

Sports

BAKER GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bulldogs nip Homedale, 50-48

By **Gerry Steele**
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Baker played its worst game of the season, but still managed to edge Homedale, Idaho, 50-48 in a nonleague girls basketball game Monday at Homedale.

Baker led 39-36 entering the fourth quarter and held off the Trojans late.

“We didn’t play a very

good game, but still managed to get the win,” said Baker coach Mat Sand.

Sydney Younger led Baker with 19 points.

Baker (3-0) travels to the Harrisburg-Junction City Les Schwab Eagle Booster December Classic Thursday.

The Bulldogs play Harrisburg at 6:30 p.m. at Harrisburg High School.

The tournament runs through Saturday.

BAKER (50)
Elms 1 0-1 3, Keller 4 0-3 9, Younger 6 6-8 19, Ramos 2 1-2 6, Carter 1 1-2 4, Nemeec 3 0-0 8, Benson 0 1-2 1, Totals 17 9-18 50.

HOMEDALE (48)
Doos 1 0-0 2, Smullen 7 2-3 19, Rupp, Carter 1 2-5 4, Nash 1 0-1 2, Kelly, Hal 5 3-8 13, Grant 3 1-2 8, Totals 18 8-19 48.

Baker 13 15 11 11 — 50
Homedale 11 8 17 12 — 48

Three-point baskets — Elms, Keller, Younger, Ramos, Carter, Nemeec 2, Smullen 3, Grant. **Fouled out** — none. **Total fouls** — Baker 18, Homedale 19. **Technical** — none.

BRIEFING

Ladies Golf Christmas Party set for Dec. 12 at Quail Ridge

The Baker Ladies Golf and Bridge Association will have its Christmas party Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 11:30 a.m. at Quail Ridge Golf Course.

It will be a potluck, so bring a dish or dessert. There also will be a gift exchange for those who would like to participate. Bring a wrapped gift of less than \$15.

More information is available by calling 541-519-6774 or 541-519-4530.

Tryouts set Sunday for girls volleyball AAU teams

The Oregon Club Volleyball will have

AAU tryouts Sunday for girls from fifth to 12th grade. There will be two sessions, both in the main gym at Baker High School, 2500 E St.

- From 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., tryouts for 12U and 14U teams
- From 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., tryouts for 16U and 18U teams

Prior to the first tryout there will be a parent meeting to discuss fees and other subjects. There is no cost to try out, but there will be fees for players who make one of the teams.

More information is available by calling Stephanie Churchfield at 541-518-9284 or Kayci Kitzmiller at 541-519-6677.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Urban Meyer to retire after bowl

By **Mitch Stacy**
AP Sports Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — As Urban Meyer walked off the field after Ohio State routed Michigan, he was pondering his future and when to make a decision about when to call it quits.

The 54-year-old Meyer, in fact, had been thinking about retiring since the

middle of last season.

The pain from headaches caused by an arachnoid cyst in his brain had grown worse this season. Off-the-field issues, including a three-game suspension for mismanagement of an assistant coach accused of domestic violence, had worn on him. And an ideal successor just happened to already

be in place in the person of Ryan Day, his 39-year-old offensive coordinator.

On Tuesday, two days after the Buckeyes beat Northwestern to earn a second consecutive Big Ten championship, Meyer announced he was stepping down after the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1 and likely would never coach again.

BAKER BOYS BASKETBALL



S. John Collins / Baker City Herald

Riley Flanagan maneuvers around and through Nyssa's defense for two points to help the Bulldogs win their first home game Tuesday night.

Baker boys win home opener

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Baker led almost the entire game Tuesday on the way to stopping Nyssa 59-48 in a boys nonleague basketball game in the Baker gym.

Baker trailed 3-2 early in the first quarter, then led the rest of the way to improve its season record to 2-1.

Baker led by as many as 19 points in the second quarter, and by 18 late in the third period.

Kaden Sand and Gabe Gambleton each scored seven points in the first period as Baker took a 24-13 lead.

Sand, Riley Flanagan, Caden Long and Mason Van

Arsdall each tallied four points in the second quarter as Baker built its lead to 40-25 at halftime.

