

Sports

BAKER VOLLEYBALL



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Hailey Zikmund spikes the ball during a previous match against Parma, Idaho. Baker finished third at the Burns volleyball tournament Saturday.

Bulldogs place 3rd at Burns tournament

BURNS — Baker played its best volleyball of the young season Saturday and placed third in a tournament at Burns.

After dropping their first three non-league matches, the Bulldogs were sharp in the pool play portion of tournament at Burns High School.

Baker started by beating Bonanza, 25-23, 25-16.

After splitting a pair of sets against Adrian, 25-13, 21-25, Baker concluded

pool play by sweeping Horseshoe Bend, Idaho, 25-24, 25-16.

In bracket play Baker drew Lakeview in the first round and swept the Honkers, 25-14, 25-8.

In the second round Baker fell to 25-20, 25-18, to Nampa Christian of Idaho to finish third overall.

The Bulldogs return to the road Tuesday, traveling to Fruitland, Idaho, for a 5 p.m. PDT match.

PAC-12 FOOTBALL

Cal upsets Washington

By Tim Booth
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — It took until early Sunday morning before California could run onto the field in celebration, party with the few Golden Bears fans still hanging around and enjoy another victory over Washington.

Greg Thomas kicked a 17-yard field goal with 8 seconds left, and California beat No. 14 Washington 20-19 in a game delayed more than 2½ hours due to severe weather.

The Pac-12 Conference opener for the schools ended up being a strange night on the shore of Lake Washington, capped by Thomas' short field goal, giving the Golden Bears (2-0, 1-0 Pac-12) the shocking victory.

A severe thunder and lightning storm delayed the game early in the first quarter and left only a smattering of fans waiting out the lengthy delay when the game resumed at 10:30 p.m. and finally ended at 1:22 a.m.

It was only the Bears' fans cheering in a corner of the mostly empty stadium when the clock hit zero after knocking off the

Huskies for the second straight year.

"I'm really proud of the team because it wasn't the cleanest, but they just keep fighting and they're a tough bunch of guys," Cal coach Justin Wilcox said.

California quarterback Chase Garbers wasn't asked to do much with his arm, but came up with two big completions on the final drive, hitting Jordan Duncan for 19 yards and Kekeo Crawford for 27 yards to get inside the Washington 5. The Bears were aided by a pass interference call and, after forcing Washington to call three timeouts, Thomas connected on a field goal shorter than an extra point.

"It's like a dream come true, basically. It's like what you ask for as a kicker, last kick comes down to you and you make it," Thomas said

Washington (1-1, 0-1) took a 19-17 lead with 2:05 left when Peyton Henry hit a career-best 49-yard field goal that sneaked inside the right upright. It was the last of Henry's four field goals, two of which came inside 25 yards.

OREGON FOOTBALL

Ducks dominate Nevada, 77-6

By Anne M. Peterson
AP Sports Writer

EUGENE — With a romp over Nevada, No. 16 Oregon got back on track.

Justin Herbert threw for 310 yards and five touchdowns before heading to the sideline in the third quarter, and the Ducks rebounded from their season-opening loss to Auburn with a 77-6 rout Saturday night.

The Ducks (1-1) have won 15 straight home openers and 24 straight over nonconference foes at Autzen Stadium. Oregon tied a school record with seven touchdown passes — caught by seven receivers. The Ducks also tied their record for points at Autzen.

"Huge step in the right direction," Herbert said afterward. "Tough loss last week but we came back and had a great week of practice and we were fired up to be here, and glad to get back at it tomorrow."

Tight end Jacob Breeland caught four passes for a career-high 112 yards and a score. A total of 11 Ducks scored.

True freshman Brandon Talton kicked a pair of first-half field goals for Nevada (1-1). The Wolf Pack were coming off a 34-31 victory over Purdue last week, just their second win over a Big Ten program.

Redshirt freshman Carson Strong, who threw for 295 yards and three touchdowns in his debut, threw for 89 against the Ducks and was intercepted twice. He was sacked three times.

"It wasn't really about what they were doing, it was about us. It all starts with us. There were guys that were open down the field and I've got to be able to see them and be able to get them the ball," Strong said. "I missed a lot of plays. I left a lot of plays on the field tonight."

The Ducks were coming off a 27-21 loss to Auburn in the team's high-profile season opener in Texas. Bo Nix threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Seth Williams with 9 seconds remaining to give the Tigers the victory. Herbert finished with 242 yards passing a touchdown.

"Tonight it was more of the

Oregon Football that we've been trying to establish," coach Mario Cristobal said. "Being a disciplined football player and playing with relentless effort as a competitor, that's what we're trying to get to and we moved closer to that tonight."

Talton's 24-yard field goal gave Nevada the early lead midway through the opening quarter. Talton, a walk-on, kicked a 56-yard field goal as time ran out for the victory over Purdue, earning the game ball and a scholarship.

Herbert hit Breeland with a 66-yard scoring pass on the ensuing drive to put the Ducks in front. Herbert has thrown a touchdown pass in 30 straight games, the longest active streak in the nation.

But the senior quarterback has had to deal with a depleted receiver corps because of injuries heading into the season. Graduate transfer Juwan Johnson, a projected starter, was on the sidelines for the second straight game with an unspecified injury.

Talton added a 45-yard field goal for the Wolf Pack before CJ Verdell muscled his way into the end zone from 2 yards out to give the Oregon a 14-6 lead. After Sampson Niu intercepted Strong, Oregon scored two plays later on Herbert's 16-yard pass to Ryan Bay.

The game further slipped away from Nevada when Oregon took over on the Wolf Pack 7 after a muffed punt, and Herbert found tackle Brady Aiello with a 1-yard scoring pass to make it 28-6.

