

Sports

BAKER FOOTBALL AT NYSSA

Bulldogs shut out Nyssa 38-0 in season opener

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Baker opened its nonleague football season Friday by shutting out Nyssa 38-0 at Nyssa.

Spencer Shirtcliff threw for two touchdowns — one each to Kaden Myer and Riley Flanagan — and ran for another score.

Gauge Bloomer ran for two scores and 286 yards. Flanagan caught

seven passes for 94 yards, Shirtcliff was 8-of-19 for 106 yards and Ethan Myers scored on a blocked punt.

“It was a great first game for us,” said first-year Baker coach Jason Ramos.

“Our defense, in particular, was outstanding all night.”

Baker scored on its first two possessions in the first quarter.

After stopping Nyssa’s opening

drive, Baker marched 54 yards in seven plays to open the scoring.

Shirtcliff connected with Myer from 14 yards out for a 6-0 Baker lead.

Baker boosted its lead to 12-0 two offensive plays later when Bloomer busted off left tackle for a 67-yard TD run.

Bloomer scored again, this time on a 41-yard gallop, on Baker’s sec-

ond possession of the second period.

Shirtcliff then increased Baker’s advantage to 25-0 when he found Flanagan from 32 yards out.

Baker led 25-0 at halftime.

Neither team scored in the third quarter.

Baker’s special teams then got on the board when Myers blocked a Nyssa punt, scooped the ball up and raced 20 yards for the score.

Shirtcliff added a 1-yard touch-down run late in the fourth quarter.

Baker (1-0) travels to Homedale Friday. Homedale defeated Melba 58-6 Friday.

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| Baker | 12 | 13 | 0 | 13 | — | 38 |
| Nyssa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 0 |

B — Myer 14 pass from Shirtcliff (Kick failed)
B — Bloomer 67 run (Kick failed)
B — Bloomer 41 run (Run failed)
B — Flanagan 32 pass from Shirtcliff (Rushton kick)
B — Myers 20 blocked put return (Rushton kick)
B — Shirtcliff 1 run (Pass failed)

BAKER CROSS-COUNTRY AT CALDWELL

Baker teams place eighth

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Eight appeared to be Baker’s magic number Friday at the Caldwell Twilight Invitational cross-country meet.

Both the Baker boys and girls teams placed eighth in the team standings.

Baker’s top runner, Kale Cassidy, also finished eighth in the boys race in a time of 16:36.50.

“I was very impressed with Kale,” said Baker coach Suzy Cole. “He started off with a slower pace for the first mile. I could see a smile on his face at the one-mile mark. It told me that he knew he was about to pass half the runners in front of him...and he did.”

Lucas Sterns had a 23-second improvement over his

2018 time at Caldwell. In addition, Gavin Stone had a strong race.

“Gavin has found his pace and is running very comfortably this year,” Cole said.

The strongest newcomer for the Bulldogs was Angel De Arecos. The freshman ran a strong sixth place for the Bulldogs.

The boys team competed without one of its top runners, Jake Kuzick, who is working to overcome an injury. Cole hopes to have Kuzick back for the next meet which is this Friday at Catherine Creek near Union.

For the girls, Sydney Keller had a 2-minute, 15-second improvement over 2018. Cora Downing finished second for the Bulldogs with a strong performance. Zoe Carlson-Morrow had a massive

improvement over previous years, Cole said.

“So many of the girls had 30- to 75-second improvements over last year. That is a huge improvement in a 3.1-mile race,” Cole said.

Caldwell Twilight Invitational (Baker results)

Boys varsity

8. Kale Cassidy, 16:36.50. 45. Lucas Stearns, 18:02.68. 60. John Niehaus, 18:21.88. 79. Gavin Stone, 19:00.13. 87. Hayden Younger, 19:29.00. 91. Angel DeArcos, 19:33.89. 93. Justin Ash, 19:41.33.

