

Sports

WEEK AHEAD IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

TUESDAY, DEC. 18

■ **Boys basketball:** Emmett JV2 at Baker, 4 p.m.; Emmett JV at Baker, 5:30 p.m.; Emmett at Baker, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 20

■ **Boys basketball:** Dayville/Monument vs. Powder Valley, 3:30 p.m.; Burnt River at Pine-Eagle, 6 p.m.; Baker JV2 at Vale, 6:30 p.m.
 ■ **Girls basketball:** Powder Valley vs. Dayville/Monument, 2 p.m.; Burnt River at Pine-Eagle, 4:30 p.m.; Baker vs. Liberty Charter, 5 p.m.; Nyssa
 ■ **Wrestling:** Pine-Eagle at Imbler, 1 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 21

■ **Wrestling:** Baker at Best of the West tourney, tba, Pasco
 ■ **Boys basketball:** Powder Valley at Union tourney, tba; Pine-Eagle at Huntington, 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **Girls basketball:** Powder Valley at Union tourney, tba; Baker vs. Emmett, tba, Nyssa

SATURDAY, DEC. 22

■ **Boys basketball:** Powder Valley at Union tourney, tba; Baker JV at Pine-Eagle, 5:30 p.m.
 ■ **Wrestling:** Baker at Best of the West tourney, tba, Pasco
 ■ **Girls basketball:** Cambridge at Pine-Eagle, 1 p.m.; Baker at Nyssa, 6:30 p.m.; Powder Valley at Union tourney, tba

AT A GLANCE

Baker seventh-graders perfect

Baker's seventh-grade boys basketball team remained perfect on the season after sweeping La Grande and Burns last week.

Baker defeated La Grande 65-15. Isaiah Jones scored 15 points, Kaden Conklin 11 and Hudson Spike 10. Baker topped Burns 91-9. Spike led Baker with 22 points. Paul Hobson added 7 and Jaron Long 10.

Williams sisters ride at JrNFR

LAS VEGAS — Michelle Williams of North Powder placed 27th in barrels, and 14th in breakaway at the Junior National Finals Rodeo. Her sister, Kimberly, placed 10th in breakaway. She had the third fastest time in the first round.

Spartans 23rd at Wiley Dobbs JV

HALFWAY — Pine-Eagle's JV wrestlers placed 23rd at the Wiley Dobbs Invitational Saturday. Cutter Huff was sixth at 126 pounds.



S. John Collins file photo/Baker City Herald

Sydney Keller, shown earlier in the season, led Baker with 14 points Saturday.

Baker girls suffer first loss

By Gerry Steele
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Baker's girls basketball team suffered its first loss of the season Saturday, a 61-46 nonleague loss at Burns. "We played really bad," said Baker coach Mat Sand. "Our shots were not falling all game, and we never got into our rhythm as a team."

Baker fell behind 28-16 at halftime and could never catch up. Sand said part of Baker's problem was foul trouble. "Sydney Younger got into early foul trouble and had to sit a lot," Sand said. Younger and Rose Gwillim both fouled out. Sydney Keller stepped in

for Younger and led Baker with 14 points. "Keller stepped up and did great," Sand said. Baker will play three games Thursday through Saturday at the Nyssa Invitational. "We'll bounce back," Sand said.

BAKER (46)
 Elms, Keller 5-2-4 14, Younger 2-0-0 4, Ramos 2-2-2 7, Carter 1-0-0 2, Nemeo 2-2-2 6, Benson, Gwillim 2-9-11 13. Totals 14 15-18 46.
BURNS (61)
 Hoyt 0-0-0, Hueckman 8-6-7 23, McLain, Ceja 4-2-2 12, Garner 4-2-2 10, Hoke 1-6-6 8, Skinner 2-1-3 5, Paif 1-1-2 3, Skunkcap. Totals 20 20-25 61.
Baker 8 8 14 16 — 46
Burns 13 15 15 18 — 61
Three-point baskets — Keller 2, Ramos, Hueckman, Ceja 2. **Fouled out** — Younger, Gwillim. **Total fouls** — Baker 19, Burns 17. **Technical** — none.

BAKER BOYS BASKETBALL

Bulldogs cage Class 5A Panthers

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Baker overcame a second-half drought Friday to rally past Class 5A Redmond 57-46 in a nonleague boys basketball game at BHS. Leading 28-18 at halftime, the Bulldogs went scoreless the first five minutes of the second half and fell behind 31-28. Kaden Sand's three-point basket with 3:09 left in the third quarter finally broke the ice.

