

Sports

Baker grapplers 5th at tourney

By Gerry Steele
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Baker placed fifth at the annual Muilenburg wrestling tournament Saturday at La Grande.

"The results speak for themselves, we had a great weekend," said Baker coach Brandon Young. "This is the most points we have scored at the Muilenburg by a half point. We scored 200 points in the 2015-2016 season, this time 200.5."

Four Baker wrestlers made the finals: Gavin Stone, Alex Duran, Ian Feldmeier, and Mahonri Rushton.

"All put up a great fight," Young said.

Young said Stone was up against one of the best kids in the Pacific Northwest, but refused to give up.

"He is very mentally tough and never stops trying," Young said.

Duran was trailing and nearly came up with the fall. Feldmeier wrestled tight in the finals, but did very well enroute to the finals.

"He really needs to focus on just going out and scoring and wrestling to his

full potential, rather than focusing on winning and losing," Young said. "If he can do that, then he will be tough to beat."

Rushton went after Nathan Reed of La Grande who ranked No. 1 in the state. Rushton was trailing 3-2 in the third round when he hooked up an arm bar, but could not get Reed to turn.

"That's the best Hon has wrestled him, and now he knows he can beat him," Young said.

Other wrestlers who placed were Isael Duran, Mariano Duran, Johnny Niehaus, Colton Anderson, Alex Davila, Jesse Maldonado, and Lucien Yervasi.

"Overall we looked really good for this early in the season with such a young team," Young said. "Our conditioning level was better than almost everyone. Now we just have a few little things to continue to work on as we continue to get better and better every week."

This week the Bulldogs are at the John Rysdam Memorial Tournament in Elgin on both Friday and Saturday.

BAKER BOYS BASKETBALL AT HARRISBURG TOURNAMENT



S. John Collins / Baker City Herald file photo

Caden Long drives to the basket during a recent game against Nyssa.

POWDER VALLEY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Powder Valley rolls past Dufur

NORTH POWDER — Powder Valley scored more points in each quarter Saturday than Dufur did in the game.

The Lady Badgers improved to 3-0 with a 62-10 win over Dufur in the Powder gym.

Megan Bingham and Belle Blair each scored 13 points to lead Powder.

The Lady Badgers were 13-of-16 from the

free throw line, including Logan Nedrow's 8-of-10 effort.

Josi Kreger led Powder rebounding with eight. Bailey Cole added six. Blair had six steals and Nedrow five. Bingham added four assists.

Powder Valley plays Union Friday and Jordan Valley Saturday. Both games will be at La Grande.

Baker boys take 3rd

By Gerry Steele
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Baker edged Junction City 46-43 Saturday to place third at the Harrisburg Junction City Les Schwab Eagle Booster December Boys Basketball Classic.

The Bulldogs had to settle for third after losing 54-46 to Sweet Home in Friday's semifinals.

Against Junction City, Baker rallied with a 15-10 fourth quarter.

Kaden Sand led the Bull-

dogs with 14 points.

Against Sweet Home, the Bulldogs were outscored 11-3 in the third period and could never catch up.

Caden Long topped Baker with 16 points. Sand and Gabe Gambleton each added 12 points.

Baker hosts Redmond Friday and Burns Saturday.

JUNCTION CITY (43)

Sangermane 1 2-2 4, Knabe 3 1-2 8, Mitchell, Gerdler 3 2-3 10, Van Raj 1 0-0 2, Gibson 2 0-0 5, Storey 2 2-4 7, Nash 3 1-2 7. Totals 15 8-13 43.
Baker 11 9 11 15 — 46
Junction City 16 6 11 10 — 43
Three-point baskets — Sand, Gambleton, Schwin, Knabe, Geder 2, Gibson, Storey, Fouled out — Nash. Total fouls — Baker 16, Junction City 12. Technicals — none.

Friday semifinals

BAKER (46)

Sand 5 1-4 12, Gambleton 5 0-0 12, Flanagan 0 2-4 2, Hill, Mastrude 0 2-2 2, Schwin, Long 4 8-9 16, Smith, Van Arsdall 1 0-0 2. Totals 15 13-19 46.

SWEET HOME (54)

Zanona, Tyler 1 2-2 4, Smith 4 5-5 13, Karn, Luttmir 3 3-7 10, Tau 4 2-5 15, Coulier 2 0-1 4, Swanson 3 2-3 8. Totals 17 17-25 54.

Baker

15 14 3 14 — 46

Sweet Home 17 5 11 21 — 54

Three-point baskets — Sand, Gambleton 2, Luttmir, Tau 2. Fouled out — Swanson. Total fouls — Baker 22, Sweet Home 17. Technicals — none.

Saturday Third place

BAKER (46)

Sand 5 3-4 14, Gambleton 3 0-0 7, Flanagan 0 1-2 1, Hill, Mastrude 1 1-1 3, Schwin 3 0-0 7, Long 4 0-2 8, Smith 2 0-1 4, Van Arsdall 1 0-0 2. Totals 18 5-9 46.

OREGON STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL

St. Louis rallies to nip Beavers, 65-61

By Steve Overbey
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Javon Bess scored a career-high 24 points and Fred Thatch added 16 points in his first start to help Saint Louis to a 65-61 win over Oregon State on Sunday.

