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BAKER BASEBALL

Bulldogs sweep La Grande, boost chances to claim Greater Oregon League title

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Baker took a giant step toward claiming the Greater Oregon League baseball title Friday.

The Bulldogs (7-3 in the GOL) moved itnto a tie with La Grande for the top spot after sweeping the Tigers 3-2 and 7-0 at La Grande.

"It was some good baseball between a couple of good teams," said Baker coach Tim Smith.

The sweep, Baker's first, home or away, against La Grande since 2014, Smith's first year as Baker coach, also avenged a La Grande sweep of the Bulldogs earlier this season at the Baker Sports Complex.

"The boys rose to the occasion," Smith said. "But we still have some work to do."

Baker travels to Ontario Friday and La Grande plays winless Mac-Hi. A Baker sweep would clinch the GOL's top berth in the Class 4A post-season.

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Friday, in Game 1, Sam McCauley struck out 10 Tigers while throwing a two-hitter.

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— Baker coach Tim Smith, talking about the Bulldogs' battle with La Grande

"Sam was pretty dominant," Smith said.

Conner Lay followed McCauley's performance with a five-hitter in Game 2.

"Conner had the best outing of his high school career as far as I'm concerned," Smith said. "He was spot on. He had good command of his pitches."

Baker hosts Joseph/Enterprise/Wallowa/Elgin in a single nonleague game Tuesday.

First game

Baker	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	– 3
La Grande	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	– 2

McCauley and Van Arsdall. **WP** — McCauley.
Baker hits — McCauley 2, Lay 2, Shirtcliff, Smith, Rohner, Miller, Braschler. **Baker RBI** — Lay.
2B — McCauley.

Second game

Baker	2	2	1	0	2	0	0	– 7
La Grande	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	– 0

Lay and Van Arsdall. **WP** — Lay.
Baker hits — McCauley 2, Van Arsdall, Lay, Rohner. **Baker RBI** — Van Arsdall 2, Lay, Smith, Rohner.
2B — McCauley, Van Arsdall.

BAKER TENNIS

Nine Bulldogs head to district

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Baker will send nine players to the district tennis tournament in Kennewick Friday and Saturday.

The Bulldogs advanced after rolling through subdistrict play last weekend at Nyssa.

"The kids did great," said Baker coach Kristin Schwin, adding that to her knowledge this is the most players Baker has qualified for district.

Five boys and four girls advanced.

In boys singles, Zach Schwin, Shane Cunningham and Alex Davila finished first through third at Nyssa.

In boys doubles Isaac Nemec and Luke Barnes placed second.

In girls singles, Hannah Johnson and Gabbie Trebilcock finished first and second.

Emma Finley and Kaylee Dalke placed second in girls doubles.

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