Boys JV

32. Shane Cunningham, 20:19.78. 37. Seth Rushton, 20:44.83. 68. Jordan Mills, 21:48.68. 81. Ethan Hatfield, 22:17.04. 87. Gabriel Bott, 22:35.57. 90. Tyler Hester, 22:45.83. 94. Seth Mastrude, 22:58.17. 105. Thaddeus Pepera, 23:45.82. 117. Ian Jesenko, 24:39.83. 123. Caleb Shaw, 25:27.51. 124. Connor Jensen, 25:32.08. 145. Ryan Hansen, 29:57.02. 150. Dan Wachtel, 33:17.20.

Girls varsity

21. Sydney Keller, 21:03.58. 27. Corah Downing, 21:32.40. 46. Sydney Lamb, 22:59.46. 72. Salena Bott, 24:43.73. 82. Lacey Jones, 25:22.91. 91. Rebekah Shaw, 26:15.26. 95. Filippa Kraup, 26:49.77.

Girls JV

89. Jayden Rice, 26:26.83. 152. Kaitlyn Walters, 28:47.75. 162. Natalia Turner, 29:25.62. 169. Payton Jones, 30:11.96. 197. Victoria Hoffman, 35:44.08.

BAKER CROSS-COUNTRY PREVIEW

Bulldogs have high hopes

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Baker’s cross-country teams have high expectations this season.

“We are very excited about our boys program this year,” said coach Suzy Cole.

“With 21 boys, we probably have the largest numbers we’ve had in decades, if ever. We are well distributed between seniors through freshman — many of whom have been running throughout the summer.

“We will be led this year by seniors Kale Cassidy (who was seventh in the state last year), Lucas Stearns, Johnny Niehaus, and Shane Cunningham,” Cole said.

Juniors Jake Cusick, Gavin Stone, and Hayden Younger are also returning varsity competitors.

“All of these runners are a vital part of our varsity team which placed sixth at state last year. We only lost one senior from our varsity team last fall. This strong nucleus of runners is already having a very positive impact on the freshmen and sophomores running for us this year,” Cole

said. “The returning runners have been building this program for several years and have high goals for the season,” she said. “This includes winning districts for a third straight year and bringing home a team trophy from state.”

Cole said that on the girls side, once again the Bulldogs have very strong numbers in the sophomore through senior classes and are hoping to recruit more freshmen once school starts.

Baker’s seniors are Lacey Jones, Payton Jones, Jayden Rice, Kaitlyn Waters, Zoe Carlson-Morrow and Victoria Hoffman. Juniors Sydney Keller and Corah Downing along with sophomore newcomer Sydney Lamb have been running all summer and are in the best shape they’ve ever been in starting the season, Cole said. Also returning from last year’s varsity group are juniors Rebecca Shaw and Hollie Mays.

The girls finished ninth at state last year and are in hopes to improve to at least seventh this year, Cole said.

Timbers rally past Sporting KC

PORTLAND (AP)—Late goals from Brian Fernandez and Jeremy Ebobisse led the Portland Timbers to a comeback 2-1 win over Sporting Kansas City and into playoff position Saturday as the playoff

race in Major League Soccer tightens.

In the fourth minute of stoppage time, Portland’s Diego Valeri chipped a ball across the face of goal and Fernandez ran to the opposite post to head it in.

Ebobisse equalized for the Timbers in the 83rd minute on a quick counter-attack. Diego Chara crossed the ball in front of goal and Ebobisse redirected it into the goal past goalkeeper Tim Melia.

SCOREBOARD

TELEVISION

All Times PDT

Monday, Sept. 9

Houston at New Orleans, 4:10 p.m. (ESPN)
Denver at Oakland, 7:20 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Sept. 10

Cincinnati at Seattle, 7:10 p.m. (ROOT)

Wednesday, Sept. 11

Cincinnati at Seattle, 7:10 p.m. (ROOT)

Thursday, Sept. 12

Cincinnati at Seattle, 7:10 p.m. (ROOT)

Friday, Sept. 13

North Carolina at Wake Forest, 3 p.m. (ESPN)
Washington State at Houston, 6:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 7:10 p.m. (ROOT)

