

Sports

BAKER TENNIS



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Baker's Gabbie Trebilcock wins her singles to help the team beat Mac-Hi Saturday.

Bulldogs sweep Mac-Hi

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Much like the U.S. Postal Service, Baker's tennis teams didn't let the weather stop them from their appointed rounds Saturday.

Baker's boys defeated Mac-Hi 4-1, and Baker's girls topped the Pioneer girls 3-1 at the Ash Grove Complex.

This despite a half-hour rain delay in the middle of the match.

"Both Baker teams played strong matches," said Baker coach Kristin Schwin.

In boys singles, Shane Cunningham and Jorge Duran

won in straight sets. Duran and Jacob Miller played their first varsity matches Saturday.

In boys doubles, Luke Barnes and Isaac Nemecek won the No. 1 match 8-2. Following the rain delay all matches were played as pro sets.

Eli Lien and Anthony Cowan won the No. 2 match.

The Baker girls swept their singles matches.

Hannah Johnson and Gabbie Trebilcock each won in straight sets. Andrea Pettit needed a tie-breaker to also win in straight sets.

Emma Finley and Kaylee

Dalke won the No. 1 doubles match. The Baker duo was leading 5-2 in the first set when the match was called by rain.

Baker hosts Ontario today, then travels to Vale Tuesday.

Mac-Hi at Baker	
Boys singles	
Cunningham (B) def. Perez 6-2, 6-3	Garcia (M) def. Miller 6-2, 6-4
Duran (B) def. Wells 6-0, 6-0	
Boys doubles	
Barnes/Nemecek (B) def. Quist/Perez 8-2	Lien/Cowan (B) def. Castillo/Garcia 8-2
Girls singles	
Johnson (B) def. Alvarez 6-1, 6-1	Trebilcock (B) def. Hores 6-4, 6-4
Pettit (B) def. Diaz 7-6 (7-2), 6-2	
Girls doubles	
Finley/Dalke (B) def. (names unavailable) 5-2	Lesco/Lesco (M) def. Woodward/Plummer 8-4

Mariners continue hot start

By Sarah Trotto
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Daniel Vogelbach homered twice, hit a bases-clearing double and set a career high with six RBIs, helping the Seattle Mariners beat the Chicago White Sox 12-5 Sunday to extend the best start in club history at 9-2.

Edwin Encarnación had a two-run homer

and three hits for the Mariners, who have the AL's best record. Seattle has homered in each of its first 11 games to extend a franchise record and leads the major leagues with 26.

Seattle outscored the White Sox 29-17 in winning two of three and has scored five or more runs 10 times.

Wade LeBlanc (2-0) allowed six runs and six hits in six innings.

McCollum returns as Blazers win

By Anne M. Peterson
AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND — CJ McCollum's return and a victory by the Lakers boosted the Trail Blazers on a night they also beat the Nuggets.

Damian Lillard scored 30 points to lead Portland to a 115-108 win Sunday over a Denver team that rested its top three scorers.

The Blazers got some help in their pursuit of home-court advantage by the Lakers, who beat the Jazz 113-109. As a result, the gap between fourth-place Portland and fifth-place Utah widened to two games with two remaining for both teams. And Portland got McCollum back after he missed 10 games with a left knee injury.

"To get him back and the way we played when he was out, a lot of guys had to step up and do a little bit more," Lillard said about McCollum. "I think the fact that it went well, it gave a lot of guys more confidence. It gave us other guys we can turn to when we do get to the postseason."

Al-Farouq Aminu added 23 points and 11 rebounds for Portland, which snapped a six-game losing streak to the Nuggets.

Gary Harris had 18 points for Denver, which played without Nikola Jokic, Paul Millsap and Jamal Murray.

After trailing by 14 in the first half, Denver closed the gap in the second half and pulled to 92-91 on Torrey Craig's 3-pointer before taking the lead on free throws.

The teams traded the lead, but Juancho Hernangomez hit a 3-pointer that put the Nuggets in front 104-98 with 5:14 left.

Lillard's 3-pointer put the Blazers ahead 107-106 and Enes Kanter extended the lead with a layup with 2:18 left. Aminu added free throws and a reverse layup that made it 114-106 and sealed the win. Portland closed the game on a 17-3 run.

