

# Sports

## BAKER FOOTBALL

# Bulldogs roll over Elmira

■ Baker scores in five different ways en route to 53-6 rout in game played at Bend

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The Baker football team found just about every way possible to score Friday against Elmira.

The Bulldogs scored four rushing touchdowns, two receiving touchdowns, a kickoff return for a TD, a field goal and a safety on the way to burying Elmira 53-6 in a nonleague game at Summit High School in Bend.

“We executed pretty well in all aspects of the game,” said Baker coach Jason Ramos. “The kids had a lot of energy, particularly after a long bus ride.”

Alex Hammans, who finished with 194 yards and three touchdowns on 11 carries, scored Baker’s first points.

Hammans completed a 60-yard opening Baker drive with a 15-yard TD run. Hammans accounted for 50 yards on the drive.

Hammans scored his second TD on a 47-yard gallop with 2:56 left in the first quarter.

Baker led 14-0 after one period.

Quarterback Spencer Shirtcliff connected with Kaden Myer on a 32-yard touchdown pass early in the second quarter to boost Baker up 21-0.

Hammans broke an 83-yard scoring run with 9 seconds left in the half to give Baker a 28-0 halftime



Photo courtesy of Kelly Wright

Alex Hammans takes a handoff from Spencer Shirtcliff against Elmira Friday at Bend. Hammans ran for 194 yards and three touchdowns in Baker’s 53-6 win.

advantage.

Shirtcliff then got his second scoring pass in the third quarter, connecting for 70 yards to Riley Flanagan.

Then, after Andrew Adams intercepted an Elmira pass, kicker Mahonri Rushton booted a 30-yard field goal to increase Baker’s cushion to 37-0.

Shirtcliff then scored

Baker’s fourth rushing TD a minute into the fourth quarter, from 4 yards out.

Baker forced a running clock with 10:17 left in the game when the Bulldogs earned a safety when the center snap on an Elmira punt sailed out of the end zone for a 46-0 lead.

Baker completed the scoring when Myer took the ensuing kickoff and raced 70 yards for

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Baker’s final score.

“Our kicking game was solid. Our special teams play was solid,” Ramos said.

“Our offense executed really well to start. We were a little stagnant in the second quarter, but picked it up again in the second half.”

Ramos again was proud of his defense.

“Our defense played well,” he said. “Our defense has played outstanding. For about 46 minutes Elmira had trouble moving the ball against us.”

Offensively, Shirtcliff finished 13-of-29 passing for 202 yards.

Myer led Baker receivers with five catches for 65 yards. Flanagan added four catches for 95 yards.

Baker (2-1) opens Greater Oregon League play Friday at Ontario.

<b>Baker</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Elmira</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>B</b>	Hammans 15 run (Rushton kick)					
<b>B</b>	Hammans 47 run (Rushton kick)					
<b>B</b>	Myer 32 pass from Shirtcliff (Rushton kick)					
<b>B</b>	Hammans 83 run (Rushton kick)					
<b>B</b>	Flanagan 70 pass from Shirtcliff (Kick blocked)					
<b>B</b>	Rushton 30 FG					
<b>B</b>	Shirtcliff 4 run (Rushton kick)					
<b>B</b>	Safety					
<b>B</b>	Myer 70 kickoff return (Rushton kick)					
<b>E</b>	Parker 17 pass from Herbert (Run failed)					

## MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

# Timbers play to draw with Minnesota, maintain slim hope for a playoff berth

By **Caitlin Murray**  
Associated Press

PORTLAND — The Portland Timbers and Minnesota United played to a scoreless draw Sunday, delaying Minnesota’s bid for a berth in the Major League Soccer playoffs.

Minnesota (14-10-7, 49 points) could’ve clinched a playoff spot with a win against Portland and will clinch on their next win.

With the draw, The Timbers (13-13-5, 44 points) moved back into playoff position, but just barely. They are tied on points with FC Dallas but sit ahead of them on tiebreakers.

