

Sports

BAKER VOLLEYBALL REMAINS IN SECOND PLACE IN LEAGUE STANDINGS

Bulldogs top Ontario in key GOL match

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Baker maintained a strong hold on at least second place in the Greater Oregon League volleyball standings Thursday.

The Bulldogs improved their GOL record to 3-1 with a 25-7, 25-14, 25-8 win over Ontario in the Baker gym. Ontario and Mac-Hi trail Baker both with 1-3 records.

Baker has two remaining GOL matches, Oct. 11 at La Grande (3-0) and Oct. 16 at Mac-Hi.

Thursday, Jayme Ramos served Baker on top 5-0 in Game 1. Anna Carter then boosted the Bulldogs ahead 8-1.

Baker then continued to pull away until Ramos served the game-winning point.

The second game started slowly,

with Baker forging a 6-4 advantage. Abby Baker then served 12 straight points to boost Baker on top 18-4.

The net play of Carter and Averi Elms aided the run.

Ontario made a brief run to cut Baker's lead to 10, 24-14, but Baker then scored the winning point on an Ontario miscue.

Ramos and Carter combined to

give Baker an explosive start in the third game.

Ramos served the Bulldogs to a quick 8-0 before Carter served 12 straight points for a 20-1 Baker edge.

Ontario could get no closer than 16 points after that.

Baker also swept the non-varsity matches, winning the JV2 match 25-18, 25-6, and the JV match 25-19, 25-3, 25-20.

BRIEFING

From staff reports

Eighth-grade ties Grant Union 12-12

Baker's eighth-grade football team tied Grant Union 12-12 Wednesday.

Dominic Myers scored both Baker touchdowns, one on a 25-yard run and the other on a 65-yard pass from Kai Ogan.

Blaze Dawson led Baker's defense. Dan Humbert, Ryan Hunt and Jacob Mills each recovered a fumble for Baker.

Baker soccer girls fall 3-2 at Umatilla

UMATILLA — Umatilla defeated Baker 3-2 Tuesday in a nonleague girls soccer match at Umatilla.

No other information was available.

Baker girls soccer match changed

Baker's nonleague girls soccer match with Umatilla scheduled Tuesday at the Baker Sports Complex has been moved to Oct. 23.

The match will kick off at 5 p.m.

Baker JV football canceled Thursday

Baker's junior varsity football home game against Mac-Hi scheduled Thursday was canceled.

It will not be made up.

Baker JV football at La Grande changed

Baker's JV football game scheduled Oct. 18 at La Grande will now start at 7 p.m.

The change was made due to conflicts with Eastern Oregon University schedules.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Dodgers blank Braves to take 1-0 series lead

By **Beth Harris**
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — The Dodgers made a surprising and much dissected decision to start Hyun-Jin Ryu over Clayton Kershaw in Game 1 of the NL Division Series.

Swell choice.

The South Korean left-hander pitched seven dominant innings and Los Angeles launched three home runs to beat the Atlanta Braves 6-0 on Thursday night.

Ryu delivered in his first postseason start since 2014. He allowed four singles — all with two outs — struck out eight and walked none.

"He was in control. There was a lot of soft contact," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "He was doing what he wanted to do. It was good to see, and we needed that one."

The only slip Ryu made was when he mistook the second out of the fourth inning for the last out and started walking toward the dugout. He laughed upon realizing



Robert Gauthier / Los Angeles Times-TNS

The Los Angeles Dodgers' Enrique Hernandez, left, stumbles after tagging out the Atlanta Braves' Ronald Acuna Jr. on a sixth-inning steal attempt during Game 1 of the National League Division Series Thursday.

the gaffe.

The 31-year-old Ryu missed 3 1/2 months of the season with a groin strain and returned Aug. 15 to post a 1.88 ERA in 52 2/3 innings.

"When he came back we weren't sure who we were going to get," teammate Enrique Hernandez said. "It seemed like he didn't miss a beat."

Dodgers great Sandy Koufax was among those who

gave Ryu a standing ovation as he walked to the dugout after his final pitch.

"I'm happy that I was able to keep my promise that I would go full-throttle from the get-go," Ryu said through a translator.

Ryu even collected his first career postseason hit with a single in the fourth.

The Dodgers set franchise and National League records by hitting 235 homers during

the regular season, and their tear continued with three more to begin their playoffs. The defending NL champions actually were out-hit 6-5 by Atlanta, but the Braves only got singles.

"I don't really feel like there's anyone on this team that's going up there trying to hit a home run," said Max Muncy, who had a three-run shot with two outs in the second. "It's just a result of us having a good approach and good at-bats. I feel like a lot of the home runs we've had have come off of long at-bats, working the counts and wearing the pitcher down."

Game 2 in the best-of-five matchup is Friday at Dodger Stadium, with Kershaw starting for Los Angeles against Anibal Sanchez.

"A guy with his pedigree and his track record, we're pretty excited to have him going tomorrow night," Dodgers third baseman Justin Turner said of Kershaw.

The Braves have lost eight straight series openers in the postseason. They haven't

won a Game 1 since 2001 when they went on to sweep Houston in the NLDS.

Rookie Ronald Acuna Jr. struck out twice and went 0 for 4 as the Baby Braves were blanked. This was Atlanta's first playoff appearance since 2013, when they lost to the Dodgers in four games.

