roping header in the Big Sky Region.

Portland Winterhawks lose opener

KENT, Wash. — Zack Andrusiak and Dillon Hamaliuk each had a goal and two helpers as Seattle toppled Portland 5-3 in Western Hockey League play.

Nolan Volcan, Owen Williams and Matthew Wedman also scored for the Thunderbirds (1-0-0), who got 30 saves from Liam Hughes.

Seth Jarvis struck twice for the Winterhawks (0-1-0). Joachim Blichfield also scored as Shane Farkas stopped 30-of-34 shots in defeat.

Seattle's Tyrel Bauer and Portland's Mason Mannek received game misconducts for being the second fight altercation on the same play at the end of the second period.

Mariners eliminated from post-season

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Marco Gonzales has himself in position for an upbeat finish to easily the best season of his career.

Now the Seattle left-hander knows for sure his final start, if he gets another one, won't have any impact on the postseason.

Robinson Cano broke a scoreless tie with a three-run homer in the fifth inning while Gonzales allowed one hit in six innings, but the Mariners were eliminated from the AL wild-card race despite a 13-0 trouncing of the Texas Rangers on Saturday night.

The longest playoff drought among the four major pro sports was extended to 17 years when Oakland finished off Seattle's fading hopes with a 3-2 win against Minnesota, scoring the winning run in the bottom of the ninth about an hour after the Mariners' victory.

Portland Thorns lose championship game

PORTLAND (AP) — A nearly flawless season came to the perfect end for the North Carolina Courage.

Jess McDonald scored two goals and the Courage — who lost just once this year — won the National Women's Soccer League championship with a 3-0 victory over the Portland Thorns on Saturday.

"It was kind of an all or nothing kind of game, and we just continued our process this season," McDonald said. "The only thing we wanted to do was improve in today's game and that's kind of what we did."

The victory was a bit of revenge for the Courage, who lost 1-0 to the Thorns in last year's title match.

The match was played before a sellout crowd of 21,144 at Portland's Providence Park. That was a record for the final of a women's pro league championship in the United States.

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Aaron Lavinsky/Minnesota StarTribune/TNS

Minnesota United defender Francisco Calvo and Portland defender Alvas Powell battle for a header Saturday at Minnesota.

Ibarra leads Minnesota win

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Romario Ibarra scored two goals and Minnesota United beat the Portland Timbers 3-2 on Saturday night to snap a seven-game winless streak — including five losses.

Minnesota (10-16-3) hadn't won since beating Los Angeles FC 5-1 on July 22.

Ibarra, a 23-year old who

joined the team on July 9 and came in with one goal in six MLS appearances, tapped home a pass from Darwin Quintero to open the scoring in the 18th minute. He ran onto a long, arcing feed from Fernando Bob, cut back to evade a defender and rolled it to Ibarra for the empty-net finish from the center of the area.

He side-netted a through

ball from Quintero in the 36th and Michael Boxall put away a corner kick, that deflected off defender Liam Ridgewell, by Rasmus Schuller to make it 3-0 going into halftime.

Alvas Powell and Sebastian Blanco each scored in the second half for Portland (13-9-8). The Timbers are winless, with four losses, in their last six road games.

EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

Mounties claim wild win in triple OT

By Ronald Bond
The (La Grande) Observer

Wild and wacky doesn't even begin to describe Eastern Oregon's Frontier Conference contest Saturday against No. 22 Montana Western.

Unfathomable, stunning, or unbelievable are probably better words.

"Everything that could possibly happen probably happened in that game," EOU Head Coach Tim Camp said.

The Mountaineers entered the final quarter with a 28-point lead only to see three touchdowns scored in a span of 92 seconds, then later the tying touchdown with 2:43 to play, all before recovering to deliver the final blow and outlast the Bulldogs 54-51 in a triple-overtime game for the ages at Community Stadium.

"It was unreal," said quarterback Kai Quinn, who passed for an EOU record 466 yards in the victory. "To see this team come together like that was amazing. It was a great team win."

Fight was a word used repeatedly by Camp postgame to describe his team's ability to grind out a win in a game that had endless twists and turns.

