

Sports

BAKER WRESTLING



Ronald Bond /The (La Grande) Observer

Baker’s Ian Feldmeier nearly pinned La Grande’s Wyatt Livingston Wednesday in their 152-pound match before earning a 16-5 major decision. It was one of just two victories for the Bulldogs, who dropped the dual, 61-7.

Top-ranked La Grande pins Baker

By Ronald Bond
The (La Grande) Observer

LA GRANDE — A match-up of top-five teams Wednesday quickly turned into a rout by the newly christened No. 1 team in the Class 4A wrestling coaches poll — the La Grande Tigers.

In their only dual at La Grande High School this season, the Tigers put on a stunning performance, recording seven pins and winning all but two matches on the way to a 61-7 victory over rival Baker — which itself is ranked fourth in the state.

“Those kids really rose up,” La Grande head coach Klei Carson said. “Those early weights, those young kids like we were talking about... they’ve never been in a dual. All freshmen, and wrestling state placers.”

Not only wrestling state placers, but beating many of them.

After Delia Gulzow won by forfeit to give the Tigers an early lead, freshman Brysen Penelozo (113 pounds) needed only 38 seconds to pin Caleb Shaw and give La Grande a 12-0 advantage.

“I really wanted to win and start the team off good,” Penelozo said. “The team did really good. I thought it was going to be closer, but we did really good.”

The tone for the night was set with Penelozo’s victory. Josh Collins (120) and Braden Carson (132) both recorded second-round pins over Baker opponents Gavin

“We lost a couple of matches there that we probably should have won, (and) once you start doing that, it’s like a steamroller.”

— Baker coach
Brandon Young

Stone and Cody Eskew as La Grande claimed the first six victories and surged to a 31-0 margin.

“We lost a couple matches there that we probably should have won at 120, 126, 138, (and) once you start doing that, it’s like a steamroller, and it’s hard to get your team morale turned around,” Baker head coach Brandon Young said.

The performance was one that stunned the LHS head coach, who before the dual said he believed there would be several tough matches.

“I gotta give (Baker) some credit. They’re rivals, but they’re really tough. They’re quite literally probably the third best team in the state or maybe the fourth best team in the state,” coach Carson said. “I was a little bit surprised.”

Baker stopped La Grande’s run with a 3-2 decision by Jake Eskew over Braxton Bisenius at 145 and a 16-5 major decision by Ian Feldmeier over Wyatt Livingston at 152.

But the rest of the night belonged to the Tigers, who won four of the final five

matches by fall — none taking longer than Spencer Gerst’s 1:20 takedown of Alex Ritter at 220 pounds which made the score 55-7.

The exclamation point came moments after Gerst’s win. Gabe Shukle (285) needed only 53 seconds to pin Jaden Martin to cap the night, and did so with a stunning move. In one motion, Shukle executed a maneuver called an arm spin where he pulled Martin over his shoulders and flipped him onto his back, pinning him just seconds later.

“You grab his arm and drop your hips down and he flings right over you and goes straight to his back,” Shukle said, describing a move he said he learned from assistant coach John Tuck. “I did it a couple times last year, but up in the practice room I kind of perfected it a little bit, just something in your back pocket. It was there tonight.”

Parker Robinson (170) and Chris Woodworth (195), La Grande’s defending state champion wrestlers, also earned pins, needing a combined 2:01 to take down Seth Rushton and Colt Cobb, respectively.

“La Grande’s really tough this year,” Young said. “I think we can make that hopefully a little bit better match here in a couple weeks.”

The Tigers added a 13-5 major decision by Cole Isaacson (138) over Johnny Niehaus, and a trio of deci-

sions: Dominick Caratello (11-6) over Isael Duran at 126, Brody MacMillan (5-0) over Gauge Bloomer at 160, and Nathan Reed (6-3) over Hon Rushton at 182.

“We had a lot of guys step up,” Reed said. “Cole Isaacson took it to a new level tonight. He beat a really tough kid (Niehaus). That kid took fourth at state last year, and he just kind of throttled him in those last couple of rounds. As a team, everyone did great.”