Joc Pederson's leadoff shot in the bottom of the first rattled Mike Foltyniewicz in his postseason debut.

Foltyniewicz gave up four runs and three hits in two innings. The right-hander struck out five and walked two. He got out of a two-out, bases-loaded jam in the first by striking out Yasiel Puig.

"If you don't have your fastball command, they're going to spit on a lot of things, which they did tonight," Foltyniewicz said.

He found trouble again in the second.

With two outs, Foltyniewicz hit Pederson and walked Justin Turner before Muncy sent a 1-0 pitch over the wall in center, making it 4-0.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Brady throws 500th TD pass in Patriots' win

By **Barry Wilner**
AP Pro Football Writer

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — On a night when he reached 500 career touchdown passes, Tom Brady welcomed back a buddy with one of his three scoring tosses Thursday, then connected with a newcomer who could help him reach more milestones.

Brady also sneaked in for a rushing touchdown and the New England Patriots put together their second straight win after a mediocre start to the season, beating Indianapolis 38-24.

Brady's 500th went to Josh Gordon, recently acquired from Cleveland, where he basically was unavailable through NFL suspensions for

all but five games over the past three seasons. But, as he often does, Brady spread the wealth, hitting running back James White 10 times for 77 yards, and greeting the return of buddy Julian Edelman by completing seven for 57 yards to him.

"We wanted to get him the ball and he made some great plays," Brady said about Edelman. "Just good to have him out there. We all want it to be perfect when we go out and it was great to have him out there ... healthy and having fun."

As for 500 TD passes, third on the career list behind Peyton Manning (539) and Brett Favre (508), Brady called it a collective mark.

"I think all these things like that, milestones, there are so many people that contribute, all the people that have really worked hard," he said. "A quarterback doesn't throw to himself."

The five-time NFL champion also tied Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri, a former teammate, for most victories with 226. Brady finished 34 for 44 for 341 yards.

As everyone in Gillette Stadium except, apparently, the Colts knew, Brady started off with a pass to Edelman, who was wide open for 9 yards. That drew the first of many loud cheers for the 10th-year veteran receiver in his first game since the 2017 preseason, when he tore up a knee. Edelman was suspended for the first four games this year for violating the NFL's policy on performance enhancers.

"During the rehab you are

just sitting there and waiting to get back on the field," Edelman said.

That was the first of three receptions for 28 yards for Edelman on the opening 75-yard touchdown drive Brady capped with a 1-yard toss to Cordarrelle Patterson.

From there, even though the Colts (1-4) had a drive deep into New England (3-2) territory, usually reliable Adam Vinatieri missed a 38-yard field goal.

Nothing was going right for Indianapolis, particularly after Brady led a 72-yard march to his sneak from the 1. Then he took the Patriots 68 yards near the end of the half and hit workhorse White for a 6-yard score to lead 21-3.

Under pressure, Andrew Luck threw a poor pass that Patrick Chung intercepted at midfield, and Stephen Gostkowski made a 45-yard field goal for a 24-3 halftime lead.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Brewers nip Rockies in opener

By **Genaro C. Armas**
AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE — Extra innings, two outs and the winning run on third in Game 1 of the playoffs.

Short on playoff experience, the Milwaukee Brewers dealt for veteran Mike Moustakas over the summer to produce in just this kind of spot.

Good deal.

Moustakas scored MVP front-runner Christian Yelich with a two-out single in the 10th inning, and the Brewers bounced back to beat the Colorado Rockies 3-2 Thursday in their NL Division Series opener.

After giving up two runs in the ninth that made it 2-2, the Brewers regrouped and soon celebrated. Making their first postseason appearance since 2011, they won their ninth straight game overall.

Moustakas had already produced for Kansas City in October, hitting .304 in the 2015 World Series to help beat the Mets.

He's doing it again in Milwaukee after being acquired from the Royals in late July.

"Being in a postseason a couple years back, it definitely helps," Moustakas said.

Chants of "Moose!" echoed around Miller Park after the winning hit.

Game 2 is Friday in Milwaukee with Colorado's Tyler Anderson opposing Jhoulys Chacin, who led Milwaukee with 35 starts this year. He started Monday when the Brewers beat the Chicago Cubs 3-1 in the NL Central tiebreaker at Wrigley Field.

Yelich hit a two-run homer in the third inning, then opened the 10th with a walk against Adam Ottavino, coming back from an 0-2 count.

Yelich made his postseason debut, though the even-keeled star spoke as if he had been through this before.

"You're just trying to slow the situation down ... find a way to get on and make something happen, put some pressure on him," Yelich said. "And Moose was able to come through there at the end with the huge hit."

Yelich advanced to second on a wild pitch and came home on Moustakas' line drive to right field. After almost winning the Triple Crown this year, Yelich got two hits, scored twice and stole a base in his playoff debut.

Josh Hader and the Brewers allowed just one hit over eight innings in a dominant bullpen game and led 2-0 before Jeremy Jeffress gave up three straight singles to open the ninth. Charlie Blackmon grounded an RBI single shortly after his ground-rule double was overruled on replay review, and Nolan Arenado added a bases-loaded sacrifice fly to tie it.

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