

Sports

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Boise State rallies past Florida State

By Bob Ferrante
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Through the uncertainty, the travel and the adversity, Boise State never lost focus.

Not even when the Broncos were down by 18 points in the second half. And they have authored the latest chapter in Boise State's history of upsets.

Hank Bachmeier tossed a third-quarter TD pass and Robert Mahone had a 1-yard touchdown run in the fourth and Boise State rallied from an 18-point deficit to knock off Florida State 36-31 on Saturday.

Boise State (1-0) was quick to rally and overwhelmed Florida State on a humid afternoon. In a game moved from Jacksonville to Tallahassee due to Hurricane Dorian, Florida State squandered a 31-13 lead and lost its season opener for the third straight time.

Bachmeier, a true freshman, was pounded early by Florida State's defensive front for five sacks and eight hurries. But he threw for 407 yards as Boise State defeated a Power 5 team for the sixth time since the 2014 season.

It was the most passing yards by a Boise State first-time starting quarterback.

And Bachmeier delivered on third downs, completing 8 of 12 passes for 136 yards.

BAKER BOYS SOCCER PREVIEW



S. John Collins / Baker City Herald

Alex Davila and teammates work on scoring attempts during practice.

Baker mixes vets, youngsters

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The Baker boys soccer team will be a mix of young and old this season.

The Bulldogs have 29 players out for the program, including nine freshmen and eight seniors.

"I like that," said coach Victor Benites about the number

of freshmen. "We hope to be close to what last year's team did," he said.

The Bulldogs finished 5-4-2 in 2018.

Five seniors — Brylan Robb, Isaac Nemece, Alex Davila, Jamisun Rigueiro and Jorge Duran — return from that team.

Benites said this year's

team appears to be strongest on defense and midfield.

He said he is looking for someone to step forward at the forward position. Baker lost its top two scorers at those positions to graduation.

Another senior, Silas Carter, will start in Baker's goal.

Baker opens its season Tuesday at Nyssa.

Oklahoma State rolls past Beavers, 52-36

CORVALLIS (AP) — Red-shirt freshman Spencer Sanders says his first-game jitters were calmed by teammate Chuba Hubbard.

Sanders made the most of his debut for Oklahoma State, throwing for 203 yards and

three scores in a 52-36 victory over Oregon State on Friday night.

Hubbard rushed for 221 yards and three touchdowns for the Cowboys, while Tylan Wallace caught five passes for 92 yards and two touchdowns. Oklahoma State finished with 555 yards of total offense.

"I was nervous, it's my first game," Sanders said. "But Chuba, he was helping me a lot. Watching him open up on

that first drive it gave me a shock of electricity."

Oregon State also had a preseason quarterback competition, but Smith named Jake Luton the team's starter late last week.

Luton threw for 251 yards and three scores against the Cowboys. Isaiah Hodgins caught nine passes for 170 yards and two touchdowns.

"Not good enough," Luton said.

WEEK AHEAD IN
HIGH SCHOOL
SPORTS

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3

- **Volleyball:** Powder Valley at Union, 5 p.m.; Parma at Baker, 6:30 p.m.
- **Boys soccer:** Baker at Nyssa, 3 p.m. (MT)
- **Girls soccer:** Baker at Nyssa, 5 p.m. (MT)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5

- **Volleyball:** Burnt River at Jordan Valley, 3:30 p.m.; Powder Valley at Weston-McEwen, 6 p.m.; Baker at Homedale, 6 p.m.
- **Girls soccer:** Baker at Riverside, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6

- **Cross country:** Baker at Caldwell Twilight, tba
- **Volleyball:** Pine-Eagle at Union, 5 p.m.
- **Football:** Burnt River/Prairie City at Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler, 2 p.m.; Powder Valley vs. Lone/Arlington, 4 p.m., Hermiston; Pine-Eagle at Cambridge, 6 p.m.; Baker at Nyssa, 7 p.m. (MT)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

- **Football:** Huntington/Harper vs. Sherman/Condon, 1 p.m., Condon
- **Volleyball:** Baker at Burns Tourney, 9 a.m.

AT A GLANCE

Valeri's goal lifts Timbers to win

PORTLAND (AP) — Diego Valeri scored in the 16th minute and the Portland Timbers held on to snap a two-game losing streak with a 1-0 victory over Real Salt Lake on Saturday night.

The Timbers improved to 12-11-4 as they continue to jockey for a spot in the postseason. Portland remains just outside of the playoff picture with seven games remaining.

Real Salt Lake (13-11-4) hasn't won in Portland since 2017.

Arkansas holds off Portland State

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Chad Morris was candid when asked about his team's offensive performance in a narrow season-opening 20-13 win against Portland State on Saturday.

With 11 new starters on offense following last season's dismal 2-10 effort, the offensive mastermind whose offenses were explosive at both Tulsa and Clemson when he was the country's highest paid offensive coordinator, pulled no punches Saturday. The Razorbacks rushed for 204 yards, which was a bright spot, Morris said. But the combined 18-of-35 passing effort from transfer quarterbacks Ben Hicks and Nick Starkel was well below what Morris envisioned when they joined the program.

Gordon leads WSU to victory

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Anthony Gordon's starting debut for No. 23 Washington State was perfect for most of the first half and nearly flawless overall.

Gordon completed his first 15 passes, threw for 330 yards and four touchdowns in the first half, and No. 23 Washington State rolled past New Mexico State 58-7 on Saturday night.

Gordon hit 22 of 23 passes in the first half. The only incompleteness was a drop by Brandon Arconado.

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