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday’s Scores

Adrian/Jordan Valley 66, Dufur 8
Aloha 61, Century 14
Amity 34, St. Mary’s 32
Ashland 56, Willamette 27
Astoria 41, Scappoose 14
Baker 38, Nyssa 0
Banks 21, Gladstone 6
Barlow 34, Bend 8
Beaverton 36, Summit 25
Blanchet Catholic 27, Stevenson, Wash. 14
Brookings-Harbor 54, Gold Beach 6
Burns 24, Sisters 6
Cascade 55, Cottage Grove 6
Cascade Christian 52, Phoenix 13
Central Catholic 35, West Linn 27
Cleveland 31, Franklin 14
Colton 44, Gaston 34
Coquille 40, Oakland 26
Corbett 21, Jefferson 6
Crater 40, Wilsonville 0
Crescent Valley 33, North Salem 7
Crook County 39, Ridgeview 15
Culver 39, Illinois Valley 0
Dallas 58, South Albany 13
Days Creek 32, North Douglas 22
Del Norte-Crescent City, Calif. 42, La Salle 7
Eagle Point 34, Klamath 8
Elgin 58, Imbler 20
Elkton 28, Mohawk 22
Elmira 30, Siuslaw 26
Estacada 40, Valley Catholic 39
Forest Grove 27, Putnam 14
Gervais 32, Portland Christian 26
Gilchrist 64, Jewell 24
Glencoe 14, Hillsboro 7
Glendale 64, Chiloquin 16
Glide 33, Bandon 18
Graham-Kapowsin, Wash. 21, Sheldon 14
Grant 17, Gresham 6
Heppner 27, Clatskanie 21
Hood River 36, The Dalles 22
Ilwaco, Wash. 27, Vernonia 12
Jefferson PDX 28, Southridge 22
Jesus 28, Mountaintop 3
Joseph 64, Monument/Dayville 0
La Grande 36, Pendleton 14
La Pine 42, Douglas 22
Lake Oswego 42, West Salem 21
Lebanon 62, Corvallis 28
Liberty 49, Sprague 14
Lincoln 26, Canby 22
Lost River 26, Creswell 19
Lowell 54, Siletz Valley Early College 12
Madras 16, McLoughlin/Griswold 0
Mapleton 52, Riddle 12
Marist 55, Sweet Home 13
Mazama 40, Ontario 0
McMinnville 60, Milwaukie 14
Monroe 44, Sheridan 16
Newberg 42, South Salem 16
North Bend 51, Marshfield 6
North Marion 37, Stayton 27
North Medford 45, McNary 6
Oregon City 41, Grants Pass 39
Pasco, Wash. 27, Hermiston 20
Philomath 15, Junction City 13
Pilot Rock/Nixyawi 44, Enterprise 8
Pine Eagle 50, Cambridge, Idaho 13

Sunday’s Games

Tampa Bay 8, Toronto 3
Miami 9, Kansas City 0
Texas 10, Baltimore 4
Houston 21, Seattle 1
Cleveland 5, Minnesota 2
Chicago White Sox 5, L.A. Angels 1
Oakland 3, Detroit 1
N.Y.Yankees 10, Boston 5

Today’s Games

All Times PDT

N.Y.Yankees (Paxton 12-6) at Boston (Rodriguez 17-5), 1:10 p.m.
Oakland (Fiers 14-3) at Houston (Greinke 14-5), 2:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Bieber 13-7) at L.A. Angels (Sandoval 0-2), 4:07 p.m.

Tuesday’s Games

N.Y.Yankees at Detroit, 3:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 4:07 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 4:40 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Texas, 5:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 5:10 p.m.
Oakland at Houston, 5:10 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Angels, 7:07 p.m.
Cincinnati at Seattle, 7:10 p.m.

