

Sports

BAKER BASEBALL



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Sam McCauley, looking for a sign in a previous game, threw a one-hitter Saturday at Mac-Hi.

Bulldogs shut down Mac-Hi twice

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Baker's bats, quiet for almost a month, awoke Saturday with a bang. The Bulldogs hammered 22 hits on the way to sweeping Mac-Hi 14-1, 11-0 in a Greater Oregon League baseball doubleheader at Milton-Freewater. "We hit the ball well and threw the ball well," said Baker coach Tim Smith. "I was especially pleased with the way we swung the bats." In the first game, Mason Van Arsdall, Connor Lay and Spencer Smith

combined for eight hits, including five doubles, and nine RBIs. Sam McCauley, who added two hits and two RBIs, pitched a one-hit complete game. McCauley struck out 10. In Game 2, the Bulldogs slugged six more doubles. Van Arsdall, Lay, Gavin Curry and Smith each drove in two runs. Lay pitched a five-inning no-hitter for the win. He missed a perfect game when he walked a batter in the fourth inning. Lay struck out six. Baker hosts Nyssa in a single game

Wednesday. The Bulldogs then return to GOL play Friday when they travel to La Grande.

First game										
Baker	3	0	2	2	7	—	14			
Mac-Hi	0	0	1	0	0	—	1			
McCauley and Van Arsdall WP — McCauley.										
Baker hits — McCauley 2, Van Arsdall 3, Lay 3, Smith 2, Rohner, Zellars. Baker RBI — Van Arsdall 2, Van Arsdall 5, Shirtcliff, Smith 4.										
2B — Van Arsdall 2, Lay 2, Smith.										

Second game										
Baker	1	0	5	3	2	—	11			
Mac-Hi	0	0	0	0	0	—	0			
Lay and Van Arsdall WP — Lay.										
Baker hits — Linscott, Van Arsdall 3, Lay 2, Curry, Smith 2, Rohner. Baker RBI — Van Arsdall 2, Lay 2, Curry 2, Smith 2, Rohner, Miller.										
2B — Van Arsdall 2, Lay, Linscott, Curry, Smith.										

NBA PLAYOFFS: WESTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

Warriors hold off Rockets in Game 1

By **Janie McCauley**
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OAKLAND, Calif. — Kevin Durant scored 35 points in outdueling James Harden and the Golden State Warriors held off the Houston Rockets 104-100 on Sunday in the opener of what is shaping up to be a sensational best-of-seven Western Conference semifinal. Houston's Chris Paul was ejected with 4.4 seconds left for a second technical. He had rebounded a missed 3-pointer by Harden that could have tied the game with 9 seconds left and was arguing for a foul. Draymond Green added 14 points, nine assists and nine rebounds for the two-time defending champion Warriors, who are meeting the Rockets in the postseason for the fourth time in five years and with Houston having never

been victorious. Harden scored 35 points and Eric Gordon 27 after both struggled early finding their shooting strokes for the cold-shooting Rockets. They shot 14 for 47 from long range and were without reserve guard Austin Rivers because of an illness. Harden's three-point play with 40 seconds left pulled Houston within 100-98. Stephen Curry knocked down a 3 on the other end over Nene moments later and finished with 18 points, seven rebounds and four assists. Durant, who had combined for 95 points the previous two games against the Clippers, shot 11 for 25 and made 12 of 15 free throws in his fifth straight 30-point playoff performance — matching his career-best streak accomplished from June 1-12, 2017. Technical fouls on Paul and

Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni 2.1 seconds apart in the final minute of the third allowed the Warriors to take an 83-76 lead into the final 12 minutes after Durant converted the free throws. Game 2 is Tuesday night back at Oracle Arena. Klay Thompson scored 13 points playing on a sprained right ankle. Both Curry and Thompson had been listed as questionable nursing tender right ankles after they each sprained them in Game 6 against the Clippers on Friday night. Curry was cleared beforehand but Thompson had to go through warmups before Golden State's medical staff determined he was fine to play. Coach Steve Kerr went with Andre Igoudala over 7-foot center Andrew Bogut in the starting five to go smaller

out of the gates against the Rockets — the group Kerr has called his best lineup. Igoudala picked up two quick fouls and Kevon Looney entered and made his first three shots. These West powerhouses fought through a seven-game series in last year's Western Conference finals, when Golden State rallied from a 3-2 deficit to win Game 7 on Houston's home floor. Paul is on a mission after he sat out the final two games because of an injured right hamstring he hurt in Game 5. He had 17 points Sunday. The Rockets missed their final 27 3-pointers in the deciding 2018 game and came out cold again. When Houston missed a 3 on its initial shot of the game, Golden State fan Jones Castro yelled "O for 28!" He added an "O for 29!" moments later.

BAKER TRACK AND FIELD

Baker girls win at Ontario meet

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Baker's girls track and field team won the team title in the Saint Alphonsus Invitational meet at Ontario Saturday. The Bulldogs finished with 119 points, edging Ontario by seven points. Baker's boys placed second with 128 points behind Fruitland (142). Baker hosts its own invitational meet Friday at BHS beginning at 10 a.m.

Saint Alphonsus Invitational (Baker, Powder Valley results)	
Girls events	
Team scores — Baker 119, Ontario 112, Tri-Valley 97, Cove 79, Adrian 62, Fruitland 49, Crane 36, Mac-Hi 30, Victory Charter 25, Union 23, Council 15, Payette 10, Powder Valley 3.	
100 — 5. B. Conant, 13.75. 7. Ramos, 13.90. 12. K. Bingham (P), 14.28. 16. A. Conant, 14.37. 18. L. Benson, 14.55. 30. L. Bingham (P), 16.15. 37. Brown (P), 17.30.	
200 — 5. B. Conant, 28.80. 8. K. Bingham (P), 29.99. 13. Bott, 31.39. 15. Allen (P), 31.53. 10. Palmer, 32.66. 23. Hoffman, 32.81.	
400 — 3. Baeth, 1:01.98. 5. Keller, 1:04.84. 7. Younger, 1:05.42. 9. S. Blair (P), 1:08.11. 13. Bott, 1:10.23.	
800 — 2. Baeth, 2:31.22. 6. Waters, 2:56.23. 7. Nernce, 2:58.48. 8. Huntington, 2:59.92.	
1,500 — 3. Downing, 5:30.86. 9. Huntington, 5:54.33. 10. Waters, 6:05.47. 13. Granhus, 6:31.99.	
3,000 — 2. Lamb, 12:18.21. 11. Shaw, 13:58.45.	
100 hurdles — 5. Hellberg, 18.27. 6. Jones, 18.55. 7. Downing, 18.67. 9. Zikmund, 19.09.	
300 hurdles — 4. Jones, 52.43. 5. Downing, 53.34. 6. Zikmund, 53.57. 13. Hellberg, 55.28.	
4x100 relay — 3. Baker, 52.58. 8. Powder Valley, 55.70. 9. Baker, 57.13.	
4x400 relay — 1. Baker, 4:21.29. 4. Baker, 4:37.02.	
Javelin — 5. Paulsen, 90-02. 9. Zickgraf, 77-11.	
Shot put — 9. Bennett, 28-9.	
High jump — 8. Larkin, 4-2. 10. L. Benson, 4-2.	
Long jump — 4. Younger, 15-11. 9. Ramos, 14-9.	
Triple jump — 2. B. Conant, 32-1. 4. Keller, 31-4.5. 8. M. Bingham (P), 30-3.5.	
Pole vault — 2. Keller, 8-6. 8. Bott, 6-0.	
Boys events	
Team scores — Fruitland 142, Baker 128, Adrian 63, Powder Valley 47, Cove 44, Mac-Hi 36.5, Crane 35, Union 34, Victory Charter 33, Ontario 275, Tri-Valley 18, Jordan Valley 17, Council 16, Harper 12, Payette 9.	
100 — 2. Spencer, 12.04. 13. Myer, 12.41. 16. Kong, 12.86. 17. Hawkins, 12.96.	
200 — 4. Spencer, 24.78. 12. Myer, 25.95. 14. Olson (P), 26.11. 22. Bols, 27.65.	
400 — 3. Dixon (P), 54.14. 7. Rigueiro, 55.47. 12. Bentes (P), 57.36. 13. Niehaus, 57.42. 16. Jesenko, 59.04.	
800 — 2. Cassidy, 2:08.67. 7. Bingham (P), 2:14.74. 10. Stearns, 2:17.09. 12. Cuzick, 2:18.59. 20. Ash (P), 2:34.12. 25. Stephens (P), 3:02.24.	
1,500 — 2. Cassidy, 4:15.78. 3. Stearns, 4:32.13. 10. Cuzick, 4:40.34. 22. Hatfield, 5:29.88.	
3,000 — 11. Gross, 11:26.18. 20. Hatfield, 12:40.02.	
110 hurdles — 2. Robb, 17.07. 3. Lewis, 17.36. 7. McCall (P), 18.88. 9. Decker, 21.41.	
300 hurdles — 3. Robb, 46.09. 4. Krieger (P), 47.04.	
4x100 relay — 1. Baker, 46.02. 8. Powder Valley, 48.50. 9. Baker, 48.83.	
4x400 relay — 5. Baker, 3:55.28. 7. Baker, 4:05.56.	
Javelin — 2. Adams, 129-9. 3. Bitzer, 128-10. 4. Rencourt, 128-6. 6. Olson (P), 117-11.	
High jump — 1. Dixon (P), 5-10. 2. Stephens (P), 5-10. 3. Bradford, 5-8. 5. Krieger (P), 5-8. 8. Flanagan, 5-6. 10. Grende (P), 5-4. 12. Stone, 5-4. 14. Severson, 5-4.	
Long jump — 3. Lewis, 19-5. 7. Rencourt, 17-7. 12. Jesenko, 17-1.	
Triple jump — 2. Flanagan, 40-5.5. 3. Robb, 39-11.5. 4. Dixon (P), 39-9. 5. Hammans, 39-3. 5. 8. Carillo (P), 37-10.	
Pole vault — 4. Rushton, 10-0. 10. Bloomer, 9-0.	

