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Baker's Zack Schwin drives toward the basket Tuesday against the defense of Emmett's Riley Cartwright.

Late barrage of baskets lifts Baker past Emmett

■ Baker, trailing by four points early in the fourth quarter, scores the final 19 points

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Trailing by four points early in the fourth quarter, Baker scored the final 19 points of the game Tuesday on the way to a 52-37 nonleague boys basketball win over Emmett in the BHS gym.

Baker never led in the first half. The Bulldogs took their first lead, 27-26, with 4:05 left in the third quarter on a three-point basket from

Kaden Sand.

The teams then traded leads until Emmett pulled ahead 34-33 entering the fourth quarter.

Emmett then increased its lead to 37-33 with the opening basket of the final period.

But those were the last points Emmett would get.

Caden Long then scored eight of his game-high 20 points.

Gabe Gambleton added five points and Sand, Riley

Flanagan and Spencer Smith two each.

Baker fell behind 9-0 to start the first quarter.

However, the Bulldogs managed to stay close, hitting 5-of-6 free throws.

Long scored Baker's first basket, a breakaway dunk, with 2:46 left in the quarter.

Emmett led 13-7 at the break.

Both teams picked up the scoring in the second quarter, which ended with Emmett

holding a 24-20 halftime edge.

Baker's next action is at the North Valley tournament at Grants Pass Dec. 27-29.

EMMETT (37)
Weeks 3 2-2 11, Cartwright 3 0-0 7 Randall, Fletcher 2 4-6 9, Mumford 4 1-4 10, Sanchez. Totals 12 7-12 37.
BAKER (52)
Sand 4 0-0 9, Gambleton 3 2-2 9, Flanagan 0 3-6 3, Nelson 1 0-0 2, Hill, Mastrude 0 0-2 0, Schwin 1 0-0 3, Long 6 7-7 20, Smith 2 2-4 6. Totals 17 14-21 52.
Emmett 13 11 10 3 — 37
Baker 7 13 13 19 — 52
Three-point baskets — Weeks 3, Cartwright, Fletcher, Mumford, Sand, Gambleton, Schwin, Long. **Fouled out** — none. **Total fouls** — unavailable. **Technical** — none.

OREGON STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Beavers crash down on Waves, 82-67

CORVALLIS (AP) — Oregon State's Kylor Kelley acknowledged he was a little surprised Pepperdine kept attacking the rim, especially given the night he was having.

"But they're just making strong moves, trying to foul me out, so props to them," he added.

Kelley set a school record with nine blocks and added

10 points and nine rebounds as Oregon State beat Pepperdine 82-67 on Monday night.

Tres Tinkle had 21 points, seven assists and five steals and Stephen Thompson Jr. added 20 points for the Beavers (7-3), who broke a two-game skid.

Colbey Ross had 15 points and eight assists and Eric Cooper Jr. also scored 15 for the Waves (6-6).

Oregon State's marksmanship returned in a hurry after the team shot poorly in two losses away from Gill Coliseum.

The Beavers shot 54 percent from the floor, including 8 of 19 on 3-pointers, compared to 37 percent for Pepperdine.

"Same shots. They just went in," Oregon State coach Wayne Tinkle said.

Pepperdine coach Lorenzo Romar said the Waves hadn't played against Oregon State's type of length this season.

"Throughout the game it bothered us at the rim in terms of contesting shots," he said.

Blazers thwart Clippers' rally

By Beth Harris
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LOS ANGELES — The Trail Blazers cruised to a 15-point lead in the first quarter and were up by 18 early in the fourth. Then things got wild.

They withstood a late rally by the Clippers to win 131-127 on Monday night after Damian Lillard scored 22 of his 39 points in a dominant third period.

It was Portland's first win on the road since Nov. 20 after dropping six in a row.

"We've had a rough stretch lately and we've let a few games slip away, so it was really important that we win, especially on the road," Lillard said.

The fourth quarter featured 36 free throws. Portland got outscored 39-31.

The Clippers chipped away and pulled to 125-123 after Tobias Harris hit three of four free throws. CJ McCollum's jumper kept Portland ahead 127-123.

Danilo Gallinari, who finished with 22 points, missed a 3-pointer, but after a scramble got the ball back and made the same shot to leave the Clippers trailing 127-126. McCollum got fouled and made both to keep the Trail Blazers ahead by three.

The Clippers were forced to foul Lillard, who hit both free throws to seal the win.

OREGON WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 7 Ducks hold off No. 4 Bulldogs

By Anne M. Peterson
AP Sports Writer

EUGENE — Oregon coach Kelly Graves chided guard Sabrina Ionescu following No. 7 Oregon's win over No. 4 Mississippi State as she rested her head in her hand while addressing the media.

"I'm tired!" Ionescu protested with a smile.

She'd certainly earned a breather. Ionescu scored 29 points, including all 17 of her free throws, as the Ducks handed the Bulldogs their first loss this season 82-74 on Tuesday night.

The Bulldogs (10-1) had won 46 straight regular-season nonconference games, but couldn't catch up once the Ducks (9-1) started to pull away in the fourth quarter, boosted by their home fans. Maite Cazorla added 20 points for the Ducks.

Anriel Howard led Mississippi State with a career-high 30 points. Oregon held senior Teaira McCowan to five points, but she had 11 rebounds.

"Obviously it helps. That's a quality win against a great team, they'll be a one or a two seed ultimately, odds-on favorite to win the SEC, so, sure," Graves said when asked what the win meant to the team's season.

OREGON MEN'S BASKETBALL

Oregon cruises past Florida A&M

EUGENE (AP) — A matinee start seemed to catch the wrong team off its game with no excuses.

Fortunately for Oregon, there was enough that went right between falling behind by eight points early and giving up 13 straight at the end for the Ducks to claim a season-high fourth consecutive win.

Victor Bailey Jr. scored 16 points in his first start and Oregon finished a sweep of its four-game home-stand by outlasting Florida A&M 71-64 on Tuesday.

"It was a disappointing finish and our start was poor, but it shows just how far we have to go as a team," Oregon coach Dana Altman said. "We've got a lot of work to do and lots of things we've got to work on and get finished up."

Paul White added 13 points for the Ducks (8-3) and Payton Pritchard had 10. Kenny Wooten, who didn't start because of illness, had seven rebounds off the bench to pace Oregon to a 40-24 edge on the boards.

However, it was the 3 p.m. tipoff that seemed to catch the other Ducks napping.