Both sides exchanged plenty of chances early as the Timbers registered their most

shots in a first half since this year since their opening match of the season.

The Timbers, who have lost four of their last six games, have not scored in their last 270 minutes, all at home.

In the 10th minute, Minnesota’s Mason Toye fired a close-range header just barely over the crossbar. In the 17th minute, Portland’s Larrys Mabiala headed a corner kick from close-range that goalkeeper Vito Mannone parried away.

Sebastian Blanco hit the crossbar with a curling shot from the top of the box in stoppage time of the first half.

As the stalemate dragged on, the game started to open up and both sides had closer chances.

Robin Lod nearly scored for United in the 61st minute, heading a lofted free kick off the crossbar.

Jeremy Ebobisse fired a close-range header in the 67th minute that Mannone slapped away. Right back Jorge Moreira lofted a long cross to Ebobisse at the back post, who couldn’t get past Mannone.

In the 70th minute, Cristhian Paredes dived head-first into a well-placed Blanco cross, but his header went off the inside of the post and out.

The Timbers appealed for a penalty in the 88th minute after a Paredes cross hit Minnesota’s Chase Gasper in the left arm, but play was allowed to continue without a video review.

## MAJOR LEAGUES

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

#### East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-New York	102	55	.650	—
Tampa Bay	92	64	.590	9½
Boston	81	74	.523	20
Toronto	63	93	.404	38½
Baltimore	51	105	.327	50½

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	96	60	.615	—
Cleveland	92	64	.590	4
Chicago	68	87	.439	27½
Kansas City	57	100	.363	39½
Detroit	46	109	.297	49½

#### West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Houston	102	54	.654	—
Oakland	94	62	.603	8
Texas	75	81	.481	27
Los Angeles	70	86	.449	32
Seattle	66	90	.423	36

#### x-clinched division

**Saturday’s Games**  
N.Y. Yankees 7, Toronto 2  
Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 3  
Tampa Bay 5, Boston 4, 11 innings  
Philadelphia 9, Cleveland 4  
L.A. Angels 8, Houston 4  
Kansas City 12, Minnesota 5  
Seattle 7, Baltimore 6, 13 innings  
Oakland 12, Texas 3

#### Sunday’s Games

Baltimore 2, Seattle 1  
N.Y. Yankees 8, Toronto 3  
Detroit 6, Chicago White Sox 3  
Boston 7, Tampa Bay 4  
Houston 13, L.A. Angels 5  
Minnesota 12, Kansas City 8  
Cleveland 10, Philadelphia 1  
Texas 8, Oakland 3

#### Today’s Games All Times PDT

Baltimore (Bundy 6-14) at Toronto (Buchholz 1-5), 4:07 p.m.  
Boston (Chacin 3-11) at Tampa Bay (Snell 6-7), 4:10 p.m.

#### Tuesday’s Games

Minnesota at Detroit, 3:40 p.m.  
Baltimore at Toronto, 4:07 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 4:10 p.m.

Boston at Texas, 5:05 p.m.

Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 5:10 p.m.

Atlanta at Kansas City, 5:15 p.m.

Oakland at L.A. Angels, 7:07 p.m.

Houston at Seattle, 7:10 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

#### East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Atlanta	96	61	.611	—
Washington	85	69	.552	9½
New York	81	74	.523	14
Philadelphia	79	75	.513	15½
Miami	54	101	.348	41

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
z-St. Louis	89	67	.571	—
Milwaukee	86	70	.551	3
Chicago	82	74	.526	7
Cincinnati	73	83	.468	16
Pittsburgh	65	91	.417	24

#### West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Los Angeles	100	56	.641	—
Arizona	80	76	.513	20
San Francisco	75	81	.481	25
San Diego	70	86	.449	30
Colorado	67	89	.429	33

