

Sports

BAKER GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bulldogs rout Weiser

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Baker’s offense started slowly Thursday at Weiser, but the Bulldogs’ defense had no such lapses.

Baker led just 8-5 after the first quarter.

But when shots started falling for the Bulldogs in the second quarter and thereafter, the Wolverines were unable to keep pace as Baker rolled to a 57-29 win.

The third-ranked Bulldogs improved to 14-2 and completed a season sweep of Weiser. Baker beat the Wolverines 58-33 on Jan. 4 at the Baker gym.

Baker freshman post Jozie Ramos scored 11 of her career-high 24 points in the second quarter as the Bulldogs took a 25-13 lead at halftime.

“Jozie just had an outstanding night,” Baker coach Mat Sand said. “We just kept getting her the ball.”

Ramos, who had 16 points in the Jan. 4 win over Weiser, continues to improve as she adjusts from middle school basketball to varsity, a transition that Sand described as a “major leap.”

“She’s just maturing as a player, and it’s fun to watch,” he said. “Each game it seems like she gets more and more comfortable with her role.”

Sydney Younger and Hailey Zikmund had 5 points each in the third period as Baker extended its lead to 40-18.

The fourth quarter was in effect a preview of years to come for the Bulldogs, as freshmen scored 15 of Baker’s 17 points.

Ramos tallied 7 more points, two other freshmen scored their first varsity points, and a third freshman also scored.

Makenzie Flanagan, who scored 2 points in December during the Gladstone tournament, scored 4 points against Weiser, and Rylee Elms and Macey Moore had 2 points each.

Sand said he had hoped to



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Isabella Nemec in Baker’s earlier game against WeiserTobie Noyer.

get the freshmen foursome meaningful playing time together against Weiser, as he tries to gradually introduce them to the faster speed of varsity basketball.

“I was really pleased, I liked what I saw,” he said of the first-year varsity players.

Sand said he felt more comfortable playing the four freshmen at the same time because the fifth Bulldog on the court was Younger, the savvy veteran senior point guard.

Sand said Baker’s sputtering start offensively had much to do with a change in

the regular starting lineup.

Senior Isabella Nemec is recovering from an illness, and junior Sydney Keller competing in a wrestling meet at Redmond.

“We were trying to figure out the timing on the offensive end, and that’s why the first quarter turned out the way it did,” Sand said.

Sand said Nemec traveled with the team, but he preferred to give her another two days of rest.

“I just want her to get healthy,” he said.

Baker, which has won five straight games, returns to

Greater Oregon League play Saturday when Mac-Hi travels to Baker for a 3 p.m. tipoff.

Baker is 1-0 in league play after 42-35 win over La Grande on Jan. 10.

Baker’s JV team beat Weiser 34-28. Weiser won the JV2 game, 27-19.

BAKER (57)	
Elms 1 0-0 2, Hellberg 1 0-1 2, Flanagan 2 0-0 4, Younger 3 2-2 9, Zikmund 4 0-0 9, Carter 1 1-2 3, Mackenzie 0 0-0 0, Ramos 11 2-4 24, Benson 1 0-0 2, Moore 1 0-0 2, Totals 25 5-9 57.	
WEISER (57)	
Bittinger 0 0-0 0, Moyle 1 0-0 2, Bouvia 1 2-2 4, Juarez 0 2-2 2, Morris 2 2-3 7, Erickson 3 1-4 7, Noyer 2 1-2 5, Shirts 1 0-0 2, Totals 10 8-13 29.	

Baker	8	17	15	17	—	57
Weiser	5	8	5	11	—	29
Three-point baskets — Younger, Zikmund, Morris. Total fouls — Baker 15, Weiser 16.						

OREGON STATE MEN’S BASKETBALL

Huskies handle Beavers

By Tim Booth
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — For all the attention focused on Isaiah Stewart and Jaden McDaniels, the other two freshman for Washington finally got their chance to shine.

RaeQuan Battle and Marcus Tsohonis aren’t secrets anymore.

“Obviously me and Jaden are playing a lot and to see Marcus and RaeQuan come out and do their thing and score in double digits, it felt

great,” Stewart said. “I was really happy for them.”

Stewart scored 11 of his 13 points in the second half, Battle and Tsohonis both chipped in with 11 points, and Washington beat Oregon State 64-56 on Thursday night.

Washington (12-6, 2-3 Pac-12) rebounded from a miserable trip to the Bay Area with a pair of losses last week thanks to a new-look lineup that provided the Huskies a needed spark. Jaden McDaniels did not play after starting the

first 17 games due to an ankle injury suffered in the overtime loss to California last Saturday.

With McDaniels not playing, Battle was inserted into the starting lineup and gave Washington the kind of outside presence it needed with a trio of 3-pointers and all 11 of his points in the first half. The shooting from the outside opened up the lane for Stewart in the second half as the Beavers were unable to run constant double teams at Washington’s star freshman.

