

Sports

Baker girls win Nyssa tournament

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The Baker girls used stifling defense to win back-to-back games this weekend and claim the championship at the Nyssa holiday basketball tournament.

The Bulldogs dominated Nyssa in Saturday's title game, winning 53-24, after beating Emmett, Idaho, 70-30 on Friday (see story below).

The two wins improved Baker's season record to 9-1. The only blemish is a 61-46 loss at Burns, undefeated and ranked first in the Class 3A poll, on Dec. 15.

The Bulldogs hardly struggled at Nyssa, however.

In Saturday's championship game against the host team, Baker held Nyssa to six points or less in three of the four quarters.

The one exception was the second quarter, when Nyssa scored 10 points — eight on free throws.

Baker then held Nyssa to just nine points — and two field goals — in the entire second half. Nyssa had just five field goals in the game, scoring 14 of its 24 points on free throws.

Baker's offense, meanwhile, was efficient enough to ensure that the game wasn't close after the first quarter.

Sydney Younger scored seven of her 14 points in the quarter as Baker rolled to a 15-5 lead.

Rose Gwillim dominated the second and third quarters, amassing 13 of her game-high 17 points as Baker led 27-15 at halftime and 40-21 after three quarters. Jayme Ramos added nine points for Baker, and Isabella Nemec tallied seven.

Baker returns to action after Christmas at the North Valley tournament in Grants Pass. Baker will play North Valley on Thursday at 6:45 p.m., Douglas on Friday at 1:45 p.m., and Brookings-Harbor on Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

BAKER (53)
Helberg, Keller 1 2-4 4, Younger 6 1-2 14, Ramos 3 3-4 9, Carter, Calaway, Nemec 2 2-2 7, Benson 0 2-3 2, Gwillim 7 3-4 17. Totals 19 13-17 53.

NYSSA (24)
Johns, J. Hartley, M. Hartley 2 2-4 6, Trajello 1-2 1, Arredondage, Haies, M. Long, Moore 2 3-8, B. Hartley, Hamilton, Castro 1 3-4 5, Woodruff 1-2 1, Hernandez 3-4 3, Trujillo, H. Long 1-2 1. Totals 5 14-26 24.

Baker 15 12 13 13 — 53
Nyssa 5 10 6 3 — 24

Three-point baskets — Younger, Nemec. **Fouled out** — Keller. **Total fouls** — Baker 18, Nyssa 15. **Technical** — none.



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Baker's Rose Gwillim, seen here on Nov. 28 against Pendleton, helped lead Baker to the championship of the Nyssa basketball tournament this weekend.

WEEK AHEAD IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

- THURSDAY, DEC. 27**
- **Boys basketball:** Baker vs. North Valley, 5 p.m., North Valley; Powder Valley vs. Enterprise, 7:30 p.m., Pendleton
 - **Girls basketball:** Powder Valley vs. Enterprise, 6 p.m., Pendleton; Baker vs. North Valley, 6:45 p.m., North Valley

- FRIDAY, DEC. 28**
- **Boys basketball:** Pine-Eagle at Echo, 4:30 p.m.; Baker vs. South Umpqua, 5 p.m., North Valley
 - **Girls basketball:** Baker vs. Douglas, 1:45 p.m., North Valley; Pine-Eagle at Echo, 3 p.m.

- SATURDAY, DEC. 29**
- **Boys basketball:** Baker vs. Brookings-Harbor, 11 a.m., North Valley; Pine-Eagle vs. lone, 1:30 p.m., Echo
 - **Girls basketball:** Pine-Eagle vs. lone, noon, Echo; Baker vs. North Valley, 12:45 p.m., North Valley
 - **Wrestling:** Baker, Pine-Eagle at Ontario, tba

AT A GLANCE

Powder boys top Dayville/Monument

UNION — Powder Valley defeated Dayville/Monument 82-42 in a nonleague boys basketball game Thursday at the Union tournament.

Roper Bingham and Moziss Nesser led Powder with 19 points each.

Domnick Grende added 11 points and Clay Martin 10.

On Friday Powder Valley lost 54-52 to Crane. Roper Bingham led Powder Valley with 22 points.

Powder girls roll past Tigers in hoops tourney

UNION — Powder Valley handed Dayville/Monument a 60-14 non-league girls basketball loss Thursday at the Union tournament.

Megan Bingham led Powder Valley with 18 points. Three other Lady Badgers — Autumn Davis, Josi Krieger and Bailey Cole — each scored eight points.

Powder Valley led 27-5 at halftime.

Bulldogs roll past Emmett 70-30 in tourney opener

By Gerry Steele
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Baker built a 20-point lead in the first half Friday on the way to a 70-30 nonleague girls basketball win over Emmett at the Nyssa tournament.

Baker led 17-8 after one quarter then increased the margin to 42-18 at halftime.

"Our defense is really improving as the season progresses," said Baker coach Mat Sand.

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EMMETT (30)
Tooley, Laverigne 6 0-0 17, Alexander 1 2-2 4, Knight 1 0-0 2, Jarvis, Harrison, Carter 1 0-0 3,

Crume 1 0-0 2, Carver 1 0-0 2. Totals 11 2-2 30.

Baker 17 24 16 13 — 70
Emmett 8 10 8 4 — 30

Three-point baskets — Younger, Ramos 2, Laverigne 5, Carter. **Fouled out** — none. **Total fouls** — Baker 9, Emmett 12.

Blazers corral Mavericks in OT

By Anne M. Peterson
AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND — A buzzer-beating 3-pointer by Dallas rookie sensation Luka Doncic to send the game into overtime could have rattled the Portland Trail Blazers.

Instead, they made the most of the additional five minutes.

"I mean, people make shots. It's the NBA," Jusuf Nurkic said about Doncic's big 3. "You can't get down (because of) one shot."

Portland recovered in overtime to hand the Mavericks their sixth straight loss, 121-118 on Sunday night.

Damian Lillard had 33 points and Nurkic added 10 points and 12 rebounds for his 16th double-double this season to help the Blazers win for the fourth time in five games.

Harrison Barnes led the slumping Mavericks with 27 points. Doncic had 23 points and 11 rebounds, including a corner 3 at the buzzer that tied it at 107.

Maurice Harkless' layup gave Portland a 114-109 lead with 2:43 to go in the extra period. DeAndre Jordan's dunk pulled the

Mavs to 116-115 with under a minute left, but Lillard's layup kept Portland in front with 34.2 seconds to go and the Blazers held on despite a flurry of 3-point attempts by Dallas.

"It was a wild finish," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. "Doncic hit an outstanding shot. We didn't defend it well, but it was an amazing shot. I'm glad the way we regrouped and kind of maintained the lead throughout overtime."

Portland led by 14 in the third quarter but the Mavericks closed the gap in the fourth.

Barnes and Wesley Matthews made consecutive 3s to bring Dallas to 100-98 with 3:56 left. Matthews, a former Blazer, added another 3 to put Dallas up 101-100.

After Doncic's free throw, Harkless hit a 3-pointer to put Portland back in front 103-102 with 1:42 to go. The teams traded baskets before Lillard's layup made it a three-point game.

As time expired, Doncic connected over Harkless' outstretched arms.

"The guy has an uncanny knack for making shots like that," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "I can't say I was surprised when it went in."

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