Carte'Are Gordon added 11 points for the Billikens (7-2)

Ethan Thompson paced Oregon State (6-2) with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Tres Tinkle added 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Bess was coming off a career-worst 1-for-10 shooting performance in a 61-56 loss at Southern Illinois on Wednesday. Bess sank a pair of 3-pointers in the final 1:01 of the first half to help his team to a 33-29 lead at the break. Thatch sank a 3-pointer with 2:29 left to put his team in front to stay 60-56 as Saint Louis closed the game on a 15-8 run.

Oregon State rallied from a 12-point second-half deficit to take a 53-50 lead on a layup by Stephen Thompson, Jr. But Saint Louis responded with seven unanswered points.

OREGON WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ducks suffer 1st loss

By Noah Trister
AP Sports Writer

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State coach Suzy Merchant looked at Oregon's statistical profile and figured the Ducks could be beaten.

It just wouldn't be easy.

"All we had to do was be better than them for two hours," Merchant said. "That's what we just kept talking about. For two hours, our stats have to be just a little bit better."

Jenna Allen scored 27 points — including a big 3-pointer the final minute — and Michigan State handed No. 3 Oregon its first loss of the season, 88-82 on Sunday. Up by three late in the fourth quarter, the Spartans ran the shot clock down and the game to Allen, who sank a 3-pointer with 35 seconds left.

WEEK AHEAD IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

THURSDAY, DEC. 13

■ **Girls basketball:** Baker JV2 at Pine-Eagle JV, 6 p.m.; Baker JV at Pine-Eagle, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

■ **Boys basketball:** Redmond JV2 at Baker, 4 p.m.; Redmond JV at Baker, 5:30 p.m.; Redmond at Baker, 7 p.m.; Pine-Eagle at Adrian, 7:30 p.m.; Union vs. Powder Valley, 8:30 p.m., La Grande

■ **Girls basketball:** Pine-Eagle at Adrian, 6 p.m.; Union vs. Powder Valley, 7 p.m., La Grande

■ **Wrestling:** Baker at Elgin tourney, tba

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

■ **Boys basketball:** Burns JV2 at Baker, 1 p.m.; Burns JV at Baker, 2:30 p.m.; Jordan Valley vs. Powder Valley, 2:30 p.m., La Grande; Burns at Baker, 4 p.m.

■ **Girls basketball:** Jordan Valley vs. Powder Valley, 1 p.m., La Grande; Baker JV2 at Burns, 1 p.m.; Baker JV at Burns, 2:30 p.m.; Baker at Burns, 4 p.m.

■ **Wrestling:** Baker at Elgin tourney, tba

■ **Swimming:** Baker at La Grande, noon

AT A GLANCE

Baker seventh-graders boys top M-F, 81-10

Baker's seventh-grade boys basketball team defeated Milton-Freewater 81-10 last week.

Paul Hobson and Isaiah Jones led Baker with 14 points each. Grant Gambleton and Malaki Myers each added 12, and Kaden Conklin 10.

Michelle Williams to compete at Las Vegas event

LAS VEGAS — Michelle Williams of North Powder will be one of 47 cowgirls competing at the KK Run for Vegas Jr NFR Barrel Race Dec. 11-15.

The event will be held in conjunction with the National Finals Rodeo.

Williams also qualified for the Junior Nationals in breakaway roping 15 and under division.

Her sister, Kimberly, qualified for Junior Nationals in breakaway roping 19 and under age division.

Army tops Navy for third straight win in series

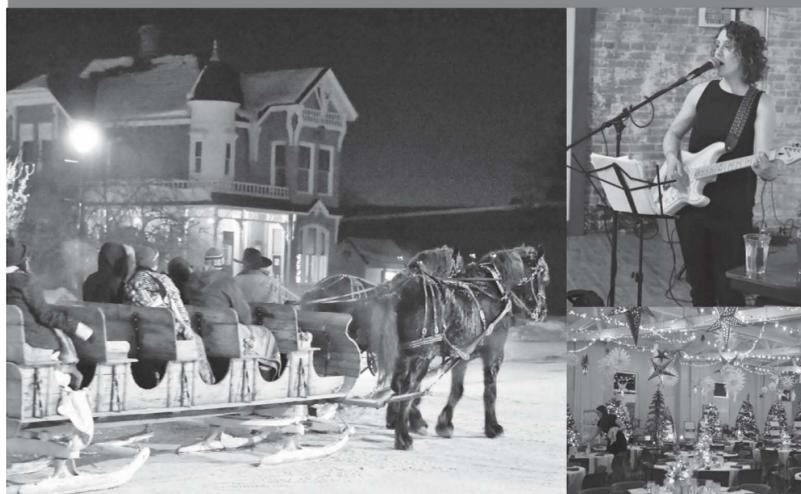
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Army coach Jeff Monken hopped on top of a wall and pumped his fist toward stoked cadets set to belt out the alma mater. Monken brought the party to locker room and waved an "Army Football" flag as the Black Knights bounced around him.

The No. 22 Black Knights recovered two fumbles in the fourth quarter, Kelvin Hopkins Jr. had two rushing touchdowns and Army beat Navy 17-10 on Saturday to win its third straight game in the series.

President Donald Trump attended the 119th game between the rivals and flipped the coin before spending a half on each side in a show of impartiality.

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