

Sports

BAKER GIRLS BASKETBALL



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La Grande defends their basket against Baker's Averi Elms when the two teams faced each other previously at Baker High School.

Bulldogs shut down Tigers

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Baker executed its game plan to perfection on both ends of the court Friday on the way to a 63-24 Greater Oregon League girls basketball win at La Grande.

The win gives Baker the GOL regular-season title, improves the Bulldogs' league record to 6-0, and Baker's season record to 20-1.

"We had our game plan and everybody stuck to it," said Baker coach Mat Sand.

"All of the girls executed. We were hitting on all cylinders."

Baker never trailed in the

game, breaking out to a 15-0 lead to start the game.

Rose Gwillim led the way with eight points. Sydney Keller added four and Isabella Nemec three.

La Grande finally scored late in the quarter to leave Baker on top 17-2 at the break.

Five Bulldogs scored in the second quarter, led by Sydney Younger's six points, on the way to building a 34-6 halftime lead.

Gwillim then scored six points and Younger five as the Bulldogs outscored La Grande 14-7 in the third period.

Gwillim led Baker with 19 points, including 11-of-14 from the free throw line.

Younger added 17 points as every Bulldog who played scored.

Baker now will host the GOL district title game Saturday at 8 p.m.

BAKER (63)	
Elms 2 0-0 4, Keller 2 0-2 4, Younger 7 3-4 17, Ramos 3 0-0 7, Carter 1 0-0 3, Nemec 2 0-0 5, Benson 2 0-1 4, Gwillim 4 11-14 19. Totals 23 14-21 63.	
LA GRANDE (24)	
Howton 1 0-0 3, Collman 1 2-2 4, Gomes 1 0-1 2, Rinker 3 0-0 7, Chamberlain 0 2-5 2, Wiggins, Williams 1 0-0 2, Dunlap 1 24 4, Dahle, Neer, Reagan. Totals 8 6-12 24.	
Baker	17 17 14 15 — 63
La Grande	2 4 7 11 — 24
Three-point baskets — Ramos, Carter, Nemec, Howton, Rinker. Fouled out — none.	
Total fouls — Baker 13, La Grande 16. Technical — none.	

OREGON STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Beavers hold off Cal Bears

By **Kyle Odegard**
Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Oregon State coach Wayne Tinkle said that sophomore guard Ethan Thompson has taken his game to another level this season.

"He's making really good decisions. We put the ball in his hands primarily this year. We know that he can erupt and score for us when we need it. He's a great play-maker because he's got great vision," Tinkle said.

Thompson scored 20 points with seven rebounds and six assists as Oregon State beat California 79-71 on Saturday afternoon.

Stephen Thompson Jr. scored 21 with three 3-point-

ers and Tres Tinkle added 19 points and three steals for the Beavers (15-8, 7-4 Pac-12).

"When it got to the moment of truth, we got the stops and made the plays and they didn't," Wayne Tinkle said.

Justice Sueing and Darius McNeill each scored 16 points and Connor Vanover tied a career-high with 15 points and added four blocks for the Golden Bears (5-18, 0-11), who have lost 12 straight games.

"I thought our guys fought, scrapped, clawed, left it all out on the court and played really, really hard and played together," California coach Wyking Jones said.

California had 22 personal fouls compared to 10 for the Beavers, who shot 23 for 28 on free throws. The Golden Bears made 10 of 12 from the foul line.

California went on a 6-0 run to trim the margin to 65-62 with 6:50 left.

The Golden Bears stayed within striking distance and trailed 73-71 after a 3-pointer by Vanover with 1:45 left.

But Ethan Thompson was fouled and made both free throws, then a California 3-pointer was off the mark on the subsequent possession.

Kylor Kelley put back his own missed shot with 40 seconds left to give the Beavers a 77-71 lead and a comfortable cushion.

SCOREBOARD

PREP STANDINGS

Greater Oregon League Boys Basketball (Final)			
	W	L	
Baker	5	1	
La Grande	4	2	
Mac-Hi	3	3	
Ontario	0	6	
Friday games			
La Grande 54, Baker 42			
Saturday games			
Mac-Hi 61, Ontario 45			
Greater Oregon League Girls Basketball (Final)			
	W	L	
Baker	6	0	
La Grande	4	2	
Ontario	2	4	
Mac-Hi	0	6	
Friday games			
Baker 63, La Grande 24			
Saturday games			
Ontario 54, Mac-Hi 34			

Old Oregon League Boys Basketball South (Final)			
	W	L	
Powder Valley	7	4	
Cove	5	6	
Imbler	5	6	
Pine-Eagle	1	10	
Old Oregon League Boys Basketball North (Final)			
	W	L	
Nixyaawii	12	0	
Joseph	9	3	
Elgin	7	5	
Wallowa	3	8	
Griswold	2	9	
Friday games			
Imbler 33, Cove 21			
Nixyaawii 75, Elgin 47			
Joseph 60, Wallowa 40			
Saturday games			
Nixyaawii 53, Joseph 40			
Elgin 62, Powder Valley 61			
Griswold at Wallowa (cancel:weather)			
Cove 47, Pine-Eagle 36			