"It wasn't pretty, but I liked the way we finished," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. "We made a lot of energy plays in the last two to three minutes to pull away."

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Baylor nips Notre Dame to claim title

By Doug Feinberg
AP Basketball Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Baylor recovered after blowing a 17-point lead and losing a star player, beating Notre Dame 82-81 for the NCAA women's basketball championship Sunday night when 2018 tournament hero Arike Ogunbowale missed a foul shot in the final seconds.

Chloe Jackson made a layup to put Baylor ahead with 3.9 seconds left. Notre Dame called timeout and inbounded to Ogunbowale, whose buzzer-beating jumper in the championship game lifted Notre Dame to last year's title. Ogunbowale was fouled trying for a layup, then missed the first of two free throws with 1.9 seconds remaining. She made the second, but the Irish never got the ball back.

The Lady Bears (37-1) won their first championship in seven years. Coach Kim Mulkey and Baylor have won titles in 2005, 2012 and 2019.

Baylor was able to pull off the win without star forward Lauren Cox, who injured her knee late in the third quarter. The Irish were able to rally from a 14-point deficit in the third quarter to tie it at 78 in the fourth. Jackson then scored a jumper from the foul line, and Jessica Shepard countered with two free throws to tie it, setting up the exciting finish.

Nets clinch playoff berth

By Michael Marot
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — D'Angelo Russell scored 20 points and Joe Harris added 19 on Sunday, leading the Brooklyn Nets to a 108-96 victory over the Indiana Pacers and back into the NBA playoffs for the first time in four years.

The Nets moved into position to clinch when Miami lost in overtime at Toronto earlier in the day. It's also the first time since 2014-15 the Nets have not posted a losing record.

Domantas Sabonis finished with 17 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Pacers. Thaddeus Young scored 16 in a game coach Nate McMillan promised to closely monitor the minutes his players logged.

And Brooklyn wasted no time in taking full advantage of that opportunity to end the NBA's sixth-longest active playoff drought.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, APRIL 8

- **Tennis:** Ontario at Baker, 2 p.m.
- **Softball:** Baker at Mac-Hi (2), 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- **Baseball:** Mac-Hi at Baker (2), 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

- **Tennis:** Baker at Vale, 3 p.m.
- **Softball:** Baker at Weiser, 4 p.m.; Baker JV at Weiser, 4 p.m.
- **Golf:** Baker girls at La Grande, tba
- **Baseball:** Homedale at Baker, 4 p.m.; Baker JV at Homedale, 4 p.m.
- **Track:** Baker JV at Ontario, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

- **Golf:** Baker boys at La Grande, tba

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

- **Track:** Powder Valley at Umatilla, 11 a.m.
- **Softball:** La Grande at Baker (2), noon; La Grande JV at Baker (2), noon
- **Baseball:** La Grande at Baker (2), noon; La Grande JV at Baker (2), noon

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

- **Track:** Baker, Powder Valley at La Grande, 10 a.m.

AT A GLANCE

Baseball, softball reset with Mac-Hi

Baker's Greater Oregon League baseball and softball doubleheaders scheduled Saturday at Milton-Freewater were postponed due to weather.

The games have been rescheduled for today, baseball at Baker City and softball at Milton-Freewater.

Bulldogs add Vale tennis matches

Baker's tennis teams have added home-and-away matches against Vale.

The Bulldogs will travel to Vale Tuesday for a 3 p.m. match. Vale will travel to Baker for a 2 p.m. match April 23.

Vancouver keeps Timbers winless with 3-0 shutout

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Cristian Espinoza had a goal and an assist on Saturday night and the San Jose Earthquakes earned their first points of the season with a 3-0 win over the Portland Timbers.

Shea Salinas opened the scoring in the 15th minute, scoring from a run through the center of the 6-yard box to finish Espinoza's cross.

The Earthquakes (1-4-0) led 2-0 in the 33rd minute when Danny Hoesen pounced on a loosed ball on the left side of the 6-yard box and poked it into the roof of the net.

San Jose snapped a five-game losing streak that stretched back into last season.

The Timbers (0-4-1) lost their fourth in a row.

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