

Sports

BAKER WRESTLING



Kathy Orr/Baker City Herald

Baker’s Gavin Stone won by major decision over Ontario’s Alijah HuertaThursday on the Baker mats.

Bulldogs dominate Ontario

■ Baker claims a 64-12 win in the dual match with the district rival Tigers

Baker’s wrestling team rolled to a 64-12 victory over Ontario Thursday in a district dual on the Baker mats. The Bulldogs won a majority of the matches by pin, starting with Colt Cobb over Ontario’s Nike Sigrah at 220 pounds. Baker coach Brandon Young said one of the more competitive matches was at 132 pounds, with Baker’s Johnny Niehaus defeating Ontario’s Kyle Wulf. “It was a good match,” Young said. “Johnny kind of controlled the match.” Niehaus placed 4th at the Class 4A

state meet last year, and Wulf was 5th. Thursday’s match could well be a preview of the district championship match at 126 pounds, Young said. Other Baker winners Thursday included: • Jaden Martin pinned Jose Moncada at 285 pounds • Caleb Shaw pinned Evan Camacho at 113 pounds • Ian Feldmeier won by minor decision over Jaden Schnepf at 152 pounds • Hon Rushton pinned Alik Sigrah

at 182 pounds • Alex Ritter pinned Jeffery Schnepf at 195 pounds • Gavin Stone won by major decision over Alijah Huerta at 120 pounds • Jake Eskew pinned Santiago Brambila at 145 pounds Young said some Baker wrestlers will compete at the Pine Eagle Invitational Saturday in Halfway. He’s in Hillsboro this weekend with the new Baker girls team, which is competing in a large tournament with about 285 wrestlers.

Lillard leads Blazers past San Antonio

By Erik Garcia Gundersen
Associated Press

PORTLAND — With the trade deadline past and a playoff race ahead, the Portland Trail Blazers understood the importance of their game against the San Antonio Spurs. Damian Lillard had 26 points and 10 assists, Hassan Whiteside scored 17 points and tied a season-high with 23 rebounds as the Trail Blazers beat San Antonio 125-117, taking two of three games from the Spurs to claim the season series in matchup with playoff tiebreaker potential. The Blazers are 2 1/2 games behind the Memphis Grizzlies for the 8th and final playoff spot in the Western Conference. The Spurs are 4 1/2 games back of Memphis. “We talked about it,” Lillard said of his team’s mindset heading into the game. “I think we past the point of saying ‘it’s just another game.’ ... Every game is important, but games like this are more important because they are one of the teams that we’re fighting for that spot with. It was a tiebreaker game, we’re not playing them no more after this. It also gives us some separation from them. They lost two coming in here and it would be good for us to give them a third. We got the game ahead of them and we got the tiebreaker, so it was a huge game.” The Blazers got a major boost off their bench from Gary Trent Jr., who scored 18 points. Trent’s points late were important as he hit four 3-pointers and scored 12 points in the fourth quarter as Portland rallied from a 92-86 deficit. Trent, Lillard says, is giving the Blazers something they need.

“I think he’s giving us something to be excited about,” Lillard said. “He’s been consistent. How he’s playing on the defensive end, how he’s getting to his spots to be effective and making shots. He’s somebody that has to be accounted for, especially on a night like tonight, he came up big for us.” Trent, who barely played as a rookie, has been getting consistent minutes and is shooting nearly 42% from he 3-point line on four attempts per game. “It’s like you belong. I work on everything with my coaches every day, it’s just paying off,” Trent said. Trey Lyles had a season-high 23 points and 10 rebounds, DeMar DeRozan added 21 points and LaMarcus Aldridge added 20 points and eight rebounds for the Spurs. San Antonio built a 10-point lead multiple times in the first half, but Portland stayed within reach on the strength of the play of Lillard (14 points) and McCollum (11 points), trailing 60-59 at halftime.

BMS 7TH-GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dawgs win 2 games

Baker Middle School’s seventh-grade girls basketball team won two games this week. On Tuesday Baker played host to La Grande, winning 57-4. Kaydence Thomas led all scorers with 16 points. Tiayana Stevens added 14.

On Thursday the Dawgs traveled to John Day and beat Grant Union, 31-10. Emylia Myer led all scorers with 7 points. Stevens and Thomas added 6 points each, and Thomas grabbed 11 rebounds.

Locals sign to play for EOU football

The (La Grande) Observer
LA GRANDE — The 2020 signing class for the Eastern Oregon University football program has a distinctively local flavor, and is highlighted by a quintet of athletes who helped carry the La Grande Tigers to a state title. The program announced its signing class

Wednesday, and of the 32 athletes inked by Eastern Oregon head coach Tim Camp, 14 are from Oregon, led by five players who will continue their careers in La Grande — Parker Robinson, Nathan Reed, Spencer Gerst, Gabe Shukle and Blaine Shaw. The five signed their letters of intent at a ceremony at LHS Thursday afternoon.



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