BAKER SOFTBALL

Pioneers sweep

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Baker's Greater Oregon League softball record dropped to 0-7 Saturday with a 17-3, 18-1 loss at Mac-Hi. "We hit and pitched well today, but the error bug hit us hard in the field," said Baker coach Sonny Gulick. "We put the ball in play all day, we just couldn't string anything together." In Game 1, Kaitlyn Nelson was 2-for-3 with

a double. Rose Gwillim, Yessina Sarmienta-Wright, Hailey Sanders, Josalyn Davis and Salena Cullum each added hits. In the second game, Alayna Calaway had a pair of hits. Gwillim and Celeena Fine added a hit each. Baker hosts Nyssa in a single nonleague game Wednesday, travels to Weiser Thursday, then visits La Grande for a GOL twinbill Friday.

AUTO RACING

Chase Elliott gives Chevy its first win

By **John Zenor**
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TALLADEGA, Ala. — Chase Elliott won the Cup Series race Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway, giving Chevrolet its first victory of the season. Elliott took the lead shortly after a restart with four laps to go and worked with three other Chevy drivers to hold off the rest of the field. He won for the first time since October and went to victory lane about 100 miles from his hometown in Georgia. Hendrick Motorsports teammate Alex Bowman finished second, followed by rookie Ryan Preece, Joey Logano and another rookie, Daniel Hemric. Elliott is from about three hours away in Dawsonville, Georgia. His Hall of Fame father Bill Elliott won twice at Talladega. "Dad's history, obviously very cool," Chase Elliott said. "To me the biggest piece of today was just how much of a home race it felt like after the race. I was blown away by the people and how fired up everybody was. That was an unbelievable experience. We are close to home, so that's cool, and they made me feel that way."

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