#### x-clinched division

**z-clinched playoff berth**  
**Saturday’s Games**  
St. Louis 9, Chicago Cubs 8  
Cincinnati 3, N.Y. Mets 2  
Atlanta 8, San Francisco 1  
Milwaukee 10, Pittsburgh 1  
Philadelphia 9, Cleveland 4  
Washington 10, Miami 4, 10 innings  
Arizona 4, San Diego 2  
Colorado 4, L.A. Dodgers 2

#### Sunday’s Games

N.Y. Mets 6, Cincinnati 3  
Miami 5, Washington 3  
San Francisco 4, Atlanta 1  
Milwaukee 4, Pittsburgh 3  
St. Louis 3, Chicago Cubs 2  
Cleveland 10, Philadelphia 1  
L.A. Dodgers 7, Colorado 4  
San Diego 6, Arizona 4, 10 innings

#### Today’s Games All Times PDT

Philadelphia (Eflin 9-12) at Washington (Corbin 13-7), 4:05 p.m.

Miami (Smith 9-10) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 10-9), 4:10 p.m.

St. Louis (Wainwright 13-9) at Arizona (Young 7-4), 6:40 p.m.

### Tuesday’s Games

Philadelphia at Washington, 10:05 a.m., 1st game  
Milwaukee at Cincinnati, 3:40 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 4:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Washington, 4:05 p.m., 2nd game

Miami at N.Y. Mets, 4:10 p.m.

Atlanta at Kansas City, 5:15 p.m.

St. Louis at Arizona, 6:40 p.m.

Colorado at San Francisco, 6:45 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 7:10 p.m.

### NFL

#### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.
Buffalo	3	0	0	1.000
New England	3	0	0	1.000
N.Y. Jets	0	3	0	.000
Miami	0	3	0	.000

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.
Dallas	3	0	0	1.000
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333
Washington	0	2	0	.000

#### South

	W	L	T	Pct.
Houston	2	1	0	.667
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667
Jacksonville	1	2	0	.333
Tennessee	1	2	0	.333

#### North

	W	L	T	Pct.
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667
Cleveland	1	2	0	.333
Cincinnati	0	3	0	.000
Pittsburgh	0	3	0	.000

#### West

	W	L	T	Pct.
Kansas City	3	0	0	1.000
Oakland	1	2	0	.333
L.A. Chargers	1	2	0	.333
Denver	0	3	0	.000

## BAKER VOLLEYBALL

# Baker 3rd at Sisters tourney

SISTERS — Baker finished third in its bracket Saturday at the Sisters Invitational volleyball tournament.

The Bulldogs won their opening match, defeating Stayton 21-25, 25-22, 15-9.

Baker then played Greater Oregon League foe La Grande, losing 24-26, 25-22, 8-15.

Baker’s next match will be a rematch Tuesday at La Grande at 6:30 p.m., this one counting in the GOL standings.

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

# Saints surprise sloppy Seahawks

By **Tim Booth**  
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — Teddy Bridgewater wanted to stay composed. He wanted to remain calm and in control while taking over for the next several weeks with the New Orleans Saints’ leader, Drew Brees, sidelined with injury.

But emotions can often be tricky to control. And in the moments before making his first meaningful start since the 2015 playoffs, they all hit Bridgewater.

“I was thinking about the process from the time I was injured up until now and just thinking about all the ones who believed in me and just being back on this stage,” Bridgewater said.

Three years removed from a knee injury that nearly ended his career, Bridgewater was an unexpected winner Sunday. He threw two touchdown passes in his first start with Brees out, watched his teammates add TDs on defense and special teams and help lead the Saints to a 33-27 win over the Seattle Seahawks.

The narrative entering the week centered on whether the Super Bowl hopes of the Saints (2-1) were lost with Brees out following surgery to repair a ligament near his right thumb. The week ended with Bridgewater throwing his hat into the stands as he ran off the field following his first win as a starting quarterback since Jan. 3, 2016, the final week of the 2015 season.