OREGON MEN’S BASKETBALL

Ducks rally to edge Arizona in overtime thriller

EUGENE (AP) — Will Richardson decided it was his time to take over, and it couldn’t have worked out better for Oregon.

Richardson scored seven of the Ducks’ eight points in overtime to finish with a career-high 21 points as the No. 9 Ducks held off Arizona 74-73 Thursday night.

“I’ve been playing clutch games for a long time,” the sophomore guard said. “I actually like it better when it’s close because it’s do or die and you can’t miss.”

Richardson’s final two points came after Arizona took a 73-72 lead with 21 seconds left on Josh Green’s layup. Without hesitation, the Ducks inbounded the basketball and raced into front court, with Richardson going to the basket without hesitation and scoring the winning points with 15 seconds remaining.

No hesitation, no thought of working for the final shot of the game?

“I knew the best chance we had was get it out of the net and go,” Richardson said. “They’re a young team so they’re not used to getting back without celebrating. “I just knew it was now or never.”

Arizona had a final possession, but Richardson blocked a shot inside, another Arizona attempt misfired and even after the Wildcats rebounded both of those misses, a turnover on an inbounds play with one second left ended the final bid by Arizona.

“You just try and grind it out and find a way to win,” UO coach Dana Altman said of the final sequence. “We did make a lot of mistakes but to (the Ducks) credit, they did stay with it and kept battling.”

Oregon (13-3, 2-1 in the Pac-12) scored the final six points of regulation to force Arizona (11-4, 1-1) into the extra session, with Payton Pritchard’s jumper knotting the game with 28 seconds remaining.

Pritchard, playing all 45 minutes, finished with 18 points, seven rebounds and six assists while Chris Duarte added 17 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

Nico Mannion led Arizona with 20 points and Green added 18. Zeke NNaji had 11 points and 14 rebounds but missed a last-second jumper that could have won the game in regulation.

The Wildcats scored first in overtime but Richardson tallied the next five points for Oregon.



