

Sports

BRIEFING

La Grande girls clinch GOL soccer title

LA GRANDE — Second-ranked La Grande clinched the Greater Oregon League girls soccer title Saturday by defeating Baker 2-0 at La Grande.

The win improves La Grande's record to 4-0 and drops Baker's mark to 2-2 with two matches remaining.

Baker's next match is Saturday when the Bulldogs host Ontario at the Baker Sports Complex.

La Grande hands Baker boys 3-0 loss

LA GRANDE — La Grande avenged an earlier loss to Baker by defeating the Bulldogs 3-0 in a Greater Oregon League boys soccer match Saturday.

The loss drops Baker into a third-place tie with Mac-Hi at 1-3.

Baker hosts Four Rivers, Idaho, in a nonleague match Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the Baker Sports Complex.

Eastern routs Montana State Northern

FAVRE, Montana — The Eastern Oregon Mountaineer football team took care of business on the road, routing Montana State Northern 58-24 while racking up 637 yards of total offense on Saturday night in Frontier Conference play.

Eastern Oregon, (3-2, 3-2 FC) has now won back-to-back games for the first time this season, and played their first complete game of 2018. Montana State Northern (1-5, 0-5 FC) lost their fifth-straight game of the season Saturday night, scoring in double-digits for just the third time this year.

MSUN took an early lead in the first quarter by a score of 10-7, however the Mountaineers caught fire for the rest of the game, finishing on a 51-14 run to win 58-24. EOU outgained the Lights 637-360 in the game and outscored MSUN 44-3 in the second and third quarters.

EOU was able to attack the MSUN defense in multiple ways, keeping them off balance most of the game. Quarterback Kai Quinn got the offense going early with a touchdown pass to wide receiver Brenden Kelly, a connection that set multiple program records two weeks ago against Montana Western. Kelly scored again late in the first half, giving him two on the day.

Quinn had another efficient day orchestrating the offense, picking up 330 yards and three touchdowns on 22-for-32 passing. His go-to receiver, Kelly, ended with 108 yards on four receptions and two scores. Both players lead the Frontier Conference in passing and receiving, respectively. Quinn also rushed for 49 yards and a touchdown in the first half.

Running back Victor Dias was a key piece of the offense tonight, scoring two touchdowns. Dias' first was a 73-yard dash up the middle of the field, and his second came from 11 yards out. He finished the night with 14 carries for 132 yards and two scores.

Linfield pounds Willamette 59-0

McMINNVILLE — Artie Johnson ran for three touchdowns and Tala Teaupua added two more scores on the ground to power No. 25 Linfield to a convincing 59-0 Northwest Conference victory over Willamette Saturday.

Johnson and Chidubem Nnoli each surpassed the 100-yard rushing plateau. A Homecoming weekend crowd of 3,031 watched as the Wildcats (2-2) rolled up 530 yards of offense, including 316 rushing.

The 59-point differential was Linfield's widest series margin in 91 meetings with Willamette and surpassed the 55-point record for most points scored by the Wildcats against the Bearcats since two programs first met in 1902.

Titans follow big win by losing to Bills, 13-12

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — So much for the Tennessee Titans vowing not to take the Buffalo Bills for granted. That was safety Kevin Byard's lament when reminded how the Titans followed up last week's thrilling 26-23 overtime win over the defending Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles with a 13-12 loss to the Bills on Sunday.

"It shouldn't have been a lesson because we talked about it all week, about not coming here and laying an egg," Byard said. "But we did, and we lost, and we've got to get better."

Rather than enjoy their best start in 10 years, the Titans fell to 3-2 and blew a chance to take over sole possession of first place in the AFC South standings after Jacksonville (3-2) lost at Kansas City.

"Respect has to be earned, not given, and we didn't earn our respect today," Byard said. "We didn't do too much of anything good today on all levels."

Despite limiting the Bills to 223 yards of offense, the Titans gave up a final 11-play, 47-yard drive capped by Stephen Hauschka's 46-yard field goal as time expired.

It wasn't all on the defense.

The Marcus Mariota-led offense gained just 221 yards, had 15 first downs and settled for four field goals by Ryan Succop. Worse still, running back Dion Lewis and receiver Taywan Taylor lost a fumble, while Mariota threw an interception.

Chargers rout Raiders as Rivers shines

CARSON, Calif. (AP) — Philip Rivers threw for 339 yards and two touchdowns, leading the Los Angeles Chargers to a 26-10 victory over the Oakland Raiders on Sunday.

It is the 59th 300-yard passing game of Rivers' 15-year career and his eighth against the Raiders. He completed 22 of 27 passes and had a passer rating of 143.4.

Melvin Gordon had 120 yards from scrimmage (58 rushing, 62 receiving). His 1-yard run during the second quarter gave Los Angeles (3-2) a 17-3 lead at halftime.

Derek Carr was 24 of 38 for 268 yards for the Raiders (1-4). He accounted for Oakland's lone touchdown in the fourth quarter on a 1-yard pass to Jordy Nelson which brought the Raiders within 27-10.