“I said all week Teddy is a leader,” Saints running back Alvin Kamara said. “He had composure. He had poise and we got it done.”

Bridgewater had started Week 17 last season, but that was a meaningless game. The Saints had their playoff seed wrapped up. Sunday had significance and Bridgewater relished his opportunity.

“You never want to take the game for granted,” Bridgewater said. “I think last year what happened, we had the playoff spot locked up. To come into a game like today that has more meaning was one of those games where your emotions are high because the game has meaning and you haven’t experienced this in a long time.”

Bridgewater threw a 29-yard touchdown to Kamara late in the first half on a screen pass where the talented running back bounced off several tacklers on his way to the end zone. He added a 1-yard TD toss to Michael Thomas on fourth-and-goal on the first possession of the second half, a drive kept alive by an illegal formation penalty against Seattle on a missed field goal attempt.

But the key for New Orleans was a pair of first-half touchdowns with Bridgewater standing on the sideline.

Deonte Harris took a punt back 53 yards for a score in the first quarter, and Vonn Bell picked up Chris Carson’s third lost fumble in three games, and returned it 33 yards for a TD in the second quarter.

The two non-offensive touchdowns for New Orleans, plus Seattle’s numerous miscues took pressure off Bridgewater. He didn’t need to win the game. He simply needed to avoid his own errors, which he did. He got the ball in the hands of his playmakers, Kamara mostly, and didn’t take unnecessary risks. Bridgewater completed 19 of 27 passes for 177 yards.

## SCOREBOARD

MAJOR LEAGUES	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE	NFL	AMERICAN CONFERENCE	NATIONAL CONFERENCE
<b>East Division</b>	<b>West Division</b>	<b>East Division</b>	<b>Central Division</b>	<b>East Division</b>	<b>East</b>
x-New York 102, Tampa Bay 92, Boston 81, Toronto 63, Baltimore 51	Minnesota 96, Cleveland 92, Chicago 68, Kansas City 57, Detroit 46	Washington 85, New York 81, Philadelphia 79, Miami 54	z-St. Louis 89, Milwaukee 86, Chicago 82, Cincinnati 73, Pittsburgh 65	Buffalo 3, New England 3, N.Y. Jets 0, Miami 0	Dallas 3, Philadelphia 1, N.Y. Giants 1, Washington 0
<b>Central Division</b>	<b>West Division</b>	<b>Central Division</b>	<b>West Division</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>West</b>
Minnesota 96, Cleveland 92, Chicago 68, Kansas City 57, Detroit 46	x-Houston 102, Oakland 94, Texas 75, Los Angeles 70, Seattle 66	z-St. Louis 89, Milwaukee 86, Chicago 82, Cincinnati 73, Pittsburgh 65	x-Los Angeles 100, Arizona 80, San Francisco 75, San Diego 70, Colorado 67	Kansas City 3, Oakland 1, L.A. Chargers 1, Denver 0	Seattle 2, Arizona 0
<b>West Division</b>	<b>East Division</b>	<b>West Division</b>	<b>East Division</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>West</b>
x-Houston 102, Oakland 94, Texas 75, Los Angeles 70, Seattle 66	Washington 85, New York 81, Philadelphia 79, Miami 54	z-St. Louis 89, Milwaukee 86, Chicago 82, Cincinnati 73, Pittsburgh 65	x-Los Angeles 100, Arizona 80, San Francisco 75, San Diego 70, Colorado 67	Kansas City 3, Oakland 1, L.A. Chargers 1, Denver 0	Seattle 2, Arizona 0

### Weekly Specials September 23-29

Monday	Meatloaf.....	\$8.95
Tuesday	Lasagna.....	\$8.95
Wednesday	Ground Round w/ Mushrooms.....	\$8.95
Thursday	Chicken Fried Steak.....	\$9.95
Friday	All You Can Eat Mini Shrimp.....	\$9.95
	Steak & Shrimp.....	\$10.95
	Pan Fried Oysters.....	\$10.50