

Sports

BAKER SOFTBALL

Baker drops two nonleaguers

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Baker lost a pair of nonleague softball games to Nyssa and Weiser Wednesday and Thursday.

Wednesday, Baker (1-18 overall) fell 12-1 to Nyssa at the Baker Sports Complex.

Baker scored its lone run in the first inning. The Bulldogs managed just two hits.

“Nyssa made us pay for our mistakes,” said Baker coach Sonny Gulick.

Thursday, at Weiser, Baker
lost 19-8.

Gulick said Jordynn Fine threw “lots of strikes” in relief of starting pitcher Bekka Davis.

"We couldn't make the plays to get out of big innings," Gulick said.

Yessena Wright led Baker's offense, going 2-for-2. Rose Gwillim added two hits, Natalie Nelson one and Davis one.

Baker returns to Greater Oregon League action today when the Bulldogs travel to La Grande for a double-header.

Baker then hosts Mac-Hi in a single game Tuesday and closes out the season with a doubleheader at Ontario on May 11.



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Salena Cullum, right, fields a hit with Rose Gwillim as backup during a previous game at the Baker Sports Complex.

Ichiro rejoins Mariners as instructor

SEATTLE (AP)—Ichiro Suzuki was back in the Seattle Mariners clubhouse on Tuesday, in uniform and even wore batting gloves into his first meeting.

"I will say he's the first coach I've had come into a coaches meeting with batting gloves on," Seattle manager Scott Servais joked.

This is not another comeback by Suzuki. He is completely retired from his playing career. But Tuesday was the beginning of his next chapter as he rejoined the Mariners as a special assistant to the chairman.

Suzuki will work as an instructor with both the major league club and some of

the organization's players in the minors.

“Certainly it’s a big life change for (Ichiro). Nobody has been more regimented in their lifestyle and what they go about every day than Ichiro,” Servais said. “So making the change; like he said he’s been cleaning the house and making breakfast. Things that Ichiro has never done.”

NBA PLAYOFFS:
WESTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

Blazers hold off Nuggets to even series at 1-1

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — After giving up 39 points to Damian Lillard in the opener, the Denver Nuggets were determined to make sure Portland's role players would have to bear the burden of evening up the series.

His teammates were up to the task on a night that Lillard, who came in averaging 34.8 points in the playoffs, was held to 14 points on 5-of-17 shooting.

CJ McCollum led six Trail Blazers in double figures with 20 points in a 97-90 victory at the Pepsi Center on Wednesday night that evened their series 1-1.

"It's very important," said Enes Kanter, who chipped in 15 points for Portland. "Teams can't guard him with one man. They were sending double-teams, triple-teams. That's when I said, 'He's making himself better, but at the same time he's making everybody else better around him.' He was passing the ball, really active on defense. He's been unbelievable, man."

The series shifts to Portland for Game 3 Friday night, and Lillard's hoping a return to the Moda Center will help him find his long-range rhythm after he misfired on 14 of 19 3-pointers in Denver.

The Nuggets trimmed a 17-point, third-quarter deficit to 95-90 in the final minute thanks to an astonishing 14 offensive rebounds in the fourth quarter and a 19-9 run before Rodney Hood's two free throws with 17 seconds left iced it.

"The good news is they had all of those offensive rebounds but they didn't convert a lot," Portland coach Terry Stotts said. "They were 8 for 24 on second-chance points. We were fortunate we came away not hurt as badly as we could have been on the offensive boards."

Nikola Jokic had 16 points and 14 boards but got off to a slow start and wasn't nearly the take-control force he was in Game 1, when he scored 37 points.

“The last quarter we missed a lot of put-backs, but 23 offensive rebounds is a big number,” Jokic said. “The first half we had open shots but we didn’t make any of those.”

With Jokic taking — and missing — just one shot in the first quarter and scoring six points in the first half, the Nuggets trailed 50-35 at halftime after the franchise's worst quarter ever at home in the playoffs, one in which they made just 5 of 23 shots and missed all 10 of their 3-pointers.

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