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BAKER WRESTLING AT OREGON CLASSIC IN REDMOND

Bulldogs take 4th at Classic

REDMOND — Baker wrestling coach Brandon Young described the Bulldogs' performance at the Oregon Classic as "one of the best in several years."

Baker won three duals on Friday to finish first in its pool.

On Saturday the Bulldogs beat Philomath in the quarterfinals to advance to the semifinals.

After falling 57-24 to Sweet Home in the semifinals, Baker lost 52-26 to Tillamook in the third-place match to finish fourth overall with a 4-2 record.

"It was awesome to see the team cohesion and the fire in our boys' eyes," Young said.

Baker winners in the quarterfinal dual against Philomath included:

- Gavin Stone at 120 pounds (by fall, 1:17)
- Johnny Niehaus, 126 pounds (by fall, 1:23)
- Casey Vaughan, 138 pounds (by fall, 59 seconds)
- Jake Eskew, 145 pounds (by fall, 3:38)
- Ian Feldmeier, 152 pounds (by fall, 1:40)
- Gauge Bloomer, 160 pounds (by fall, 55 seconds)
- Adrian Allen, 170 pounds (forfeit)
- MaHonri Rushton, 182 pounds (by fall, 1:17)
- Colt Cobb, 220 pounds (forfeit)
- Jaden Martin, 285 pounds (decision, 13-7)

After opening the tournament Friday by beating North Marion 66-9 and the Crook County JVs, 54-27, Baker faced what Young called its "annual grudge match" with the Cascade Cougars.

The Cougars beat Baker 40-37 in last year's tournament.

Cascade took a quick 18-0 lead, which forced Young to shift his lineup and move Stone to 126 pounds.

Stone defeated Trenton Wymore by fall in just 33 seconds.

Johnny Niehaus followed at 132 pounds and won by technical fall over Cascade's Zackery Fulgham.

But the Cougars then regained the momentum, along with a 35-11 lead.

"Prior to the dual we expected to be down, and then make a late charge, and the goal was to sweep every match from 160 on," Young said.

He shifted his lineup again, moving Feldmeier up to 160 pounds and Bloomer to 170.

Both wrestlers responded to the challenge, with Feldmeier pinning Ben Roth in the first round, followed by Bloomer earning the fall over Kayden Lindquist.

Cascade avoided Rushton at 182 pounds, but even after the forfeit the Cougars still lead 35-29.

Baker freshman Colt Cobb then took on Waylon Wymore, who moved up from 182 to 195 pounds.

"The match was back and forth with Colt hitting a nice takedown to his opponent's back and secured the fall to tie the dual at 35," Young said.

Alex Ritter lost by decision at 220 pounds, giving Cascade a 38-35 match entering the final match — Baker newcomer Jaden Martin against Ben Fouts at 285 pounds.

Martin was aggressive from the start and won by fall at 2:45 to give Baker its first lead of the dual, and the win, 41-38.

"They believed they could win and they made it happen," Young said of the Bulldogs.

Baker's new girls wrestling team competed in its first duals, tying Grant Union 24-24 in the consolation semifinals but losing 25-24 on criteria (officials can use multiple factors, including which team has the largest number of technical falls, major decisions, takedowns and others, to determine the winning team in a tie).

Baker girls who competed were McKaey Anderson, Sydney Keller, Kaci Anderson, Rebby Daniels, Julianna Sandberg and Shayna Ruby. Individual results were not available this morning.

Keller, who is also a starter on the Baker basketball team, competed in wrestling for the first time this season. She will divide her time between the two sports.

OREGON MEN'S BASKETBALL

Pritchard's late 3 finishes Ducks' improbable rally to beat Huskies

By Tim Booth
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SEATTLE — All Payton Pritchard needed was a bit of separation. If he found it, the shot was going up no matter how tough the defending or difficult the attempt.

In this case, it was from around 30 feet and the capper to another big second-half rally from No. 8 Oregon.

"They can put the blame on me. I can take all the criticism, but I will be right there to take that last shot, take that pass, make that play whether it goes good or bad," Pritchard said.

Pritchard hit his sixth 3-pointer of the game with 3.4 seconds left in overtime and Oregon rallied from a 16-point second-half deficit to stun Washington 64-61 on Saturday.

The Ducks (15-4, 4-2 Pac-12) avoided being swept on their trip north by overcoming a 48-32 deficit with 10:22 remaining in the second half and handed Washington (12-7, 2-4) its third loss in four games.

Pritchard was the extent of Oregon's offense, finishing with 22 points on 7-of-16 shooting. He hit a floater with 1:08 left to give Oregon the lead and provided the winning 3-pointer despite tough defense from Washington's Jamal Bey. Pritchard was able to get just enough space to get the shot clear before the shot clock expired.

The Ducks rallied from 19 down to beat Seton Hall earlier this season. But this one felt a bit sweeter getting the better of one of their rivals.

"I don't think the length really bothers me. If you don't have a hand up I'm going to let it fly," Pritchard said.

Chandler Lawson added 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Ducks, who rebounded from an ugly loss to Washington State on Thursday.

OREGON STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bonton's career-high 34 leads Washington St. past Beavers

By Will Ferguson
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PULLLMAN, Wash. — Whenever Isaac Bonton drained a 3-pointer or dished out an assist, NBA and Washington State great Klay Thompson was on his feet, cheering on the young point guard. Thompson ended up spending a lot of time on his feet as Bonton scored a career-high 34 points and Washington State beat Oregon State 89-76 on Saturday in front of a packed house that saw Thompson's jersey retired.

Two-time NBA MVP Stephen Curry was in attendance as his Golden State Warriors teammate and fellow "Splash Brother" had his No. 1 jersey hung for perpetuity in the rafters of an unusually raucous Beasley Coliseum.

"It was awesome for anyone," Bonton said. "Having Steph Curry and Klay Thompson cheering you on, especially with what Klay means for Pullman and WSU. It was really special to have that environment and they just kept pushing for us. That's awesome having two NBA superstars, Hall of Famers right at your side."

The arrival of the Splash Brothers in Pullman seemed not only to energize the crowd but also the players of Washington State (12-7, 3-3 Pac 12), who completed their first sweep over the Oregon schools since January 2011 and first home Pac-12 sweep since 2013.

"It was great. I knew it was going to be an emotional weekend with a lot of distractions but our guys really handled it well," said Washington State coach Kyle Smith.