He also had a costly interception in the end zone to Melvin Ingram during the third quarter. The Chargers turned that into a 96-yard, eight-play drive to Rivers' 13-yard TD pass to Virgil Green early in the fourth period.

BOISE STATE FOOTBALL



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Boise State safety Evan Tyler (5) and defensive back Tyler Horton (14) tackled San Diego State quarterback Ryan Agnew during action Saturday at BSU.

San Diego State upsets Boise St. 19-13

By Jason Chatraw
Associated Press

BOISE — In becoming the first visiting coach since 2000 to beat Boise State twice on the school's famed blue turf with a 19-13 upset on Saturday afternoon, San Diego State coach Rocky Long shrugged off the distinction. He seemed more concerned with trying to keep his young team focused and harnessing all the talent.

"We had 19 freshmen and redshirt freshmen to make the trip," Long said. "And half of them played and sometimes they do unusual things and it's not always what they're coached to do."

In the first half, one of his freshmen muffed a punt that Boise State recovered at the

San Diego State 4-yard line to set up a touchdown.

But with the Aztecs clinging to a tenuous 13-7 lead in the fourth quarter, Jordan Byrd, another one of Long's freshman, ripped off a 72-yard touchdown run to all but seal the victory.

"We all know (Byrd's) fast," Long said. "In practice when he breaks loose, no one comes close to catching him. We just need to get him out in the open to prove he's fast. And he proved he was fast today."

Playing that many freshmen isn't necessarily Long's preference, but injuries to key veteran leaders like senior quarterback Christian Chapman and leading running back Juwan Washington, Long hasn't had a choice.

"These young players are coming in here thinking they should be starting," Long said. "Our backup quarterback probably thinks he should be the starter. Our backup running back probably he thinks he should be the starter, too. So when they get a chance to play, they ought to prove that they should start."

However, one of Long's seniors, linebacker Ronley Lakalaka, also provided a key play on defense, intercepting a deflected pass in Boise State territory and returning it to the 17. The ensuing drive led to a San Diego State touchdown and put the Aztecs ahead 13-7, a lead they never relinquished.

As much as the momen-

tum swung on a pendulum of freshmen play, the Aztecs (4-1, 1-0 Mountain West) leaned heavily on their defense. Winners of two of their last three games in Boise, San Diego State needed only 267 yards of offense to pull off the victory.

Boise State (3-2, 1-1) struggled to generate any offense early, finishing the first quarter with more points (7) than yards (2). The Broncos scored on a 1-yard run by Alexander Mattison after Riley Whimpey recovered a muffed punt at the San Diego State 4.

"There was no rhythm, no momentum — and that falls back on us as coaches," Boise State coach Bryan Harsin said.

Yankees even series

BOSTON (AP) — Aaron Judge helped chase David Price early by hitting a home run to a part of Fenway Park where balls rarely travel.

Gary Sanchez did him one better.

The Yankees catcher, who tested his manager's confidence with a sub-.200 batting average and poor defense for most of the season, hit two homers, the second a 479-foot shot clear out of the ballpark that sent New York to a 6-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Saturday night and tied their AL Division Series at one game apiece.

"Just a monster night," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "You know he's capable of that. We all know he's capable of that. That's kind of what we've been waiting for to some degree, where he can take over a game on offense."

One night after Chris Sale earned his first career playoff victory, Price fell to 0-9 in 10 postseason starts and was booted off the field after five outs by a Fenway crowd hoping to see the Red Sox protect the home-field advantage they earned with an AL East title and franchise-record 108 regular-season wins.

Gonzalez, Bregman lift Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Justin Verlander and Gerrit Cole have been even more brilliant in the playoffs, keeping Cleveland's powerful offense in check to give the Houston Astros a 2-0 lead

in the AL Division Series. Cole struck out 12 and walked none, combining with two relievers on Houston's second straight three-hitter in a 3-1 victory Saturday.

"There's no doubt we expect to be good, but this is a team effort," Cole said. "So, we expect to keep our team in the ballgame. I don't know about all the personal accolades or all the

dominance or that kind of stuff, but we just want to put up a fight."

Marwin Gonzalez hit a go-ahead, two-run double and Alex Bregman homered for the second straight day.

Timbers power past RSL 4-1

SANDY, Utah (AP) — Sebastian Blanco had a first-half assist and scored back-to-back goals in the second half to power the Portland Timbers past Real Salt Lake 4-1 on Saturday night.

Blanco made it 2-1 for the Timbers (14-9-9) in the 70th minute, chest-trapping Justen Glad's attempted

clearance and putting back a left-footed shot from just beyond the top left corner of the 6-yard box. Blanco added another three minutes later from nearly the same spot, a right-footed blast into the upper corner to finish Diego Valeri's layoff.

Lucas Melano pounced on a lazy throw-in deep in RSL

(13-12-7) territory to cap the scoring for Portland in the 88th minute.

Jeremy Ebobisse tapped in Blanco's cross in the 33rd minute to give the Timbers the lead.

Jefferson Savarino smashed home Joao Plata's feed to pull Real Salt Lake even at 1 in the 55th minute.

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