Neither team scored well in the third period as Baker maintained a 48-32 edge at the break.

Nyssa chipped away at Baker's lead in the fourth quarter, cutting the deficit to 10 points twice.

But Baker, leading 56-46 with a minute left to play, made 5-of-6 free throws down the stretch to secure the win.

Long led Baker with 16 points. Gambleton added 14, and Sand 11.

Baker will spend the rest of the week at the

Harrisburg-Junction City Les Schwab Eagle Booster December Classic.

Baker plays Harrisburg Thursday at 8 p.m. at Harrisburg High School.

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NYSSA (48)
Trujillo 3 5-8 11, Jaquez 2 2-2 7, Gomez 2 0-0 4, Wagstaff, Chavez 4 0-0 11, Barba 2 2-4 7, Ortiz 1 0-0 2, Jensen 2 2-2 6, Totals 16 11-16 48.

BAKER (59)
Sand 5 1-1 11, Gambleton 4 4-6 14, Flanagan 3 2-2 8, Hill, Mastrude, Schwinn 1 0-0 2, Long 6 4-7 18, Smith 1 2-2 4, Van Arsdall 2 0-0 4, Totals 22 13-18 59.

Nyssa 13 12 7 16 — 48
Baker 24 16 8 11 — 59

Three-point baskets — Jaquez, Chavez 3, Barba, Gambleton 2. **Fouled out** — Trujillo. **Total fouls** — Nyssa 15, Baker 16. **Technical** — none.

Mavericks hold off Blazers

By **Dave Jackson**
Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks hadn’t won eight in a row at home since the year they won the NBA championship.

On Tuesday night, they matched that mark and continued their upward trajectory in the rugged Western Conference.

Luka Doncic scored 21 points and Wesley Matthews added 17 as the Mavericks won for the ninth time in 11 games, beating the Portland Trail Blazers 111-102.

DeAndre Jordan added 12 points and 17 rebounds for Dallas, which won its eighth in a row at American Airlines Center for the first time since March 2011 — three months before they defeated Miami for the franchise’s only NBA title.

“To be the team we want to be, we have to win the games at home,” Matthews said. “Our attention to defense is what’s really doing it for us.”

That defense made it difficult for Portland’s vaunted backcourt. Damian Lillard had 33 points, but shot 10 for 23 from the field and 2 for 8 on 3s. His 11-for-12 shooting from the line helped his total.

C.J. McCollum added 18 points for the Blazers, but made just 7 of 19 shots and 2 of 7 3s.

“Our guys did a great job executing the defensive game plan,” Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said.

Lillard scored 25 of his 33 points in the second half as Portland tried, but failed, to rally from a deficit that was mostly double digits through almost all the first three quarters.

“It’s an uphill battle,” Lillard said. “I thought we still had a chance. When you create a hole, you got to fight out of it so hard to get there, you put yourself in a position where you got to be perfect down the stretch.”

The Mavericks closed out the first quarter with a 17-3 run and held a double-digit lead until Lillard’s drive and free throw made it 78-69 late in the third. Dwight Powell hit consecutive 3-pointers and Maxi Kleber followed a Devin Harris miss with a dunk to put Dallas up by 14 after three quarters.

J.J. Barea’s driving layup capped a 10-0 run that gave the Mavericks their biggest lead at 92-73. Portland got as close as six points in the game’s final minutes, but Doncic hit a fall-away 3-pointer with 58.9 seconds to go for a 108-99 lead.

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NHL coming to Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — John Barr understood it was likely a foregone conclusion and yet as NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman spoke nearly 3,000 miles away, he found himself getting emotional watching the televisions in the packed bar.

Barr was among fans watching Tuesday morning as Seattle was awarded an NHL expansion franchise following a unanimous vote by the Board of Governors at Sea Island, Georgia, ending a lengthy dance between the league and the city that will finally see professional hockey return to the city.

Seattle was the first U.S. city to win the Stanley Cup back in 1917. More than 100 years later, they’ll have that chance again.

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