

Sports

BAKER CROSS COUNTRY

Baker harriers set for district meet

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Baker's boys finished fourth, and girls sixth Thursday at the Kyle Burnside Wildhorse Invitational cross country meet, Baker's final tuneup before district. "Well, the meet was amazing," said Baker coach Suzy Cole.

"Ideal weather and course conditions at the end of the season make for some great times and that we got."

Cole said every Baker boy who ran except one ran lifetime best times — most by more than 20 seconds.

The boys team continues to be led by Kale Cassidy, who finished 6th, running a 36-second lifetime best, and Lucas Stearns, who finished 23rd and had a lifetime best by 38 seconds.

"But even more importantly is how well Gavin Stone, Hayden Younger and Alex Gross are improving," Cole said.

"They also ran incredible races. We know our 3rd through 6 runners are going to have to have this kind of race at districts to contend with the La Grande boys," Cole said.

On the girls side Baker also ran tough with five of the girls running lifetime bests.

"I felt like Hollie Mays and

Jayden Rice ran particularly well," Cole said.

Corah Downing, Sydney Keller and Selena Bott continue to lead the girls team with all three of them running lifetime bests as well.

"This meet gave us a lot of confidence in where our training is and what our potential can be," Cole said.

"I feel really good that we are going to give La Grande boys a great fight for the district title. The girls title would be much tougher but we are hoping to close the gap some. We are all very excited for the next two weeks."

The Greater Oregon League district meet begins Friday at 10 a.m. at Ontario.

Kyle Burnside Wildhorse Invitational (Baker results)

Boys teams — The Dalles 56, Union 71, Enterprise 93, Baker 124, La Grande 133, Heppner 148, Pendleton 215, Nyssa 251, Valla/Walla Valley 260, Stanfield 279, Mac-Hi 304, Ontario 324, Grant Union 386, Riverside 400, Weston-McEwen 430, Yakima Nation Tribal 449.

Baker individual — 6. Kale Cassidy, 16:03.9; 23. Lucas Stearns, 17:22.0; 26. Gavin Stone, 17:32.3; 32. Alex Gross, 17:49.2; 46. Jake Cuzick, 18:20.0; 70. Shane Cunningham, 19:22.0.

Boys JV teams — The Dalles 20, Enterprise 72, Union 80, Pendleton 100, Heppner 127, Baker 134.

Baker JV individuals — 15. Eithen Hatfield, 19:46.5; 25. Kaiden Deike, 20:12.0; 37. Ian Jensenko, 23:13.7; 39. Kyler Hester, 21:24.8; 53. Connor Jensen, 22:45.7.

Girls teams — Enterprise 55, The Dalles 72, Union 73, La Grande 108, Pendleton 114, Baker 136, Heppner 226, Griswold 239, Ontario 253, Nyssa 267, Mac-Hi 273, Grant Union 285.

Baker individuals — 12. Corah Downing, 20:39.4; 13. Sydney Keller, 20:46.3; 26. Salena Bott, 21:34.3; 48. Lacey Jones, 23:16.2; 49. Jayden Rice, 23:19.0; 66. Kaitlyn Waters, 24:47.5; 70. Beka Shaw, 25:06.5.

Baker JV individuals — 8. Hollie Mays, 24:07.9; 15. Filippa Kranup, 25:59.3; 17. Mera Granhus, 26:22.8; 32. Victoria Hoffman, 34:58.9.

NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES



Robert Gauthier/ Los AngelesTimes/TNS

The Los Angeles Dodgers celebrate winning the National League title and advancing to the World Series.

Dodgers top Milwaukee to earn World Series berth

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

MILWAUKEE — Yasiel Puig and Cody Bellinger flexed their muscles. Chris Taylor flashed some leather.

Then the Los Angeles Dodgers got a lift from ace Clayton Kershaw out of the bullpen to finish off the Milwaukee Brewers and return to the World Series.

Puig broke open a tight contest with a three-run homer in the sixth inning, Taylor robbed Christian Yelich with a super catch and the Dodgers took Game 7 of the NL Championship Series with a 5-1 win on Saturday night.

It's off to Fenway Park for a showdown against the Boston Red Sox in Game 1 of the World Series on Tuesday.

