

# Sports

## BAKER VOLLEYBALL

### Bulldogs fall to Parma in 3-set home opener

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Baker had a long night against Parma in the Bulldogs' home-opening nonleague volleyball match Tuesday in the Baker gym.

Baker made too many miscues on the way to dropping a 25-19, 25-13, 25-15 match.

Baker was hampered by several unforced errors, and by Parma's ability to find gaps in Baker's defense.

"They found our holes and took it to us," said Baker coach Chelsea Hurliman.

Hurliman said the Bulldogs didn't play as well against Parma as they did in their season opener at Weiser last week.

"The things that we did well against Weiser we weren't doing well tonight," the first-year Baker coach said.

After forging a 2-2 tie early in the first set, Baker fell behind 14-4.

The Bulldogs then managed to pull within four points, 23-19, but couldn't get any closer.

Set 2 was more of the same. Baker against fell behind 14-4, but this time the Bulldogs weren't able to rally.

Baker played better in the final set, tying the score at 9 and 10.

But Parma then scored seven straight points to pull away for the sweep. Baker (0-2) travels



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Lacy Churchfield goes for a kill during Baker's match against Parma, Idaho, Tuesday night.

to Homedale, Idaho, on Thursday, then competes in the Burns tournament Saturday.

Baker split the pre-

liminary matches against Parma, winning the JV match 25-20, 23-25, 15-4 and losing the JV2 match 25-21, 19-25, 6-15.

## BAKER GIRLS SOCCER

### Bulldogs rout Nyssa, 5-1

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Four Baker players scored Tuesday in the Bulldogs season-opening nonleague 5-1 girls soccer win at Nyssa.

Sydney Pierce led Baker with two goals. Sydney

Younger, Daphne Thomas and Brooklyne Jaca each added single goals.

"We had great leadership from our returning players," said Baker coach Kristen Rushton.

Rushton also had praise for

keeper Syana Ruby.

"Shayna was a great keeper," Rushton said. She was worth the wait."

Baker travels to Boardman Thursday to take on Riverside, then returns home Monday to play Weiser at 6 p.m.

## BAKER BOYS SOCCER TOPS NYSSA, 8-2

### Baker boys start with a win

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A trio of Bulldogs scored at least two goals each Tuesday as Baker opened its nonleague boys soccer season with an 8-2 rout at Nyssa.

Jorge Duran led five Baker scorers with

three goals.

Jamison Rigueiro and Brylan Robb each added a pair of goals, and Israel Duran a single goal.

Baker travels to Weiser on Monday for a match starting at 4:30 p.m. PDT.

## POWDER VALLEY VOLLEYBALL

### Sluggish Badgers still manage sweep at Union

By Ronald Bond  
The (La Grande) Observer

UNION — Brooke Allen said she felt that the Powder Valley Badgers didn't play to their full potential Tuesday night.

It was still a good enough effort to earn a sweep.

Allen had 16 assists, seven digs and five kills as part of a balanced attack as Powder Valley swept the Union Bobcats, 25-19, 25-17, 25-22, in a nonleague contest at Union.

"We didn't have a lot of energy, and we had (our first day of) school today," Allen said. "We had 10 games last week, so we're still tired from that."

Powder Valley coach Marji Lind agreed that the team was "still sluggish" after the long weekend — having played matches Thursday and Friday in Molalla and Saturday in La Grande — but she said the Badgers found a way.

"They came out and did their jobs. It may not have been flashy or the way they wanted it to click, but they got it done," Lind said.

The Badgers were rarely threatened Tuesday, using a 6-0 run and later a 5-0 run to take the first set and building double-digit leads in both the second and third sets. A kill by Josi Krieger in the second gave the Badgers a 23-13 lead before Keanna Bingham finished it with a kill. Another kill by Bingham put the Badgers ahead by an identical 23-13 score in the third as they appeared set to finish the match.

But the Bobcats rallied. Taylar Daggett started a 9-0 run with a kill. Ahnica Shoemaker had consecutive blocks — teaming with Autumn Daggett on one — to bring Union within 23-20, and an ace by Kylie Marriott and another Autumn Daggett kill cut Powder's lead to 1.



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Union's Sydney Antoine, left, and Powder Valley's Autumn Davis both make a play on a ball at the net during Tuesday's match in Union.

Powder Valley's Belle Blair, who had 10 kills, ended the rally with a kill, and the Badgers finished the match on the next point.

Union head coach Karly Knapp, in addition to saying the team was "a little off," said the Bobcats were lacking some confidence after having played — and losing to — Powder Valley on Saturday.

"Going in kind of blind Saturday was a little different, and then coming in tonight knowing we got beat, regardless of the score, still doesn't feel that good, so I think the girls coming in were not as confident as they should be," Knapp said.

The Bobcats had a heightened sense of urgency which sparked the late rally, which Knapp attributed to them realizing the match was on the verge of being over.

"In the end they realized they have the ability to play a tight game with North Powder," she said.

Bobcats' setter Callie Glenn said wasn't properly prepared for the match "We weren't mentally ready for being at our first

home game," she said, adding that the crowd gave the team a boost late. "We got a bigger crowd than we expected, and that helped at the end."

Union briefly led in the first set, 7-5, after three straight kills by Autumn Daggett, who had 10 to lead the Bobcats. Allen gave the Badgers the lead for good with a kill for an 8-7 edge midway through the first big Badger run in the set, then capped the 6-0 spurt with an ace. Krieger had a kill to make it 20-12, and Union got no closer than four points before Allen put the set away with a kill.

Bingham had 11 kills to lead the Badgers, and also had 15 assists. McKenzie Leggett had 12 digs, Krieger had 10 and Bailey Cole added nine. Davis added six kills and four blocks.

"They all can run multiple jobs, and the nice part about it is they're really intelligent players as well," Lind said.

The Badgers (7-1 overall) visit Weston-McEwen Thursday, while the Bobcats (1-2) host Pine Eagle Friday.

## U.S. OPEN TENNIS

### Federer upset in quarterfinals

By Howard Fendrich  
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NEW YORK — Betrayed by his 38-year-old body, and his forehead, Roger Federer is done at the U.S. Open.

Federer's upper back and neck gave him trouble, he kept missing makeable shots and he kept giving away the lead against a guy he'd never lost to. It all added up to getting beaten 3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 by 78th-ranked Grigor Dimitrov in the quarterfinals before a stunned crowd at Arthur Ashe Stadium on Tuesday night.

"Grigor was able to put me away," Federer said. "I fought with what I had."

Chasing a 21st Grand Slam title, and sixth

at Flushing Meadows, Federer appeared to be flexing his upper back after some points and said afterward that he began feeling something in that area in the afternoon.

He took a rare-for-him medical timeout after the fourth set, leaving the court with a trainer. When play resumed after a break of nearly 10 minutes, Federer's form never picked up.

"He started slowing down a little bit," Dimitrov said. "For sure, in the end, he was not 100 percent of himself."

The stats were staggering and showed exactly how off Federer was on this evening: 61 unforced errors, 33 on the forehand side. Compare that to his 40 total winners.

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