

Sports

BAKER BOYS GOLF



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Baker's Gavin Curry sinks a putt during the Baker Invitational Monday at Quail Ridge Golf Course. He played alongside Homedale's Spencer Fisher, background, and Jonas Bicknese of Fruitland. Baker finished fourth in the team standings.

Bulldog boys finish 4th

The Baker boys golf team placed fourth at the Baker Invitational Monday at Quail Ridge Golf Course.

Led by Caden Long's round of 83, good for 6th overall, the Bulldogs had a team score of 364. That was one stroke better than La Grande, and 14 strokes behind third-place Payette.

Baker's Spencer Smith fired a round of 87. Quinton

Myers carded a 96, Jesse Maldonado 98, and Gavin Curry shot a 100.

Fruitland ran away with the team title at 315.

Homedale's Daniel Uranga was the individual medalist with a round of 69. Homedale finished second as a team at 340.

The Baker girls finished third in their invitational April 22 at Quail Ridge.

Jocelyn Wellman fired an 87 to lead the Bulldogs, who had a team total of 445 to finish behind La Grande (379) and Homedale (393). Wellman tied for third in the individual results.

Vale's Tiana Allen was the medalist with a round of 83.

Other Baker scores: Taylor Nudd 105, Hylan West 106, Grace Stampfle 112, Caitlin Lien 122.

Mackenzie qualifies for rodeo finals

PENDLETON — Duncan Mackenzie of Baker City is one of five members of the Blue Mountain Community College rodeo team who will compete at the College National Finals Rodeo in June at Casper, Wyoming.

Mackenzie helped the BMCC squad win the men's team title at the Northwest Region

Finals April 26-27.

Mackenzie finished third in tie-down roping to qualify for that event at the National Finals.

BMCC Coach Shawn Eng said he believes Mackenzie and his four teammates have "a legit shot at a national title."

Cubs hit late homer to beat M's

By Tim Booth
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — Kyle Schwarber's last swing Tuesday night provided the latest sign that he is beginning to emerge from his early season slump.

Schwarber hit a two-run homer with two out in the eighth, and the Chicago Cubs topped the Seattle Mariners 6-5 for their third consecutive victory.

Schwarber's long ball was the last of three homers for Chicago, and easily the most important.

Brad Brach (3-0) pitched 1 1/3 innings for the win and Steve Cishek got four outs for his first save of the season.

Seattle put its first two batters on in the ninth, but Tim Beckham bounced into a double play and Cishek struck out Jay Bruce to end the game. Cishek pumped his arm emphatically after Bruce looked at a called third strike with Domingo Santana on third.

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BAKER TENNIS

Baker sweeps La Grande

By Gerry Steele
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After completing four matches in five days a week ago, the Baker tennis teams finished off two straight home matches Monday and Tuesday at the Ash Grove courts.

Monday, the Bulldogs kept their Greater Oregon League record unblemished with a 9-1 win over La Grande.

"Both of our teams had a strong showing," said Baker coach Kristin Schwin.

In boys singles, Zach Schwin, Shane Cunningham and Alex Davila swept their matches in straight sets.

Isaac Nemeec and Luke Barnes did likewise in the No. 1 doubles match.

In girls singles, Hannah Johnson, Gabbie Trebilcock

and Andrea Pettit lost just four games in sweeping in straight sets.

Emma Finley and Kaylee Dalke didn't lose a game in winning the No. 1 doubles match.

Lupita Macias and Cassie Pettit swept the No. 2 doubles.

Tuesday, Baker split a nonleague match against Payette, winning the boys 4-1 and losing the girls 1-4.

In boys singles Shane Cunningham and Alex Davila won.

Barnes and Nemeec, and Eli Lien and Anthony Cowan swept the boys doubles.

Johnson had the Baker girls' only win, taking a three-set victory.

Baker hosts Four Rivers Charter in its final home match today.

The Bulldogs then travel to Nyssa Friday and Saturday for sub-district action.

La Grande at Baker

Boys singles
Schin (B) def. Cahill 6-0, 6-0
Cunningham (B) def. Forsberg 6-0, 6-0
Davila (B) def. Morwood 6-0, 7-5

Boys doubles
Barnes/Nemeec (B) def. DuVerney/Myer 6-1, 6-4
Thurman/Remily (L) def. Lien/Cowan 3-6, 6-0, 6-3

Girls singles

Johnson (B) def. Bushman 6-1, 6-1
Trebilcock (B) def. Wilson 6-1, 6-1
A. Pettit (B) def. Torres 6-0, 6-0

Girls doubles
Dalke/Finley (B) def. Connelly/Tommy 6-0, 6-0
Macias/C. Pettit (B) def. Robles/Villegomez 6-0, 6-4

Payette at Baker

Boys singles
Scarpelli (P) def. Schwin 6-1, 6-2
Cunningham (B) def. Wightly 6-1, 6-0
Davila (B) def. Garcia 7-6 (7-0), 6-2

Boys doubles
Barnes/Nemeec (B) def. Jones/Vanuelos 6-2, 6-2
Lien/Cowan (B) def. Ciampini/Werner 7-5, 6-2

Girls singles
Johnson (B) def. DelValle 6-3, 5-7 6-3
Hernandez (P) def. A. Pettit 7-5, 6-1
Nansha (P) def. Woodward 2-6, 7-6 (9-7), 3-6

Girls doubles
McKenzie/Brads haw (P) def. Macias/C. Pettit 6-3, 6-1
Top/Velira (P) def. Mills/Hall 6-2, 6-3

NBA PLAYOFFS: WESTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

Warriors lead Rockets 2-0

By Janie McCauley
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Kevin Durant and the Golden State Warriors brought it on both ends, kept their mouths shut and handled business at home against James Harden and the Rockets.

Now, the two-time defending champions are headed to Houston with a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinal.

Durant scored 29 points and established an early defensive tone against Harden, leading the Warriors past the Rockets 115-109 on Tuesday night as the focus refreshingly returned to basketball after two days of constant chatter about the officiating.

"Tonight I think it was a great officiated game," Golden State's Draymond Green said. "They let us be physical, both teams, and they made the calls they needed to make. It was kind of disheartening for a game that I love since I was a child to see the talk over the last two days was nothing about basketball and everything about foul calls. Is that what this game is coming to?"

Harden got hit in both eyes early but was able to return and finished with 29 points and seven rebounds

"I barely could see," said Harden, who was treated with eye drops.

Boos regularly greeted both Harden and Chris Paul at deafening Oracle Arena, where the Rockets complained after a 104-100 Game 1 defeat that the officials missed foul calls when the Warriors closed out on Houston's 3-point shooters.

Paul celebrated and cheered when Harden drew a foul on Durant in the closing seconds of the third on a very such play. Harden converted three free throws to pull Houston within 82-75 going into the final 12 minutes.

Harden scored seven straight Houston points during one stretch midway through the fourth, including a 3 at 7:25 that go the Rockets within 92-89. Stephen Curry connected for a key 3 at the 6:31 mark on the way to 20 points.

Harden's eyes were still red and bothering him postgame.

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