

Sports

BAKER GIRLS SOCCER

Riverside shuts out Bulldogs 4-0

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Baker's nonleague girls soccer record evened at 1-1 Thursday when the young Bulldogs lost 4-0 to Riverside at Boardman.

"It was a tough game," said Baker coach Kristen Rushton. "Riverside had some great shots. We're very proud of our young team. They kept pushing hard until the end."

Rushton said keeper

Shayna Ruby was solid in goal for the second straight game for the Bulldogs, who beat Nyssa 5-1 on Tuesday.

"The girls represented us well," Rushton said.

"They were hardworking, aggressive, and stayed their ground under pressure."

Baker hosts Weiser in its home opener Monday at 6 p.m. at the Baker Sports Complex.

BAKER VOLLEYBALL



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Averi Elms goes up for the ball while Kaylee Dalke, background, and other teammates await the play during a match against Parma, Idaho, Tuesday at Baker High School. On Thursday the Bulldogs lost in four sets at Homedale, Idaho.

Astros rally to beat Mariners, 11-9

By **Kristie Rieken**
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — When the Houston Astros fell behind by seven runs in the second inning Thursday night, it would have been easy for them to starting looking ahead to their next game.

But for this team, with its eyes on a World Series championship, that was never even a thought.

"I think that's what makes a team special, a never-give-up attitude and we're always in every game, and we did that tonight," outfielder Michael Brantley said.

Brantley hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the 13th inning to give Houston an 11-9 comeback victory over the Seattle Mariners.

The win improved the Astros to 91-50, the best record in franchise history after 141 games, and 13-1 against the Mariners this year.

WORLD CUP MENS BASKETBALL

U.S. dominates Japan

SHANGHAI (AP) — The U.S. finally got to enjoy an easy night at the World Cup.

There might not be many more of those.

Jaylen Brown scored 20 points, Kemba Walker added 15 and the U.S. rolled past Japan 98-45 Thursday in the Group E finale. And now, the stakes get higher with the Americans set to face Greece — and NBA MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo — in a second-round opener on Saturday in Shenzhen, China.

"They were very serious tonight and they respected the Japanese team very much," U.S. coach Gregg Popovich said.

Harrison Barnes scored 14 points while Joe Harris and Donovan Mitchell each had 10 for the Americans (3-0), who are bidding for an unprecedented third consecutive World Cup title.

Homedale tops Baker in 4

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Baker's nonleague volleyball record dipped to 0-3 Thursday at Homedale, Idaho.

The Bulldogs fell 22-25, 23-25, 25-21, 22-25 to the Trojans.

"We covered the floor better tonight than we did on Tuesday (a loss to Parma) but had several errors that cost us points," Baker

coach Chelsea Hurliman said.

Baker will be busy between today and Sept. 17.

The Bulldogs travel to the Burns tournament Saturday, visit Fruitland Tuesday, host Homedale Thursday, host the Baker Invitational Friday, travel to Pendleton Sept. 16, then open Greater Oregon League play Sept. 17 by hosting Ontario.

POWDER VALLEY VOLLEYBALL

Badgers sweep top 2A team

The Powder Valley Badgers continued their hot start to the volleyball season, handing Weston-McEwen its first loss with a 26-24, 25-10, 25-19 road sweep Thursday.

"It was a good win for us, as they were ranked No. 1 for 2A," Badgers coach Marji Lind said. "We started off kind of slow, but games 2 and 3 (the) girls started passing

well, which allowed us to run a great offense."

The Badgers (8-1 overall) host Wallowa next Thursday to begin Old Oregon League play.

NFL SEASON BEGINS: GREEN BAY 10, CHICAGO 3

Packers' defense clamps down on Bears

By **Barry Wilner**
AP Pro Football Writer

CHICAGO — Aaron Rodgers doesn't have to lay waste to a defense to enjoy Packers football.

He sure had a good time seeing what his guys on the other side of the ball did Thursday night to the archrival Bears.

