

Sports

BAKER WRESTLING



Baker's Ian Feldmeier, rear, defeated Grant Union's Justin Hodge Thursday.

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Baker's Bailey Cole, top, defeated Grant Union's Abby Lusco 9-7 on Thursday on the Baker mats.

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Baker pins Grant Union, Mac-Hi

By Jayson Jacoby
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The Baker wrestling team rebounded from a tough loss to Nyssa on Wednesday to down Grant Union and Mac-Hi in a three-way meet Thursday on the Baker mats. The Bulldogs topped Grant Union 48-27, and Mac-Hi 56-18.

“We wrestled pretty well,” Baker coach Brandon Young said. “We got a little wake up call (at Nyssa). We probably should have won that. Those are the hard ones.”

Nyssa won the Wednesday dual 40-33.

Thursday also marked the new Baker girls team’s first home dual, against Grant Union. The Prospectors won 42-15.

Young said the Baker girls are “doing really well.”

He believes around half of the wrestlers on the girls team have a good chance of qualifying for the state tour-

nament.

Baker winners Thursday included Kaci Anderson, who pinned Grant Union’s Kyllie Holden, and Bailey Cole, who defeated Abby Lusco, 9-7.

Cole also beat Fallen Bollman of Grant Union in an exhibition match.

Baker winners in the Grant Union dual:

- Jordan Cooper, 120 pounds, defeated Dylan Clark, 4-1
- Gavin Stone, 126 pounds, pinned Eli Sheedy
- Johnny Niehaus, 132 pounds, pinned Ben Henry
- Jake Eskew, 145 pounds, pinned Jack Strong.
- Ian Feldmeier, 152 pounds, defeated Justin Hodge, 6-2
- Gauge Bloomer, 170 pounds, pinned Quinten Hallgarth
- MaHonri Rushton, 182 pounds, pinned Russell Hodge
- Colt Cobb, 195 pounds,

pinned Tucker Carpenter

Baker winners against Mac-Hi:

- Stone, 126 pounds, technical fall over Layne Ensey
- Niehaus, 132 pounds, pinned Brandon Wood
- Casey Vaughn, 138 pounds, defeated Roy Humbert, 6-2
- Eskew, 145 pounds, pinned Adrian Pineda.
- Feldmeier, 152 pounds, pinned Isiah Casillas-Breeding
- Hunter Lind, 160 pounds, pinned Mason Smith

Baker winners against Nyssa:

- Caleb Shaw, 120 pounds, defeated Ethan Houston, 8-2.
- Hunter Lind, 160 pounds, pinned Santiago Miranda

Baker won four matches by forfeit.

Young said he believes Baker is one of the top three or four teams in the Class 4A ranks, with the potential to have six or seven individual

champions at the district meet in February.

Baker finished fourth in the state tournament last year, the best result ever for the Bulldogs.

“I think we’re probably a better tournament team than a dual team,” Young said.

He believes Baker’s varsity schedule is one of the toughest in Class 4A, and will prepare the Bulldogs for the rigors of the district and state meets.

The Bulldogs traveled to Grant Union today for the Grant Union Invite.

Lillard’s 47 not enough as Mavericks top Blazers

By Erik Garcia Gundersen
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Damian Lillard had another big performance, scoring a game-high 47 points. But a tough loss and issues with the officiating had the Portland Trail Blazers star in a foul mood.

Luka Doncic scored 27 points to go with nine assists and six rebounds, and the Dallas Mavericks made 22 3-pointers in a 133-125 victory Thursday night with a complete team

performance that overcame Lillard’s hot shooting.

After picking up a technical foul in the final seconds, Lillard voiced his frustrations with the officiating.

“We’re down by 13 with four minutes left, I was driving for a reverse layup and I got smacked on the head,” Lillard said. “I asked (the referee) why he didn’t call it and he said, all three of us agreed you leaned into him. “That’s an insult, man.”

OREGON MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ducks need two overtimes to slip past Trojans

By Anne M. Peterson
AP Sports Writer

EUGENE — Paying close attention paid off for Oregon’s Chris Duarte.

The junior guard had 30 points, 11 rebounds and eight steals, and the No. 12 Ducks outlasted Southern California 79-70 in double overtime Thursday night.

“I was watching the point guard’s eyes. I was watching everybody’s eyes. So I knew where they were going to pass the ball,” Duarte said. “So I took that as an advantage.”

Oregon teammate Payton Pritchard added 24 points and seven assists, becoming the first Pac-12 player to reach 1,500 career points, 600 assists and 500 rebounds. When the achievement was noted on the video scoreboard at Matthew Knight Arena in the second half, the crowd gave the senior guard a standing ovation.

Pritchard is the sixth player in Pac-12 history with 1,500 points and 600 assists, joining Oregon State’s Gary Payton, Arizona’s Damon Stoudamire and Jason Gardner, USC’s Jordan McLaughlin and UCLA’s Tyus Edney.

Oregon (16-4, 5-2) led by 11 in the second half but USC rallied with a 17-2 run to take a 62-58 lead, capped by Jonah Mathews’ 3-pointer with 1:24 left.

C.J. Walker and Pritchard hit consecutive layups to tie it at 62 and send the game to overtime.

Pritchard’s 3-pointer in the first extra period gave the Ducks a 65-64 lead, but Ethan Anderson’s layup and free throw put the Trojans up by two. Duarte made free throws for the Ducks to tie it again, and Mathews and Pritchard both missed shots down the stretch.

Duarte and Pritchard each hit a pair of free throws that gave Oregon a four-point advantage to open the second overtime. Duarte’s 3-pointer put the Ducks up 74-68, and USC couldn’t catch up.

Duarte’s eight steals were one shy of the school record.

“He was the difference in the game,” Oregon coach Dana Altman said. “No doubt about it.”

OREGON STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL

UCLA edges Beavers, 62-58

By Gary Horowitz
Associated Press

CORVALLIS — With the game in the balance, UCLA’s Chris Smith wasn’t about to settle for perimeter jumpers.

The 6-foot-9 guard scored nine of his 15 points down the stretch, leading UCLA to a 62-58 victory over Oregon State on Thursday night.

Smith’s three-point play with 4:23 remaining put the Bruins (10-9, 3-3 Pac-12) in front to stay.

“At that point in the game coach (Mick) Cronin told me, ‘somebody’s gotta be able to drive to the cup,’” said Smith, the Bruins’ leading scorer this season. “I was attacking, so the right play was to get fouled.”

Smith, who was limited to just 17 minutes of playing time due to foul trouble, was 4 of 6 from the field and 7 of 9 at the foul line. UCLA made its last nine free throws in the final 1:50 to stay in front.

Zach Reichle made two free throws with 11.6 seconds left that brought Oregon State (12-7, 2-5) to within one point at 56-55.

Jalen Hill then made two free throws for UCLA, his first points of the game.

Tyger Campbell fouled Oregon State’s Ethan Thompson with 6.6 seconds left, preventing him from getting off a 3-pointer that could have tied the game.

Thompson made both free throws cutting the lead to one.

Hill went back to the line at the 5.4-second mark and came through again with two free throws.

Thompson made one of two free throws with 3.1 seconds remaining, and UCLA’s Jules Bernard converted two free throws for UCLA to seal the win.

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