Sports

WEEK AHEAD IN HIGH SCHOOL **SPORTS**

TUESDAY, JAN. 15 Girls basketball:

Baker JV at Pendleton, 5 p.m.; Baker JV2 at Pendleton, 5 p.m.; Baker at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.

- Boys basketball: Pendleton JV2 at Baker, 4 p.m.; Pendleton JV at Baker, 5:30 p.m.; Pendleton at Baker, 7 p.m.
- Wrestling: Baker at Mac-Hi, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 17 Girls basketball:

Enterprise JV at Baker JV2, 5:30 p.m.

Boys basketball: Enterprise JV at Baker JV2, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

- Girls basketball: La Grande JV at Baker, 4:30 p.m.; Powder Valley at Joseph, 6 p.m.; La Grande at Baker, 7:30 p.m.
- Boys basketball: La Grande JV at Baker, 3 p.m.; La Grande at Baker, 6 p.m.; Powder Valley at Joseph, 7:30 p.m.
- Wrestling: Baker at Oregon Classic, tba, Redmond

SATURDAY, JAN. 19

- Swimming: Baker Invitational, noon, Sam-O Swim Center
- Wrestling: Baker at Oregon Classic, tba, Redmond
- Boys basketball: Elgin at Pine-Eagle, 1 p.m.; Griswold at Powder Valley, 5:30
- p.m. Girls basketball: Elgin at Pine-Eagle, 1 p.m.; Griswold at Powder Valley, 4 p.m.

AT A GLANCE

Powder Valley boys roll 71-27

NORTH POWDER -Powder Valley topped Wallowa 71-27 in an Old Oregon League boys basketball game Friday.

Dominick Grende led Powder Valley with 24 points. Reece Dixon added 15 points, Omar Benites 10 points, seven assists and four steals, Roper Bingham 10 points and six rebounds, and Moziss Nesser seven rebounds.

Baker JV2 boys defeat Ontario

Baker's JV2 boys basketball team defeated Ontario 52-47 Thursday. Kaiden Dalke led

Baker with 25 points. Nikolas Mitchell added 11, Kaden Meyer 10, Connor Chastain 5, and Zack Morrison 1.

Nuggets top **Trail Blazers**

DENVER (AP) -Nikola Jokic wanted to set an example for his teammates with highenergy, physical play.

He did that and much

Jokic scored a season-high 40 points, Jamal Murray fought through a bloody lip to add 24 and the Denver Nuggets beat the Portland Trail Blazers 116-113 on Sunday night."It was big time," said point guard Josh Perkins, who scored all 16 of his points in the second half.

BAKER BOYS BASKETBALL

Bulldogs explode in 2nd to top Ontario

By Gerry Steele gsteele@bakercityherald.com

Baker broke open a close game Friday and went on to defeat Ontario 62-44 in a Greater Oregon League boys basketball game at Ontario.

Baker (2-0 in the GOL and 13-

overall) led the Tigers 30-28 at halftime.

Baker then outscored Ontario 20-2 in the third quarter, and ran off 21 straight points to lead 53-30 early in the fourth quarter.

Kaden Sand scored nine of his game-high 20 points in the third

Gabe Gambleton added 11 points, and Caden Long 10 for the Bulldogs.

Baker hosts Pendleton in a nonleague game Tuesday before hosting La Grande in a GOL contest Friday.

Sand 7 5-9 20, Gambleton 4 2-2 11, Flanagan 2 0-0 4, Nelson, Hill 0 1-2 1, Mastrude, Schwin 2 0-0 6, Long 5 0-0 10, Smith 2 0-1 4, Van Arsdall 3 0-0 6. Totals 25 8-14 62.

ONTARIO (44)

Manzo 1 0-0 3, Morin, Elizondo 1 0-1 2, Reyna, Forsyth, Rodriguez 4 2-4 10, Shell 4 0-0 9, Haueter 5 3-3 13, Talavara, Nielson, Navarrete 2 1-2 7, Larson. Totals 17 6-10 44. **Baker** 17 13 20 12 — 62

Ontario 14 14 2 14 – 44

Three-point baskets — Sand, Gambleton, Schwin 2, Manzo, Shell, Navarrete 2. Fouled out — none. Total fouls — Baker 12, Ontario 11. Technicals — Sand.

BAKER WRESTLING

Baker fourth at Hermiston

By Gerry Steele

Ten Baker wrestlers placed in their weight class Saturday at the annual Farm City Invitational at Hermiston.

Colton Anderson placed first at 138 pounds. Gavin Stone (106), Isael Duran (113), Johnny Niehaus (120), Alex Duran (126) and

Hon Rushton (182) each finished second. Ian Feldmeier (152) was third, Jake Eskew (152) and Jesse Maldonado (195) fourth, and Gauge Bloomer (170) fifth.

Baker finished fourth in the team stand-

The Bulldogs travel to Redmond Friday and Saturday for the Oregon Classic.

NFL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES SET

Patriots-Chiefs & Saints-Rams

By Jay Cohen

Tom Brady versus Patrick Mahomes. Drew Brees against Jared Goff.

Two high-profile rematches with the Super Bowl on the line.

The NFL's highest-scoring offenses face off in the conference championships next Sunday. Brady leads the New England Patriots into Kansas City to take on Mahomes and the Chiefs, and Brees and the New Orleans Saints host Goff and the Los Angeles Rams.

"We'll see how it goes," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "Well-coached, they

have a lot of explosive players. We had a tremendous game with them here earlier. That was a long time ago. We'll see where we are now, see where they are."