Old Oregon League Girls Basketball South (Final)			
	W	L	
Powder Valley	10	1	
Cove	5	6	
Imbler	3	8	
Pine-Eagle	1	10	
Old Oregon League Girls Basketball North (Final)			
	W	L	
Joseph	12	0	
Wallowa	8	3	
Elgin	5	7	
Nixyaawii	5	7	
Griswold	2	9	
Friday games			
Cove 47, Imbler 33			
Nixyaawii 44, Elgin 40			
Joseph 60, Wallowa 17			
Saturday games			
Joseph 60, Nixyaawii 28			
Powder Valley 53, Elgin 27			
Griswold at Wallowa (cancel:weather)			
Cove 35, Pine-Eagle 29			

BAKER BOYS BASKETBALL

La Grande upsets Baker

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One bad quarter put a serious dent in Baker's bid for a perfect Greater Oregon League boys basketball season Friday at La Grande.

The Bulldogs were outscored 13-3 in the third quarter on the way to a 54-42 loss.

The result leaves Baker with a 5-1 GOL record, still good enough to claim the regular-season championship and the right to host the GOL district championship game Saturday at BHS.

Baker rode Kaden Sand's 10 first-quarter points to a 12-8 edge. La Grande rallied to tie the game at 21-21 at halftime.

The Tigers' Kaden Green Chandler then scored eight of his 16 points in the third quarter as La Grande built a 34-24 lead.

Baker's Gabe Gambleton scored nine of his 15 points in the fourth quarter but the Bulldogs could get no closer than seven points the rest of the way.

Sand led Baker with 16



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Riley Flanagan looks for two points against La Grande during their previous game at BHS.

points. Gambleton added 15.

BAKER (42)	
Sand 5 2-3 16, Gambleton 5 5-6 15, Flanagan 1 0-0 2, Nelson, Hill, Mastrude, Schwin, Long 2 2-2 6, Smith 1 1-2 3, Van Arsdall. Totals 14 10-13 42.	

LA GRANDE (54)	
Myer 3 0-0 9, Jenner 1 0-0 2, Bell 1 4-6 6, Tsiatsos 0 2-4 2, Wiggins 1 0-0 2, Mendoza 2 0-0 5, DuVernay, Youngblood 5 1-2 12, Chandler 5 6-8 16. Totals 18 13-20 54.	
Baker	12 9 3 18 — 42
La Grande	8 13 13 20 — 54
Three-point baskets — Sand 4, Myer 2, Mendoza, Youngblood. Fouled out — Sand, Long, Youngblood. Total fouls — Baker 17, La Grande 18. Technical — none.	

PINE-EAGLE WRESTLING

Spartans second at invite

By **Gerry Steele**
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Pine-Eagle earned five individual titles Saturday at the annual Pine-Eagle Invitational wrestling tournament at Halfway.

Winning titles were Chase Butner (106 pounds), Cutter Tanaka (126), Sven Rasmussen (152), Seth Butler (160) and Brandon Roe (170).

Placing second were Coy Butner (106), Will Seggerman (113) and Cutter Huff (126). Third-place winners were Kyle Roe (132) and Pedro Periolo (160).

Placing sixth were Dusty Melchoir (126), Hunter Simpson (132) and Matthew Fults (138).

Pine-Eagle hosts the Special District 4-2A/1A tourney Friday and Saturday.

OREGON MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ducks dominate Cardinal

EUGENE (AP) — Stanford knew exactly who the masked man was at the center of Oregon's defense.

Yet it still didn't matter, as Kenny Wooten blocked more shots than the Cardinal made for most of the first half.

"We were very clear on who he was and what he did," Stanford coach Jerod Haase said, "but we didn't execute the game plan very well."

Payton Pritchard scored 20 points, Wooten matched his career high with seven blocks and Oregon never trailed in a 69-46

victory over Stanford on Sunday night.

Louis King added 16 points and Victor Bailey Jr. had 11 off the bench for the Ducks (15-9, 6-5 Pac-12), who have won four of their last five games. Oregon used a 20-5 run late in the second half to lead by as many as 26 points.

Wooten had two blocks in the first 90 seconds and three before Josh Sharma's put-back basket ended an 0-for-13 start for the Cardinal.

"I feel like it definitely changed what they wanted to do," Wooten said.

Mavericks nip Trail Blazers

By **Schuyler Dixon**
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Luka Doncic scored 28 points, Tim Hardaway Jr. had 24 and the Dallas Mavericks erased a 15-point deficit in the fourth quarter to beat the Portland Trail Blazers 102-101 on Sunday.

Damian Lillard scored 21 of his 30 points in the last half of the third quarter to help the Blazers build a lead that grew to 96-81 early in the fourth before the Mavericks mounted their rally.

Dorian Finney-Smith started the comeback by tipping in his own miss, and

Doncic's assist on Dwight Powell's alley-oop dunk kicked the recovery into another gear by getting Dallas within six. Doncic had nine rebounds and six assists.

After a 3-pointer from Doncic, Hardaway won a scramble for a loose ball along the sideline, and weaved through defenders for an emphatic left-handed dunk to get Dallas within one.

Doncic gave the Mavericks their first lead since early in the second quarter with a finger-roll layup, then put them ahead for good with a 3-point play on a driving layup for a 102-99 lead with 1:28 remaining.

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