

Sports

BULLDOGS

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Although Baker's schedule includes just four matches against Greater Oregon League opponents — two each against Ontario and La Grande — Abrego is confident the Bulldogs will rise to the challenge of an abbreviated season.

"We practice to compete and we play to win, no matter what the circumstances," Abrego said. "My job is to teach the athletes the skills they need to do that themselves."

Sophomore Rylee Elms said she's excited to play schools that Baker might not face during a normal season.

The Bulldogs have matches scheduled against Union, Vale and Nyssa, as well as Burns.

"We have always played the same teams, except for when we go to state. It's always fun to walk into the gym and not know what you are up against," Elms said.

But the Bulldogs are also eager to square off against traditional rivals such as La Grande.

"I'm really happy to play La Grande, I love playing them," Moore said. "It just brings a light to our team, and we get super hyped."

A big challenge for Abrego is expediting the learning process, with less than two weeks of practice before the opening match.

"It's a good learning curve for us in order to be mentally tough, and mentally sound," she said. "We are going to take it one game at a time and really set the tone for the future. We are such a young group."

In her final year donning the purple and gold, Paulsen said she has three goals this season.

"Definitely we want to win



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Morgan Hall during a Baker High School volleyball practice on Feb. 24.



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Ali Abrego is the new varsity volleyball coach at Baker High School.

because why not?" she said. "But also work on teamwork, be a family and love your team as family. Lastly just have fun, because for me it's my last year I don't want to remember (it) as something I didn't enjoy."

Elms said she is confident that the Bulldogs, despite the challenges of an abbreviated practice schedule, will build trust with each other during the heat of competition.

"I really think we need to trust each other, I wouldn't say we have some issues trusting each other, I would just say we can really improve in that area," she said.



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Baker is scheduled to play host to Burns on March 2.

BHS Volleyball Schedule

- March 2, vs. Burns, 5 p.m.
- March 4, at Powder Valley, 6:45 p.m.
- March 4, at Union (Powder Valley H.S., 8 p.m.)
- March 6, at Ontario, 1 p.m.
- March 8, vs. La Grande, 6 p.m.
- March 12, at Vale, 5 p.m.
- March 15, vs. Nyssa, 6 p.m.
- March 27, vs. Ontario, noon
- March 30, at La Grande, 6 p.m.
- April 2, vs. Vale, 6 p.m.
- April 3, at Nyssa, 1 p.m.
- April 5, at Burns, 5 p.m.

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— Ali Abrego, Baker High School varsity volleyball coach

At this point, Baker High School doesn't plan to allow spectators at volleyball matches and other sporting events.

Volleyball players will have to wear masks.

But even with the unusual aspects of this season, Abrego said she sees it as a "unique opportunity."

"We've had to find ways to work around all of these regulations, and finding ways to structure practices that

both focus on the athletes' physical but also mental health," Abrego said. "I think everyone is pretty eager since we are in the low-risk category, everyone is pretty eager to get after it and see what we have. I feel grateful for the opportunity but I am going to let the athletes speak for themselves because they are gifted."

OREGON STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Beavers get first win at Cal since 2009

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Roman Silva scored 13 of his career-high 15 points in the second half and Oregon State beat California 59-57 on Thursday night.

Silva made 6 of 8 shots from the field. He scored seven as the Beavers (12-11, 8-9 Pac-12) opened the second half with a 15-4 run to take the lead for good.

Oregon State matched its largest lead at 57-50 on Ethan Thompson's jumper with four minutes left. Makale Foreman answered with a 3-pointer for the Golden Bears (8-18, 3-16), the last field goal of the game with 3:29 left.

Thompson had 12 points, Jarod Lucas scored 10, and Warith Alatishe had 11 rebounds to go with seven points. The Beavers were 0-for-10 from 3-point range. The Bears were 2-for-17 from the arc.

Matt Bradley had 20 points and Andre Kelly added 15 for Cal, which made its first seven field goal attempts of the game and led by 12 after seven minutes of play.

It was Oregon State's first win at Cal since 2009.

OREGON MEN'S BASKETBALL

Duarte, Ducks hold off Stanford, 71-68

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Chris Duarte had 17 of his 24 points in the final 10 minutes and Oregon held off Stanford for a 71-68 win on Thursday night.

Duarte's 3-pointer with 3:55 left gave the Ducks (15-5, 10-4 Pac-12) the lead for good at 65-64. Chandler Lawson followed 48 seconds later with a dunk for a three-point lead and Oregon made 4 of 6 from the foul line to hang on.

Oregon kept its conference title hopes alive with four regular season games remaining on its schedule.

LJ Figueroa added 13 points, Eugene Omoruyi had 12 points and 10 rebounds, and Eric Williams Jr. scored 10 for the Ducks.

Ziaire Williams scored seven of his 12 points during a 13-4 run that gave the Cardinal (14-10, 10-8) their largest lead of the game at 56-50 with 9:06 to go.

Jaiden Delaire led Stanford with 15 points. Daejon Davis scored 13 and Spencer Jones added 11.

The Cardinal's leading scorer and rebounder, Oscar da Silva, missed the game due to a lower extremity injury.



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