Baker then went on a 9-0 run, seven by Sand, to build its lead back to 37-31. The Bulldogs led 37-34 at the break. Four points each from Caden Long and Gabe Gambleton to start the fourth quarter gave Baker a 45-36 advantage. Redmond managed to get back to within four points with 4:15 left in the game. But another Sand basket on a rebound and eight straight Baker free throws built the margin back to

55-45 with 29.7 seconds remaining. Baker jumped out to a 9-0 lead in the first quarter on five points from Long and four from Gambleton. The Bulldogs led 11-5 after one period. Baker then built its lead to as many as a dozen points twice late in the second quarter before leading 28-18 at halftime. Long led Baker with 18 points. Sand added 16, and Gambleton 15.

REDMOND (46)
 Chambers 2-0-0 4, Browning, Haigh, Rewlins 2-2-2 7, McKenzie 2-0-0 6, Westendorf 2-0-0 6, Moss 5-0-0 11, Jones 1-3-3 6, Aamodt 2-2-2 6. Totals 16 7-9 46.
BAKER (57)
 Sand 6-2-2 16, Gambleton 4-6-6 15, Flanagan 1-0-4 2, Hill, Mastrude, Schwin, Long 5-8-12 18, Smith 2-0-3 4, Van Arsdall 1-0-0 2. Totals 19 16-22 57.
Redmond 5 13 16 12 — 46
Baker 11 17 9 20 — 57
Three-point baskets — Rewlins, McKenzie 2, Westendorf 2, Moss, Jones, Sand 2, Gambleton. **Fouled out** — Moss. **Total fouls** — Redmond 15, Baker 12. **Technical** — none.

Bears top Packers, clinch NFC North

By Andrew Seligman
 AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bears clinched the NFC North and helped knock Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers out of playoff contention. They could not have asked for a sweeter scenario. Mitchell Trubisky threw for two touchdowns, Eddie Jackson ended Rodgers' NFL-record streak without an interception and Chicago clinched the division with a 24-17 victory over the

Packers on Sunday. The Bears (10-4) secured their first playoff appearance since the 2010 team won the NFC North. And even better for them, they did it with a rare victory over their heated rivals. "We've accomplished a lot," Trubisky said. "But I think I'm most proud of just the type of guy that we have in our locker room, the culture that we've kind of created. We know that nobody really believed in us on the outside in the preseason — or even throughout the

season. But we knew what type of team we had. And we knew we were just gonna keep getting better every single week." The loss coupled with Minnesota's 41-17 victory over Miami keeps the Packers out of the postseason for the second year in a row. Chicago had dropped nine of 10 against Green Bay (5-8-1). But the Bears secured their first trip to the playoffs in eight years with their seventh win in eight games.

POWDER VALLEY BOYS BASKETBALL

Badgers sweep

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Powder Valley swept a pair of nonleague boys basketball games Friday and Saturday at La Grande. Powder defeated Union 57-42 Friday, and Jordan Valley 57-48 Saturday. Against Union, Roper Bingham led the Badgers with 12 points and eight rebounds. Reece Dixon added 11 points, and Kaden Krieger 10 points and eight rebounds. Against Jordan Valley, Moziss Nesser led Powder with 16 points and 14 rebounds. Omar Benites added 11 points and four steals, and Dixon 10 points.

NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Appalachian State rolls

By Brett Martel
 AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — While the future of Appalachian State interim coach Mark Ivey is unknown, Mountaineers players left no doubt about how much they appreciated the way he handled his lone game in charge, carrying him off the field in triumph. "It was an honor," said Ivey, a former Appalachian State player who took over when Scott Satterfield left for Louisville two weeks ago. Appalachian State receiver Malik Williams passed for two touchdowns on trick plays, quarterback Zac Thomas caught a scoring pass and threw for three more, and the Mountaineers routed Middle Tennessee 45-13 in the New Orleans Bowl on Saturday night. Camerun Peoples had a 63-yard touchdown run for the Mountaineers (11-2).

Spartans 24th

HALFWAY — Pine-Eagle wrestlers placed 24th at the Wiley Dobbs Invitational Saturday. Brandon Roe was the only individual Spartan placer, finishing sixth at 182 pounds.



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FRI & SAT: (4:00) 7:00, 9:30
SUN: (3:45) 6:45 **MON-WED:** 7:00

WIDOWS R
 Four women with nothing in common except a debt left behind by their dead husbands' criminal activities, take fate into their own hands.
FRI & SAT: (3:45) 6:45, 9:30
SUN: (3:45) 6:45 **MON-WED:** 6:45

INSTANT FAMILY PG-13
 A couple find themselves in over their heads when they foster three orphans.
FRI & SAT: (4:10) 7:10, 9:40
SUN: (4:10) 7:10 **MON-TUE:** 7:10

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