GRUMPY'S
Repair Trucks
IT'S ONLY A NAME

“You’ll love the work we do. I guarantee it.” - JR



REPAIR TRUCKS
541-523-3200

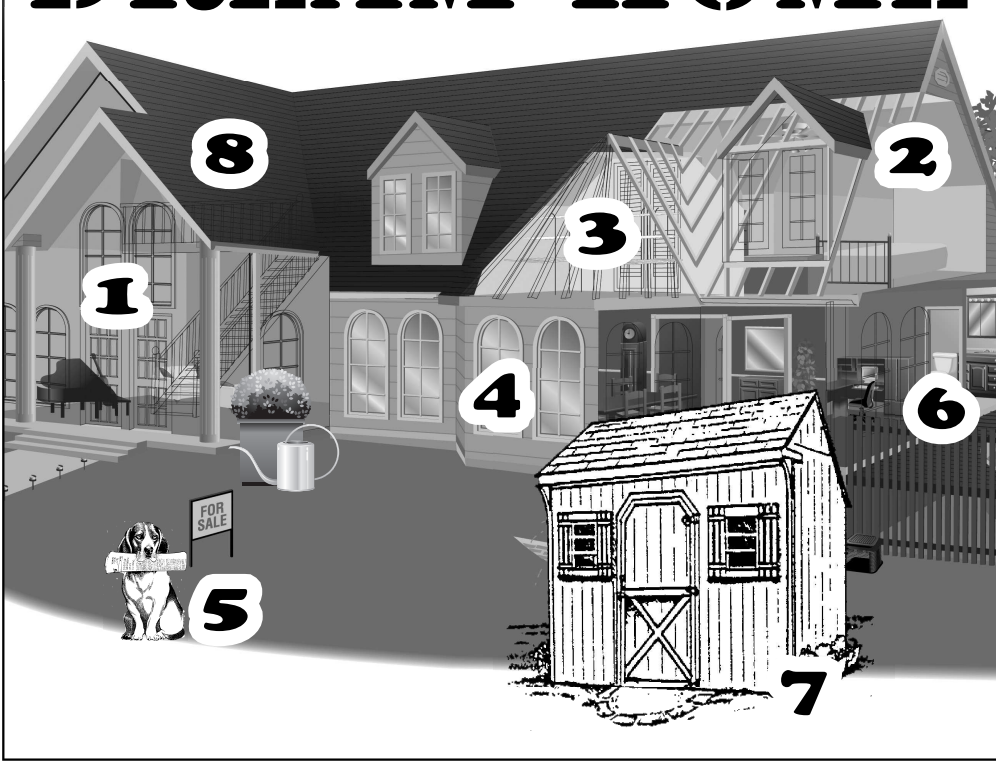


ASE
CERTIFIED



225 H Street • East of I-84 • 541-523-3200 • grumpysrepair.com

DREAM HOME



Sun Devils down Beavers

By Gary Horowitz
Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Despite Arizona State’s lopsided loss at Arizona in its Pac-12 opener last weekend, Remy Martin expected to see a different Sun Devils team Thursday against Oregon State.

The 6-foot junior guard was on to something.

Martin scored a game-high 24 points to lead Arizona State (10-5, 1-1 Pac-12) to an 82-76 victory.

“Sometimes you go through some adversity

playing basketball and Arizona was one of ‘em,” said Martin, who was 9 of 19 from the field. “We just overcame and we practiced hard and really locked in.”

Arizona State took the lead for good with 4:56 left in the first half on Rob Edwards’ 3-pointer, which ignited a 14-3 run to close the half.

Oregon State (11-4, 1-2), which was coming off a 76-68 win at Colorado, trailed 36-25 at halftime and never completely recovered. The Beavers were just 8 of 23 from the field in the first half and committed nine turnovers.

Timberwolves stifle Blazers

By Tyler Mason
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — With Karl-Anthony Towns sidelined for nearly a month, the Minnesota Timberwolves have had to find ways to make up for his scoring. They’ve also tightened things up on the defensive end in their star big man’s absence.

That was certainly the case again Thursday night against Portland.

Andrew Wiggins scored 23 points, Gorgui Dieng had 12 points and 10 rebounds and Minnesota shut down the Trail Blazers 116-102.

Minnesota smothered the Trail Blazers all night. The Timberwolves held Portland to 13

points on 6-of-22 shooting in the second quarter, the fewest points the Blazers have scored in a quarter this year.

Damian Lillard led Portland with 20 points and eight of the team’s 14 assists. CJ McCollum and Hassan Whiteside each added 15 points.

Thursday was the last game of a five-game trip for Portland. The Trail Blazers went 2-3 on the trip.

“Overall we were a little bit tired,” Lillard said. “It’s usually like that at the end of the trip, when you know you’re going home after the game, been on the road for a long time and we just didn’t have the kind of energy that we needed tonight.”

Electrical By:
Eastern Oregon Electric, Inc.
Brent Joseph, owner
CCB 151441
541-523-9176

1

Insurance from
**StateFarm**
Gregg Hinrichsen
1722 Campbell
541-523-7778

2

Lumber by:
Miller’s Lumber & Truss
Lighting & Cabinets
3815 Pocahontas
541-523-6404

3 

Vinyl Windows by:
NeHi Enterprises

2122 10th Street
541-523-6008
ccb#155399

4

Paper Delivered by
Baker City Herald
1915 First Street
541-523-3673
Call to have your home related business added to this ad monthly

5

Garage Door by:
NeHi Enterprises

2122 10th Street
541-523-6008
ccb#155399

6

Storage Building from
Countryside Sheds
www.countrysidesheds.com
Shop Display:
10102 S. McAlister Rd., Island City
800-682-0589 • 541-663-0246
(across from D&B Supply)

7

Roof By:
D&H Roofing & Construction Inc.
Locally owned & operated
Baker City • 541-524-9594
CCB 192854

8 



Do you have a business to help our readers build or maintain a “dream” home?
Call 541-523-3673 to ask about advertising in this space!