"Yeah, it was fun to watch," Rodgers said after Green Bay opened the NFL's 100th season with a 10-3 victory over Chicago. "It's been a long time since I've seen a performance like that. Obviously, a lot of credit to Mike Pettine and his staff, but to those players, just incredible."

"We didn't do them a whole lot of favors with our performance on offense. I mean every time we needed something a stop, they came up with some really big plays."

It was a defensive battle also marked by sloppy offense and penalties. A lack of action in the preseason clearly damaged both offenses, and Rodgers at times looked uncomfortable in the attack designed by new coach Matt LaFleur. But he is a two-time league MVP, and he hit Jimmy Graham in the second quarter for the only touchdown.

That aggressive Green Bay defense would have made Vince Lombardi proud in the latest edition of the NFL's longest rivalry, which the Packers lead 98-95-6. Green Bay has won 16 of the last 19 regular-season meetings, and Rodgers is 17-5.

Chicago's defense hardly slacked, getting five sacks — tying the most it has had against Rodgers. But it could do little with the ball and the Packers had five sacks of Mitchell Trubisky, who

never found his stride, and was sacked on Chicago's final offensive play. Former Bears safety Adrian Amos picked off an end-zone pass into double coverage with 1:58 remaining, the only turnover of the contest.

"It feels real good," Amos said. "It feels great to come back to win and how we did as a defense."

Mason Crosby made a 39-yard field goal in the final period for Green Bay, while defending NFC North champion Chicago got a 38-yarder from Eddy Pineiro.

The NFL opted to go for a history-tinged opener rather than having the Super Bowl champions host the first game. New England will be at home to Pittsburgh on Sunday night, and it's unlikely that game will be so dominated by D.

Or by mistakes.

Each team had 10 penalties, there was a total of 467 yards of only offense, and several drops. At one point, Chicago had three straight penalties to put it in a first-and-40. No, the Bears didn't convert.

Still, take nothing away from either defense. They both controlled the line of scrimmage almost throughout the night, and Trubisky was particularly bothered by it, going 26 of 45 for 228 yards.

"Three points is ridiculous," coach Matt Nagy said.

Rodgers was 18 for 30 for 203 yards, hardly vintage A-Rod, and certainly unlike his performance in leading the Packers back from a 20-point hole in the second half of the 2018 opener against the Bears.

SCOREBOARD

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East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	92	49	.652	—
Tampa Bay	83	59	.585	9½
Boston	75	65	.536	16½
Toronto	55	86	.390	37
Baltimore	46	94	.329	45½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Minnesota	87	53	.621	—
Cleveland	81	60	.574	6½
Chicago	62	78	.443	25
Kansas City	51	90	.362	36½
Detroit	41	97	.297	45
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	91	50	.645	—
Oakland	81	58	.583	9
Texas	69	73	.486	22½
Los Angeles	65	76	.461	26
Seattle	58	83	.411	33

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 4, Texas 1
Boston 6, Minnesota 2
Kansas City 5, Detroit 4
Cleveland 8, Chicago White Sox 6
Oakland 4, L.A. Angels 0

Thursday's Games

Chicago White Sox 7, Cleveland 1

Detroit 6, Kansas City 4
Oakland 10, L.A. Angels 6
Houston 11, Seattle 9, 13 innings
Texas 3, Baltimore 1

Minnesota 2, Toronto 1

Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 4

Today's Games

All Times PDT

Texas (Burke 0-1) at Baltimore (Bundy 6-13), 4:05 p.m.

Kansas City (López 2-7) at Miami (Lopez 11-5), 4:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Germán 17-3) at Boston (Price 7-5), 4:10 p.m.

Toronto (Buchholz 1-3) at Tampa Bay (McKay 2-3), 4:10 p.m.

Cleveland (Plutko 6-4) at Minnesota (Pineda 11-5), 5:10 p.m.

L.A. Angels (Peters 3-2) at Chicago White Sox (Giolitto 14-8), 5:10 p.m.

Seattle (Milone 3-8) at Houston (Valdez 4-7), 5:10 p.m.