NFL

Sunday’s Games

Baltimore 59, Miami 10
Kansas City 40, Jacksonville 26
Minnesota 28, Atlanta 12
Tennessee 43, Cleveland 13
Buffalo 17, N.Y. Jets 16
L.A. Rams 30, Carolina 27
Philadelphia 32, Washington 27
L.A. Chargers 30, Indianapolis 24, OT
Seattle 21, Cincinnati 20
Dallas 35, N.Y. Giants 17
San Francisco 31, Tampa Bay 17
Arizona 27, Detroit 27, OT
New England 33, Pittsburgh 3

Today’s Games — All Times PDT

Houston at New Orleans, 4:10 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 7:20 p.m.

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East Division

| W | L | Pct. | GB | |
|-----------|----|------|------|-----|
| New York | 94 | 50 | .653 | — |
| Tampa Bay | 86 | 59 | .593 | 8 |
| Boston | 76 | 67 | .531 | 17½ |
| Toronto | 55 | 89 | .382 | 38½ |
| Baltimore | 46 | 97 | .322 | 47 |

Central Division

| W | L | Pct. | GB | |
|-------------|----|------|------|-----|
| Minnesota | 88 | 55 | .615 | — |
| Cleveland | 83 | 61 | .576 | 5½ |
| Chicago | 63 | 80 | .441 | 25 |
| Kansas City | 53 | 91 | .368 | 35½ |
| Detroit | 42 | 100 | .296 | 45½ |

West Division

| W | L | Pct. | GB | |
|-------------|----|------|------|-----|
| Houston | 94 | 50 | .653 | — |
| Oakland | 84 | 59 | .587 | 9½ |
| Texas | 72 | 73 | .497 | 22½ |
| Los Angeles | 67 | 77 | .465 | 27 |
| Seattle | 58 | 86 | .403 | 36 |

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

| W | L | Pct. | GB | |
|--------------|----|------|------|----|
| Atlanta | 89 | 55 | .618 | — |
| Washington | 79 | 63 | .556 | 9 |
| Philadelphia | 74 | 68 | .521 | 14 |
| New York | 72 | 70 | .507 | 16 |
| Miami | 51 | 91 | .359 | 37 |

Central Division

| W | L | Pct. | GB | |
|------------|----|------|------|-----|
| St. Louis | 81 | 62 | .566 | — |
| Chicago | 76 | 66 | .535 | 4½ |
| Milwaukee | 74 | 68 | .521 | 6½ |
| Cincinnati | 67 | 77 | .465 | 14½ |
| Pittsburgh | 62 | 81 | .434 | 19 |

West Division

| W | L | Pct. | GB | |
|---------------|----|------|------|-----|
| Los Angeles | 93 | 52 | .641 | — |
| Arizona | 75 | 68 | .524 | 17 |
| San Francisco | 69 | 74 | .483 | 23 |
| San Diego | 66 | 76 | .465 | 25½ |
| Colorado | 60 | 84 | .417 | 32½ |

Saturday’s Games

Arizona 2, Cincinnati 0
Kansas City 7, Miami 2
Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Mets 0
St. Louis 10, Pittsburgh 0
Milwaukee 3, Chicago Cubs 2
Atlanta 5, Washington 4
San Diego 3, Colorado 0
San Francisco 1, L.A. Dodgers 0

Sunday’s Games

Miami 9, Kansas City 0
Cincinnati 4, Arizona 3
St. Louis 2, Pittsburgh 0
Washington 8, Atlanta 4
Milwaukee 8, Chicago Cubs 5
Philadelphia 10, N.Y. Mets 7
L.A. Dodgers 5, San Francisco 0
San Diego 2, Colorado 1, 10 innings

Today’s Games

All Times PDT

Atlanta (Foltynewicz 5-5) at Philadelphia (Nola 12-4), 4:05 p.m.
Arizona (Kelly 10-13) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 8-8), 4:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Lyles 10-8) at Miami (Dugger 0-1), 4:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Williams 7-6) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 9-8), 6:45 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (TBD) at San Diego (Quantrill 6-6), 7:10 p.m.

Tuesday’s Games

Atlanta at Philadelphia, 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at N.Y. Mets, 4:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 4:40 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 5:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 6:45 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at San Diego (Quantrill 6-6), 7:10 p.m.

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