New England hosted Kansas City way back on Oct. 14, and Brady passed for 340 yards and a touchdown in a 43-40 victory that was the Chiefs' first loss of the season. Mahomes' 75-yard touchdown pass to Tyreek Hill tied it with 3:03 left, but Brady drove the Patriots to Stephen Gostkowski's 28-yard field goal as time expired.

The AFC championship game is Brady's first trip to

Kansas City since he threw two interceptions and was sacked twice in an ugly 41-14 loss on "Monday Night Football" on Sept. 29, 2014.

"It'll be a tough game," Brady said. "They're wellcoached. They've got a good offense. ... It's going to be a lot of fun to go back there and play in a championship game and try to advance."

New Orleans (14-3) and Los Angeles (14-3) played their own wild shootout on Nov. 4. Wil Lutz's 54-yard field goal got the lead for the Saints with 6:23 left, and Brees found Michael Thomas for a clinching 72-yard touchdown in a 45-35 victory.

SCOREBOARD

Monday, Jan. 14 Portland at Sacramento, 7 p.m. (CSN) Wednesday, Jan. 16 Toronto at Boston, 5 p.m. (ESPN) Cleveland at Portland, 7 p.m. (CSN) New Orleans at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 17 Philadelphia at Indiana, 4 p.m. (TNT) LA Lakers at Oklahoma City, 6:30 p.m. (TNT) Friday, Jan. 18 San Antonio at Minnesota, 5 p.m. (ESPN) New Orleans at Portland, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 20 AFC Championship, tb NFC Championship, tba

NFL PLAYOFFS

TELEVISION

Conference Championships Sunday, Jan. 20 All Times PST NFC

L.A. Rams at New Orleans, 12:05 p.m. (FOX)

AFC New England at Kansas City, 3:40 p.m. (CBS) **PREP STANDINGS** Greater Oregon League Boys Basketball Baker

La Grande Mac-Hi Friday games Baker 62, Ontario 44 Mac-Hi 50, La Grande 37

Greater Oregon League Girls Basketball

La Grande Mac-Hi Ontario Friday games

Baker 65, Ontario 31 La Grande 44, Mac-Hi 20 Old Oregon League Boys Basketball

Powder Valley Elgin Joseph Cove Pine-Eagle Griswold

Friday games Nixvaawii 68 Cove 18 Elgin 45

Powder Valley 71. Wallowa 27 Imbler 44, Griswold 28 Saturday games Nixyaawii 85, Griswold 40

Elgin 41, Imbler 39 , wder 55, Pine-Eagle 35 Wallowa 44, Joseph 37

Old Oregon League Girls Basketball

Friday games

Powder Valley Joseph Nixyaawi Elgin Wallowa Pine-Eagle Griswold

Nixvaawii 48. Cove 35 Joseph 58, Elgin 24 Powder Valley 50, Wallowa 8 Imbler 41, Griswold 37

Saturday games

Nixyaawii 56, Griswold 28 Elgin 34, Imbler 32 Powder 74, Pine-Eagle 22 Joseph 56, Wallowa 36 Vale 37, Nyssa 33, OT

Powder girls sweep

By Gerry Steele

Powder Valley swept a

pair of Old Oregon League girls basketball games last weekend.

Friday, the Lady Badgers stopped Wallowa 50-8.

Belle Blair led Powder with 15 points and eight rebounds. Megan Bingham added 13 points, and Autumn Davis 10.

Logan Nedrow chipped

in seven rebounds and five steals. Josie Krieger had six rebounds.

Saturday, Powder Valley beat Pine-Eagle 74-22.

Bingham led the way with 30 points, including five three-point baskets, and nine steals.

Shelby Siekman added 12 points, Blair 10 points and five rebounds, and Krieger eight boards.

Powder travels to Joseph Friday.

POWDER VALLEY BOYS BASKETBALL

Badgers top P-E

By Gerry Steele

Four Powder Valley players scored in double figures Saturday as the Badgers topped Pine-Eagle 55-35 in an Old Oregon League boys basketball game.

Omar Benites led Powder with 17 points, seven assists and four steals.

Domnick Grende added 12 points, Roper Bingham 11 points, Moziss Nesser 10 points and 10 rebounds, and Reece Dixon eight rebounds.

PINE-EAGLE WRESTLING

2 Spartans take first

OROFINO, Idaho — Pine-Eagle had two wrestlers place first in their weight division Saturday at the annual Orofino Maniac Invitational. Coy Butner (106

Brandon Roe (170) placed third, Cutter Tanaka (126) fourth, and Will Seggerman (120) fifth.

pounds) and Chase But-

ner (113) each won their

weight division.

OREGON STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL

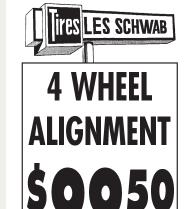
Beavers down Bruins

CORVALLIS (AP) — Oregon State coach Wayne Tinkle said he wanted his team to penetrate the lane, draw the opponent's big man and drop the ball off to 7-footer Kylor Kelley down low.

Kelley was a perfect 6 for 6 from the field and finished with 14 points and five blocks as Oregon State defeated UCLA 79-66 on Sunday night.

Ethan Thompson and Stephen Thompson Jr. each added 17 points, six rebounds and six assists for the Beavers (11-4, 3-0 Pac-12).

Kris Wilkes had 21 points for UCLA (10-7, 3-1).





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