Oakland (Fiers 3-3) at Detroit (Soto 0-2), 5:15 p.m., 1st game

Detroit (Turnbull 3-14) at Oakland (Bailey 12-8), 7:07 p.m., 2nd game

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 1:05 p.m.

Kansas City at Miami, 3:10 p.m.

Toronto at Tampa Bay, 3:10 p.m.

Texas at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m.

Cleveland at Minnesota, 4:10 p.m.

L.A. Angels at Chicago White Sox, 4:10 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 4:10 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 6:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	87	54	.617	—
Washington	78	61	.561	8
Philadelphia	72	67	.518	14
New York	71	68	.511	15
Miami	50	89	.360	36
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
St. Louis	79	61	.564	—
Chicago	76	63	.547	2½
Milwaukee	71	68	.511	7½
Cincinnati	66	75	.468	13½
Pittsburgh	61	79	.436	18
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Los Angeles	92	50	.648	—
Arizona	73	67	.521	18

San Francisco 67, 73, .479, 24
San Diego 64, 75, .460, 26½
Colorado 59, 82, .418, 32½

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets 8, Washington 4
Cincinnati 8, Philadelphia 5
Pittsburgh 6, Miami 5
San Francisco 9, St. Louis 8
Arizona 4, San Diego 1
L.A. Dodgers 7, Colorado 3

Thursday's Games

St. Louis 10, San Francisco 0
Cincinnati 4, Philadelphia 3, 11 innings
Atlanta 4, Washington 2
Miami 10, Pittsburgh 7
Chicago Cubs 10, Milwaukee 5

Today's Games

All Times PDT

St. Louis (Mikolas 8-13) at Pittsburgh (Musgrave 9-12), 4:05 p.m.

Arizona (Ray 12-7) at Cincinnati (Mahle

2-10), 4:10 p.m.
Kansas City (López 2-7) at Miami (Lopez 5-7), 4:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Eflin 8-11) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 9-8), 4:10 p.m.
Washington (Corbin 11-6) at Atlanta (Keuchel 6-5), 4:20 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Hamel 7-5) at Milwaukee (Davies 8-7), 5:10 p.m.
Colorado (Melville 1-1) at San Diego (Lamert 2-3), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Samardzija 9-11) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 13-4), 7:10 p.m.

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Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 4:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 4:10 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 4:20 p.m.
Colorado at San Diego, 5:40 p.m.
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 6:10 p.m.

WEEKEND AHEAD
IN HIGH SCHOOL
SPORTS

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

Mustangs sweep Burnt River

UNITY — Jordan Valley defeated Burnt River in three games Thursday in volleyball action.

The Mustangs won 25-5, 25-10, 25-2.

Brown places fifth at Lake Co.

LAKE COUNTY — Baker cowboy Jesse Brown placed fifth in steer wrestling Sept. 1-2 at the Lake County Round-Up.

Steven Duby of Herford and Jason Duby placed eighth in team roping.

Dubys tie for first at Walla Walla

WALLA WALLA — Steven and Jason Duby tied for first in team roping Aug. 30-Sept. 1 at the Walla Walla Frontier Days.

Brown ties for eighth at Filer

FILER — Jesse Brown tied for eighth in steer wrestling Aug. 28-31 at the Magic Valley Stampede.

Williams eighth at Goldendale

GOLDENDALE — Kimberly Williams of North Powder placed eighth in breakaway roping Aug. 24 at a rodeo at Goldendale, Washington.

Brown places at La Grande rodeo

LA GRANDE — Allie Brown of Baker City placed in two events Aug. 24-25 at a rodeo in La Grande.

Brown placed second in barrels and third in breakaway roping.

Serena advances to Open finals

NEWYORK — Serena Williams beat Elina Svitolina 6-3, 6-1 in the U.S. Open semifinals to give herself another shot at winning a record-equaling 24th Grand Slam title.

Williams already owns six U.S. Open titles and 23 major championships in all.

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