"The turnovers, I mean we mishandled the punt, we had a bad snap there. We had turnovers in the second quarter. And then the big plays," Nevada coach Jay Norvell said. "You can't pile on those types of mistakes one on top of the other and expect to have a proper outcome, it's just not gonna happen."

Herbert threw his fourth touchdown of the game before the end of the first half, a 24-yard pass to a wide-open Bryan Addison, then added another in the third quarter to Daewood Davis, recently moved to receiver from cornerback because of the injuries.

OREGON STATE FOOTBALL

Hawaii rallies past Beavers

HONOLULU (AP) — JoJo Ward had four touchdown receptions, Ryan Meskell kicked a 28-yard field goal late, and Hawaii escaped with a 31-28 win Oregon State on Saturday night.

The Rainbow Warriors (2-0) overcame a pair of 14-point deficits, scored the game's final 17 points and never led until Meskell's go-ahead kick.

Meskell missed his first three field goal attempts from 48, 27 and 48 yards — all of them wide left — before hitting the winner.

Oregon State has lost six in a row dating to last season and have just one win since beating Southern Utah 48-25 on Sept. 8, 2018.

Cole McDonald 30-of-52 passing for 421 yards and Ward finished with 10 catches for 189 yards. The pair hooked up on scoring strikes 29, 35, 5 and 29 yards.

It was the fourth time McDonald went over 400 passing yards in a game and Ward's fourth game eclipsing 100 receiving yards. Ward tied the school record for touchdown receptions in a game.

Oregon State had a chance to tie with 1:25 left, but Jordan Choukair's 52-yard field goal missed wide left. The Beavers eventually got the ball back with four seconds left, but could only get to the Hawaii 45.

Jermar Jefferson carried 31 times for 183 yards and a touchdown and Artavis Pierce added 79 yards and two scores on seven rushes for Oregon State (0-2). Isaiah Hodgins added seven receptions for 96 yards and a touchdown.

WEEK AHEAD IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

MONDAY, SEPT. 9

■ **Girls soccer:** Weiser at Baker, 4 p.m.

■ **Boys soccer:** Baker at Weiser, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10

■ **Volleyball:** Baker at Fruitland, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

■ **Volleyball:** Wallowa at Powder Valley, 5:30 p.m.; Homedale at Baker, 6:30 p.m.; Pine-Eagle at Imbler, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

■ **Football:** Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler at Huntington, 1 p.m.; Cascade at Pine-Eagle, 2 p.m.; Baker at Homedale, 7 p.m. (MT); Wallowa at Sherman/Condon at Prairie City/Burnt River, 7 p.m.

■ **Cross country:** Baker at Catherine Creek Scamper, tba, Union

■ **Volleyball:** Baker tourney, 9 a.m.; Country Christian at Powder Valley, 12:30 p.m.; Perrydale at Powder Valley, 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

■ **Girls soccer:** Fruitland at Baker, noon

■ **Boys soccer:** Baker at Fruitland, noon

■ **Volleyball:** Pine-Eagle vs. Trinity Lutheran, tba, Prairie City; Heppner at Powder Valley, 9:30 a.m.; Pine-Eagle at Prairie City, noon; Pilot Rock at Powder Valley, 3:30 p.m.

AT A GLANCE

PC/Burnt River wins football opener

SPRAY — Prairie City/Burnt River stopped Spray/Mitchell/Wheeler 47-20 in a nonleague football game Friday.

Union defeats Pine-Eagle in volleyball match

UNION — Union defeated Pine-Eagle in straight sets Friday in nonleague volleyball action.

Union won 25-9, 25-6, 25-20.

Mexico shuts out U.S. men 3-0

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The soccer gap between Mexico and the United States is far wider than the Rio Grande that separates the nations.

Exactly a year before the start of qualifying for the 2022 World Cup, Mexico handed the Americans their most one-sided loss in the rivalry since 2009.

Javier Hernández scored after U.S. newcomer Sergiño Dest was nutmegged in the 21st minute, and Érick Gutiérrez and Uriel Antuna added late goals in a 3-0 exhibition win Friday night.

"We still play with fear against them, and that is what I can't really live with," U.S. star Christian Pulisic said. "That needs to change."

Huntington falls to Condon

CONDON — Sherman/Condon defeated Huntington 73-22 in a nonleague football game Saturday.

Pine-Eagle wins

CAMBRIDGE — Pine-Eagle topped Cambridge 50-13 in a nonleague football game Friday.

U.S. OPEN TENNIS MENS FINAL

Nadal wins 19th Grand Slam

By Howard Fendrich
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK — Rafael Nadal's 19th Grand Slam trophy went from inevitable to suddenly in doubt in a thrill-a-minute U.S. Open final.

What had all the makings of a casual crowning morphed into a grueling contest thanks to Nadal's opponent, Daniil Medvedev, a man a decade younger and appearing in his first major title match. Down by two sets and a break, Medvedev shifted styles, upped his level against a rattled Nadal — and even received an unexpected boost from the Arthur Ashe Stadium spectators.

Truly tested for the only time in the tournament, the No. 2-seeded Nadal managed to stop Medvedev's surge Sunday and hold

off his historic comeback bid, pulling out a 7-5, 6-3, 5-7, 4-6, 6-4 victory in 4 hours, 50 minutes of highlight-worthy action and Broadway-worthy drama to collect his fourth championship at Flushing Meadows.

"One of the most emotional nights of my tennis career," said Nadal, who covered his face with his hands while crying when arena video boards showed clips from each of his Slam triumphs.

"The last three hours of the match have been very, very intense, no?" Nadal said. "Very tough mentally and physically, too."

Now at 19 majors — a total Medvedev called "outrageous" — Nadal is merely one away from rival Roger Federer's record for men.