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Sports

BAKER BOYS BASKETBALL

Bulldogs roll past Hilanders, 75-53

■ Sand and Long combine to score 42 points in Baker's win over Burns

By Gerry Steele

Baker rode the red-hot hand of Kaden Sand in the first quarter and went on to stop Burns 75-53 in a nonleague boys basketball game Saturday afternoon in the Baker gym.

Sand finished with 28 points, including 17 in the first quarter.

With Baker trailing 12-9, Sand scored 10 straight poits to give Baker a 19-12 cushion.

Caden Long, who finished with 14 points, then added a three-point play to cap the quarter with Baker leading Leading by six points late

in the second period, Baker broke the game open by scoring 16 straight points.

Long and Sand scored 14 of the 16, and Gabe Gambleton added a basket.

Sand and Long each added seven points in the second quarter as Baker rolled to a 43-27 halftime edge.

All 10 Baker players played and all 10 scored.

Point guard Dakota Ceja led Burns with 13 points, including a trio of threepointers. Zane Taylor added 12 for the Hilanders (6-2), who are ranked fifth in the Class 3A standings.

Baker (6-2) and ranked 8th in Class 4A, hosts Emmett



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Caden Long drives for two of his 14 points against Burns.

Tuesday.

Klus 3 1-2 7. Ceia 4 4-4 13. Hoke 1 0-2 2.

Taylor 5 1-1 12, Snapp 2 0-0 6, Robey 3 0-0 7.

Sand 12 0-1 28. Gambleton 2 0-0 5. Flanagar 3 0-0 6, Nelson 2 3-3 8, Hill 1 0-2 2, Mastrude 1 0-0 3, Schwin 0 1-2 1, Long 5 3-4 14, Smith 1

22 21 23 9 - 75 Three-point baskets — Ceja 3, C. Tiller, Taylor, Snapp 2, Robey, Sand 4, Gambleton, Nelson, Mastrude, Long. Fouled out — nor

Trail Blazers edge Raptors

By Anne M. Peterson AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND - A struggling Trail Blazers bench finally got rolling Friday night, setting a season high for points in a confidence-boosting win over the NBA-leading Toronto Raptors.

Zach Collins scored 16 points and Seth Curry added a season-best 13, including three key 3-pointers early in the fourth quarter, as Portland held off the league's top team for a 128-122 victory.

Curry and Collins both played pivotal roles off a Blazers bench that outscored Toronto's reserves

"It was good to see everybody get back into a rhythm, and just finally have fun for once," Collins said. "You know, it's been a while since we've gone out there and just played the game and had fun."

Damian Lillard had

24 points as the Blazers stopped a two-game slide.

Kawhi Leonard returned after missing two games and scored 28 for the Raptors (23-8), who played without All-Star point guard Kyle Lowry. Danny Green added 19 points and 11 rebounds, matching his season high with five 3s.

Lowry sat out with a left thigh bruise. Fred VanVleet started in his place and finished with 21 points.

Portland led by 16 in the fourth but Leonard and C.J. Miles made consecutive 3s to pull the Raptors to 117-113 with 2:44 left.

Lillard hit a 3-pointer for Portland before Leonard had another 3 and VanVleet made a layup to get Toronto to 120-118. CJ McCollum and Al Farouq-Aminu answered with consecutive 3s to extend Portland's lead to 126-118 with just under a minute to go.

No. 12 Tar Heels top No. 4 Gonzaga

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina made shot after shot, finally backing its Hall of Fame coach's claim that he has a sharp-shooting bunch. And when they did miss, the Tar Heels relentlessly flew to the rim to pursue the ball for another chance.

Saving all that for a highly ranked opponent in a marquee nonconference game will only help with confidence, too.

Cameron Johnson had 25 points and six 3-pointers to lift No. 12 UNC over No. 4 Gonzaga 103-90 on Saturday night, a strong performance for a team that had flopped in a previous measuring-stick nonconference game.

It was a few days after Thanksgiving when the Tar Heels lost at No. 5 Michigan, looking overwhelmed at both ends and leaving Roy Williams to say — among many things that "right now we stink."



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