

# Sports

STATE CLASS 4A CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

## Baker girls 3rd, boys place 8th at state meet

■ Sydney Keller finishes fourth in individual standings, Justin Ash takes fifth

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Baker's cross-country teams had a strong performance at the state Class 4A meet, the girls placing third and the boys eighth on Saturday, April 10 at Marist High School in Eugene.

Senior Sydney Keller led the Baker girls with a fourth-place finish in the individual standings.

Senior Justin Ash placed fifth for the Bulldogs.

"It went perfect. It was great running conditions, the course was brand new to us — it was fast and a good course," Baker coach Suzy Cole said. "The kids liked it, and the event went off great and we did exactly what we knew we had to do."

Cole said she was impressed with Ash's performance, finishing the 5-kilometer course in 16:06.5.

"He ran phenomenal," Cole said. "The last time he was in a state cross country meet he was our fifth runner, and it was kind of after that meet he decided he pretty much loved running, so he's been running pretty much nonstop since then. All of his hard work, his effort and his passion has paid off in every meet for him this year, and I was extremely impressed with how confident he looked. He did a great job."

In the girls race, Keller, who finished ninth in the 2019 state meet, ran a 19:28.2 to claim fourth overall.

With four other Bulldogs placing in the top 33 — Emma Baeth, Sydney Lamb, Salena Bott and Corah Downing — Baker finished third in the team standings with 89 points, just two points behind runner-up Sisters and eight points behind state champion Siuslaw.

"If you want to be competitive as a team, you have to pack up your group. Your fourth and fifth runners set



Katie Ash/Contributed Photo

Justin Ash, left, finished fifth in the boys Class 4A state cross-country race Saturday, April 10 in Eugene.



Shannon Downing/Contributed Photo

Sydney Keller, left, finished fourth in the girls Class 4A state cross-country race Saturday, April 10 in Eugene.

the tone on how well you are going to do as a team," Cole said. "We were able to get our five before any other team, and that's why we were so tight with Siuslaw

and Sisters there." "It was very exciting, the last time we were at state our goal was the next time we came to state we would come home with some hard-



Shannon Downing/Contributed Photo

The Baker girls cross-country team finished third in the team standings in the state Class 4A meet Saturday, April 10 at Marist High School in Eugene, just eight points behind champion Siuslaw. Team members are, from left, Sydney Keller, Corah Downing, Salena Bott, Emma Baeth, Avril Zickgraf, and Sydney Lamb.

### Baker girls

- 4th, Sydney Keller 19:28.
- 15th, Emma Baeth 20:35
- 24th, Sydney Lamb 21:13
- 29th, Salena Bott 21:32
- 33rd, Corah Downing 21:49
- 69th, Avril Zickgraf 25:13

### Baker boys

- 5th, Justin Ash 16:06
- 35th, Gavin Stone 17:54
- 54th, Thaddeus Pepera 18:55
- 59th, Gabriel Bott 19:15
- 64th, Jordan Mills 19:35
- 79th, Seth Mastrude 20:42

### Pine-Eagle's Brown sixth

Pine-Eagle junior Caleb Brown finished sixth in the Class 1A/2A state championship meet at Lebanon.

Brown ran the 5-kilometer course in 17:00.85.

ware. We are really, really happy about it," Cole said. Cole saw multiple Baker boys and girls set personal records in the season's final meet, in some cases beating their previous best by nearly one minute.

"It's a huge accomplishment given this short season," Cole said. "It's been interesting trying to coach through it, and train through it, and we had a lot of kids that were close to (one-)minute PR's. They just ran confidently and gully, and that's exactly what you want to happen at a state meet."

Although Saturday's meet was the final competition for Baker's seniors — Ash on the boys side, Keller, Bott, Downing and Avril Zickgraf on the girls — Cole said she was excited to see the four Baker boys who, as sophomores, got their first experience at the state level. Those are Thaddeus Pepera, Jordan Mills, Gabriel Bott and Seth Mastrude.

"For the sophomores, it really was getting them introduced to the state meet, getting them exposed to it and they competed so well," Cole said. "I was just very impressed with them."

Several cross-country runners will move immediately to the track and field season, which starts this week when the Bulldogs host an invitational meet Thursday, April 15 at 2:30 p.m.

## Adebayo, Butler lead Heat past Blazers, 107-98

By **Anne M. Peterson**  
AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND — Bam Adebayo scored 22 points and Jimmy Butler added 20 to lead the Miami Heat to a 107-98 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Sunday night.

The Heat, who have won six of their last seven games, led by as many as 20 points early in the fourth quarter.

CJ McCollum and Norman Powell each finished with 17 points for the Blazers, who were hurt by 17 turnovers. Miami's aggressive defense held Damian Lillard to just 12 points on an off night when he made just three shots from the field, all 3-pointers.

Adebayo said it was important to set a tone to start a four-game road trip.

"We were just trying to really hone in on defense. We just really felt with this team that's how you win," Adebayo said. "We were able to get stops and get into transition and get a few dunks. That's why we won by a lot."

The Heat were without Victor Oladipo indefinitely because of right knee soreness. Oladipo, acquired by the Heat on March 25 in a trade with Houston, was injured in the fourth quarter of Miami's victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday.

Kendrick Nunn started in Oladipo's place. Nunn, who didn't play in six straight games after injuring his ankle early in a March 26 game against Charlotte, finished with 15 points.

"We know on the road we have to be able to defend at a high level," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "Our defense has to travel. It's a key to our success."

### Kanter sets Blazers' rebound record in win over Detroit Pistons

PORTLAND (AP) — With each rebound that Enes Kanter added to his new Portland record, his teammates on the bench wildly cheered.

Kanter had 24 points and a franchise-record 30 rebounds, and the Blazers beat the Detroit Pistons 118-103 on Saturday night.

Kanter bested Sidney Wicks' Portland record of 27 rebounds set in 1975. Kanter also surpassed his own career high of 26 set while with the Knicks in 2018.

The raucous sideline cheers were a fitting tribute to Kanter, who has served as both a backup and a starter this season as needed.

"I was so happy when I looked at the bench and everybody was up, everybody was cheering, everybody was smiling, everybody was supporting their teammates. That's what we're all about," Kanter said. "That's what Blazers basketball is all about, just supporting each other."

PAC-12 BASEBALL

## Ducks complete sweep of Beavers thanks to error

By **James Crepea**  
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EUGENE — Oregon completed the sweep of Oregon State in walk-off fashion.

Beavers shortstop Andy Armstrong couldn't handle a hard hit grounder off the bat of Bryce Boettcher and the Eugene native beat out the throw to first while Tristan Hanoian scored as No. 20 Oregon came back for a 5-4 win in 11 innings over No. 18 Oregon State Sunday night at PK Park.

"Proud of my team," Oregon coach Mark Wasikowski said. "It would have been an easy one for them to quit on because it just wasn't really going our way for a good chunk of the game, especially after they got the three in the seventh. It was a pretty even game until the seventh."

"Felt like it was kind of going to the dentist today; it just wasn't easy. Nothing was easy all day. They fought back, they showed resiliency to get three in the eighth, to win with some toughness at the end of the game with a push bunt, two-strike hitting and the power of the in-state player."

Ryan Ober went 3 for 6 with RBI single to give the Beavers a 1-0 lead in the third.

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