"It's pretty cool. It's going to be a pretty special series," said Bellinger, chosen as the NLCS MVP.

Los Angeles hasn't won the World Series since 1988. The Dodgers and Red Sox have met once before in the World Series, back in 1916 with Boston beating Brooklyn behind a big game from pitcher Babe Ruth.

Kenley Jansen tossed 1 1/3 scoreless innings before yielding to Kershaw in the ninth. The three-time Cy Young Award winner, pitching on two days of rest after starting Game 5, finished off the Brewers by striking out Mike Moustakas in a perfect ninth.

Kershaw's teammates mobbed the lefty near the mound after the final out, and the celebration was just beginning for the Dodgers.

"I'm just so proud of our guys for enduring this roller coaster of a season," manager Dave Roberts said.

What a surge for a team that was 10 games under .500 on May 16.

The Dodgers have talked about having unfinished business after losing Game 7 of the World Series last year to the Houston Astros.

Now they've made baseball's final series of the year in back-to-back seasons for the first time since 1977-78.

"I know how lucky I am to be a part of it two years in a row," Bellinger said.

With their 23rd pennant, the Dodgers have matched the rival Giants for most among NL teams.

The Brewers had their chances against rookie starter Walker Buehler, a

WORLD SERIES: Boston vs. L.A. Dodgers

• **Schedule:** (All times PDT) Game 1, Tuesday, at Boston, 5:09 p.m.; Game 2, Wednesday, at Boston, 5:09 p.m.; Game 3, Friday, at Los Angeles, 5:09 p.m.; Game 4, Saturday, at Los Angeles, 5:09 p.m.; x-Game 5, Sunday, Oct. 28, at Los Angeles, 5:15 p.m.; x-Game 6, Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Boston, 5:09 p.m.; x-Game 7, Wednesday, Oct. 31, at Boston, 5:09 p.m. x-if necessary.

• **Projected Lineups:**
Dodgers: 1B-DH David Freese (.282, 9 HRs, 42 RBIs with Pirates; .385, 2, 9 with Dodgers) or 1B-2B-DH Max Muncy (.263, 35, 79, .958 OPS), 3B Justin Turner (.312, 14, 52), SS Manny Machado (.315, 24, 65, .963 OPS with Orioles; .273, 13, 42, .825 OPS with Dodgers), CF-1B Cody Bellinger (.260, 25, 76, 151 Ks in 162 games), LF Chris Taylor (.254, 17, 63, team-high 178 Ks in 155 games) or Joc Pederson (.248, 25, 56) or Matt Kemp (.290, 21, 85, 115 Ks in 146 games), RF Yasiel Puig (.267, 23, 63), C Austin Barnes (.205, 4, 14 in 200 ABs) or Yasmani Grandal (.241, 24, 68), 2B Enrique Hernandez (.256, 21, 52) or Brian Dozier (.227, 16, 52 with Twins; .182, 5, 20 with Dodgers).

Red Sox: RF Mookie Betts (.346, 32, 80, 129 runs, 30 steals), LF Andrew Benintendi (.290, 16, 87), DH J.D. Martinez (.330, 43, MLB-best 130), SS Xander Bogaerts (.288, 23, 103), 1B Steve Pearce (.284, 11, 42, .890 OPS in 76 games with Toronto and Boston) or Mitch Moreland (.245, 15, 68), 2B Ian Kinsler (.240, 14, 48 with Angels and Red Sox) or Brock Holt (.277, 7, 46 in 109 games), 3B Rafael Devers (.240, 21, 66) or Eduardo Nunez (.265, 10, 44), CF Jackie Bradley Jr. (.234, 13, 59), C Christian Vazquez (.207, 3, 16 in 80 games) or Sandy Leon (.177, 5, 22 in 89 games).

24-year-old right-hander who navigated through trouble over 4 2/3 innings.

He allowed six hits, including a home run in the first by Yelich that made it 1-0.

OREGON DUCKS FOOTBALL

Cougs thump Ducks

By **Ricky Hester**
Associated Press

PULLMAN, Wash. — One of the biggest days in program history for Washington State started with a celebration outside the gates of Martin Stadium and ended with fans partying on the field.