"At the end of the day I think they showed great resilience," Camp said. "They showed fight today. That's the one thing I wanted to see."

He added later, "(I'm) super excited about the kids and the effort they put out there. 'If you have fight, you'll respond when things are against you.'"

The game ended on an uncommon play — a blocked field goal — which was perhaps fitting for the uncommon after-

noon. The teams had traded field goals in the first overtime — after UMW had the winning touchdown called back on a penalty — and touchdowns by UMW's Jake Messerly and Quinn in the second overtime.

Nathan Harden gave EOU the lead back with a 39-yard field goal, and moments later Mark Kharchenko lined up his own 36-yard attempt to possibly send the game to a fourth extra period.

But Zach Lacey, who said he had two earlier kicks go right between his hands, got the block to seal the win and set off the celebration.

"It was awesome to see the team never stop fighting," Lacey said. "Going into that last play, I lined up and said, 'I want a win. I don't want a loss or a tie.' I knew I had to blow it up and get a hand up."

He later said the contest was "easily one of my top three favorite games I've ever been a part of, and the way it ended might have made it No. 1. It was amazing."

Amazing would indeed be another fitting word for the game. The teams combined for 1,036 yards of offense and 105 points in the nearly four-hour marathon between two teams that, so far this season, had allowed 39 points per game combined.

But the offensive outburst, at least for EOU, didn't shock Camp.

"I really thought we could have a 500-yard game in the air if done correctly," he said. "I knew we could score points on them even though they are a good football team."

That's not to say the defenses were bad. The teams forced a combined nine turnovers. EOU recorded seven sacks and 14 tackles for loss.

"I thought we played hard," said defensive lineman Sage DeLong, who had nine tackles, a sack and three tackles for loss.

UMW had two defensive touchdowns of its own, which got the Bulldogs back in the game. Two plays after a Walt McKittrick touchdown with 10:45 to play made it 41-20, Damaen Bentley jumped a route and went 27 yards for a pick-six to cut the gap to 14. Joe Caicedo then forced and recovered a fumble and took the ball 36 yards to make it 41-34 score with 9:13 left.

UMW eventually tied the score at 41-41 on McKittrick's 53-yard touchdown reception with 2:43 to go.

But with everything suddenly against them, the Mountaineers showed their grit in the closing minutes.

One play after Bentley grabbed a second interception on an iffy jump-ball call for UMW, Garrett Yunker grabbed an interception for the EOU defense. Riley Martello recovered a fumble for the Bulldogs with 89 seconds to play, but Isaiah Cranford responded in kind three plays later by recovering a fumble for Eastern with 42 seconds left.

Eastern followed that play with a 53-yard deep ball from Quinn to Brenden Kelly for a potential winning field goal. Harden's 32-yard attempt hit the left upright, but the senior bounced back to hit two important kicks in overtime.

Seattle gets first win

By Tim Booth
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SEATTLE — Chris Carson dished out punishing runs. Russell Wilson made smart, decisive throws at key moments. A defense led by Bobby Wagner and an unhappy Earl Thomas forced turnovers, making Dak Prescott and Dallas look meager trying to move the ball.

The Seattle Seahawks returned to a familiar, old formula to avoid a dreaded 0-3 start, beating the Cowboys 24-13 on Sunday.

"This is how we want to play. We couldn't be any more specific about it," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said.

Wilson threw two touchdown passes in the first half, Carson added a 5-yard TD run in early in the fourth quarter and the Seahawks won their 10th straight home opener. Wilson hit Jaron Brown on an 16-yard touchdown early in the second quarter, and later hit Tyler Lockett streaking up the sideline on a 52-yard scoring pass, and Seattle (1-2) built a 17-3 halftime lead and cruised past the Cowboys.

The duo of Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott didn't have the answers against a Seattle defense that had Thomas on the field and welcomed back Wagner after the Seahawks' defensive leader missed Week 2 with a groin injury.

Prescott was intercepted twice by Thomas, including with 3:09 remaining at the Seattle 15 on a deflected pass, with Thomas bowing to the Dallas sideline at the end of the play.

Prescott was sacked five times and Dallas (1-2) had just 58 net yards passing entering the fourth quarter.