SCOREBOARD

NFL PLAYOFFS

Divisional Playoffs	
Saturday, Jan. 11	
All Times PST	
Tennessee at Kansas City, 12:05 p.m. (CBS)	
Green Bay at San Francisco, 3:40 p.m. (FOX)	

Pro Bowl	
Sunday, Jan. 26	
At Orlando, Fla.	
AFC vs. NFC, noon (ESPN)	

Super Bowl	
Sunday, Feb. 2	
At Miami Gardens, Fla.	
NFC champion vs. AFC champion, 3:30 p.m. (FOX)	

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	27	13	.675	—
Toronto	26	14	.650	1
Philadelphia	26	16	.619	2
Brooklyn	18	22	.450	9
New York	11	31	.262	17

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Miami	28	12	.700	—
Orlando	20	22	.476	9
Charlotte	15	29	.341	15
Washington	13	27	.325	15
Atlanta	9	32	.220	19½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	37	6	.860	—
Indiana	26	15	.634	10
Chicago	15	27	.357	21½
Detroit	15	27	.357	21½
Cleveland	12	29	.293	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	26	14	.650	—
Dallas	26	15	.634	½
Memphis	19	22	.463	7½
San Antonio	17	22	.436	8½
New Orleans	16	26	.381	11

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Denver	29	12	.707	—
Utah	28	13	.683	1
Oklahoma City	23	18	.561	6
Portland	18	24	.429	11½
Minnesota	15	25	.375	13½

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
L.A. Lakers	33	8	.805	—
L.A. Clippers	29	13	.690	4½
Phoenix	17	24	.415	16
Sacramento	15	26	.366	18
Golden State	9	34	.209	25

Wednesday’s Games				
Philadelphia 117, Brooklyn 106				
Detroit 116, Boston 103				
Indiana 106, San Antonio 100				
Indiana 104, Minnesota 99				
Toronto 130, Oklahoma City 121				
Chicago 115, Washington 106				

Denver 100, Charlotte 86
Portland 117, Houston 107
Dallas 122, Sacramento 103
Orlando 119, L.A. Lakers 118

Thursday’s Games	
Milwaukee 121, New York 98	
New Orleans 138, Boston 123	
Minnesota at Indiana, 4 p.m.	
Denver 134, Golden State 131, OT	
L.A. Clippers 122, Orlando 95	

Today’s Games	
All Times PST	
Chicago at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.	
Cleveland at Memphis, 5 p.m.	
Washington at Toronto, 4 p.m.	
Miami at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.	
Atlanta at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.	
Portland at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.	

Saturday’s Games	
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 12:30 p.m.	
Milwaukee at Brooklyn, 3 p.m.	
Phoenix at Boston, 4 p.m.	
Detroit at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.	
Philadelphia at New York, 4:30 p.m.	
Cleveland at Chicago, 5 p.m.	
Toronto at Minnesota, 5 p.m.	
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 5:30 p.m.	
Orlando at Golden State, 5:30 p.m.	
Portland at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.	
Sacramento at Utah, 6 p.m.	

Sunday’s Games	
Miami at San Antonio, noon	
Indiana at Denver, 5 p.m.	

OREGON MEN’S BASKETBALL

Wazzu upsets No. 8 Ducks

By William Ferguson
Associated Press

PULLMAN, Wash. — After scoring a season-low in points in his last game, CJ Elleby was the go-to guy for Washington State against No. 8 Oregon.

Elleby scored 25 points and Washington State beat a Top-10 team for just the third time, surprising Oregon 72-61 on Thursday night.

Elleby, who was held to six points against Stanford, helped Washington State (11-7, 2-3 Pac-12) to its first win over a Top-10 opponent since 2007.

“I know my team trusts me to take shots,” Elleby said. “We knew it was going to be a fight and we had to buckle down in areas. We couldn’t give them nothing easy. I think we just shot and executed really well tonight.”

Elleby shot 9 for 20, including 4 for 7 from 3-point range, and added a season-high 14 rebounds. Isaac Bonton finished with 12 points and six assists, and Jeff Pollard scored 11 for the Cougars.

“It was a really great effort for our guys. We stayed the course,” WSU Coach Kyle Smith said. “We knew we had to keep them out of transition. We didn’t do a great job of that in the first half. We turned it over 11 times. In the second half, we didn’t turn it over as much and that took a little steam out of them.”

Payton Pritchard had 22 points and five assists for Oregon (14-4, 3-2), which had its three-game winning streak halted. Chris Duarte had 15 points for the Ducks.

The Cougars were able to keep the game close in a first half that saw five lead changes by shooting 8 for 12 from beyond the arc. Oregon went on a 13-3 run at the end of the half that was capped by a step-back 3 from Pritchard to enter the break up 37-34.

Washington State started the second half quickly, going on a 11-0 run to take a 47-39 lead with 15:38 left in the second.

OREGON WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Oregon whips No. 3 Stanford

By Anne M. Peterson
AP Sports Writer

EUGENE — Sabrina Ionescu didn’t notice the Oregon crowd’s roar when she finally went to the bench with a career-high 37 points against Stanford.

The Ducks’ fans were aware she’d set the school’s career scoring record. For Ionescu, all that mattered was that the sixth-ranked Ducks were well on the way to handing No. 3 Stanford its first conference loss with an 87-55 victory Thursday night.

“I didn’t know they said something at the game, did they?” Ionescu said. “I didn’t hear it.”

Ionescu went into the game needing 24 points to match Oregon career leader Alison Lang, who had 2,252 between 1980-84. When the record was announced on the video scoreboard, the crowd gave the senior guard a standing ovation.

Her previous career high was 36 points, set against Stanford on March 4, 2018. She also had 11 rebounds and seven assists for her ninth double-double of the season for the Ducks (14-2, 4-1 Pac-12).

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