Gardner Minshew threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Dezmon Patmon in the back of the end zone with 3:40 left and No. 25 Washington State beat No. 12 Oregon 34-20 on Saturday night.

The Cougars (6-1, 3-1 Pac-12) capped a long, crazy day on the Palouse by taking control of the North Division race. Washington State hosted ESPN's "College GameDay" starting before sunrise, and later celebrated its fourth straight victory over Oregon (6-1, 3-1).

Minshew was 39 of 51 passing for 323 yards and four touchdowns, picking up his biggest win since arriving at the school as a transfer during the offseason.

"He is a very inspired player and I think inspires the rest of the units," said Washington State head coach Mike Leach on Minshew's late game-winning drive. "So, down the stretch, he does a good job inspiring and they draw from him some."

Down 27-0 at the half, Oregon pulled to 27-20 on Adam Stack's 23-yard field goal with 6:38 left and started to create restlessness for Washington State fans who had seen big leads disappear in the past. The Cougars got a huge play on the next drive from Travell Harris, when he stole a pass from Oregon's Jevon Holland for a 37-yard gain into Oregon territory. Minshew then hit Harris for 11 yards to convert fourth-and-6 and, two plays later, Minshew hit Patmon for the touchdown that finally put away the Ducks.

Middle School boys place eighth

PENDLETON — Baker's Middle School boys cross country team placed eighth at the Eastern Oregon Championship Friday at Pendleton.

Eastern Oregon Championship (Baker results)

Boys teams — Heppner 70, La Grande 99, Grant Union 102, Sunnridge 104, Weston 109, Enterprise 112, Union 119, Baker 163, Helix 238.

Baker individuals — 25. Hudson Spike, 12:38.2; 27. Gabriel Bott, 12:53.8; 41. Trenton Newman, 13:49.8; 44. Seth Mastrude, 13:58.0; 45. Reeve Damschen, 13:58.4; 65. Anthony Christopher, 17:06.5; 66. Cole Hester, 17:31.8.

Girls teams — La Grande 19, Union 46, Sunnridge 65.

Baker girls individuals — 21. Reanna Ornelas, 15:40.4; 27. Maddison Gagnon, 16:56.4.

PAC-12 FOOTBALL

UCLA nips Wildcats

By **Joe Reedy**
AP Sports Writer

PASADENA, Calif. — Wilton Speight didn't know when he was going to receive another opportunity to play quarterback for UCLA, but when he did he wasn't going to let the opportunity slip away.

The graduate transfer got that chance during Saturday's game against Arizona when starter Dorian Thompson-Robinson was injured during the second quarter. Speight came in and threw a pair of touchdown passes as the Bruins held on for a 31-30 victory.

"It has been a long time but I am happy and relieved," said Speight, who completed 17 of 27 passes for 204 yards.

Speight transferred from Michigan, where he started 16 games over three seasons. He won UCLA's starting job but aggravated a back injury during the first half of the Sept. 1 opener against Cincinnati and was replaced by Dorian Thompson-Robinson.

Thompson-Robinson, who was 5 of 8 for 103 yards and a touchdown, appeared to injure his arm while being sacked during the second quarter, which paved the way for Speight.

"I thought he was good. He hadn't played in a while, so there was a little rust there," UCLA coach Chip Kelly said. "For him to come back in was good. In the fourth quarter he was on point."

Joshua Kelley — who had 136 yards on 31 carries — has rushed for over 100 yards in four straight games, becoming the first Bruins' running back to do that since Tyler Ebell had a six-game streak in 2002. Kelley's 28-yard touchdown with 11:33 remaining gave the Bruins (2-5, 2-2 Pac-12) the lead for good.

Arizona's Rhett Rodriguez was 15 of 34 for 231 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions in his first collegiate start while J.J. Taylor rushed for 154 yards and a touchdown. Shawn Poindexter had six receptions for 106 yards and two touchdowns.

The Wildcats (3-5, 2-3) would have won the game if it wasn't for a pair of costly turnovers in the first half.

Rodriguez was picked off by UCLA free safety Quentin Lake in the end zone to end the Wildcats' second drive. In the second quarter, Taylor appeared to be going in for a 56-yard touchdown until Darnay Holmes forced a fumble at the UCLA 3 and recovered it in the end zone.

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