

Sports

Baker opens track season

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The Baker track and field team kicked off its first competitive season in two years on Thursday, April 15 by playing host to La Grande, Nyssa and Joseph.

The Baker girls, led by Emma Baeth sweeping the 800 and 1,500, finished second with 178 points behind La Grande's 231.

The Bulldog boys placed third behind Nyssa and La Grande, with Kaden Myer winning the 100 with a personal record of 11.51 seconds and Dash Bloomer winning the 300 hurdles in 50.40 seconds, also a personal best.

Baker coach Suzy Cole was impressed the Bulldogs' performance in their first competition since May 2019.

"I thought they did amazing given it's been almost two years since they competed," Cole said. "To come out as strong as they did and just kind of getting their legs back underneath them and stuff, I was very impressed."

Other Baker individual winners in the girls event included Alexis Conant, who won the 100 hurdles in 19.25. Baker's Brooklyn Jaca placed second.

Sydney Keller placed second in both the 800 and 1,500, and Anna Belding was second in the 200.

The Bulldogs will travel to Nyssa for a meet on Thursday, April 22.

Results are available at www.athletic.net.

BOYS EVENTS

(BAKER FINISHERS ONLY) 100 METERS

1. Kaden Myer, 11.51; 4. Malaki Myer, 11.83; 6. Wyatt Hawkins, 12.13; 10. Diego Quintela, 12.53; 14. Wade Hawkins, 13.51; 16. Joey Duncan, 13.69

200 METERS

3. Kaden Myer, 24.11; 4. Malaki Myer, 24.35; 7. Diego Quintela, 25.57; 11. Eithen Hatfield, 28.04

1,500 METERS

5. Thaddeus Pepera, 5:07.36; 6. Jordan Mills, 5:07.57; 10. Seth Mastrude, 5:40.87; 11. Clayton Dennis, 6:47.10; 12. Jacob Mills, 7:58.69

3,000 METERS

5. Jordan Mills, 11:35.72; 7. Eithen Hatfield, 12:51.33

300 HURDLES

1. Dash Bloomer, 50.40; 2. Gabriel Bott, 53.97

SHOT PUT

5. Mike Gentry, 31-11; 6. Jacob Mills, 30-05; 11. Reeve Damschen, 25-04

DISCUS

4. Mike Gentry, 81-10; 6. Jacob Mills, 77-06; 8. Tate Powell, 74-06; 10. Gabriel Bott, 68-01; 11. Clayton Dennis, 65-08

JAVELIN

2. Gauge Bloomer, 116-00; 3. Dash Bloomer, 111-02

HIGH JUMP

5. Reeve Damschen, 4-10

POLE VAULT

3. Gauge Bloomer, 9-06; 4. Reeve Damschen, 9-0; 5. Gabriel Bott, 7-09



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Baker's Gauge Bloomer clears the pole vault bar during the Baker Invitational track and field meet on Thursday, April 15 at Baker High School.



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Baker's Emma Baeth, left, won the 800 and 1,500 races on Thursday, April 15. Her teammate, Sydney Keller, in background, finished second in both races. Both Baeth and Keller were also members of Baker's 4x100 relay team, which finished first.

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— **Suzy Cole, Baker track and field coach**

GIRLS EVENTS

(BAKER FINISHERS ONLY) 100 METERS

4. Alexis Conant, 14.16; 6. Sydnee Pierce, 14.33

200 METERS

2. Anna Belding, 27.22; 7. Salena Bott, 31.77

800 METERS

1. Emma Baeth, 2:38.82; 2. Sydney Keller, 2:40.69

1,500 METERS

1. Emma Baeth, 5:20.48; 2. Sydney Keller, 5:20.79; 8. Hailey Zikmund, 6:55.75; 9. Lacy Gyllenberg, 6:58.04

3,000 METERS

3. Sydney Lamb, 12:45.87

100 HURDLES

1. Alexis Conant, 19.25; 2. Brooklyn Jaca, 20.97

4X100 RELAY

2. Baker (Sydnee Pierce, Anna Belding, Jozie Ramos, Hailey Zikmund), 54.37

4X400 RELAY

1. Baker (Sydnee Pierce, Emma Baeth, Anna Belding, Sydney Keller), 4:32.20

SHOT PUT

5. Jozie Ramos, 25-01; 6. Montana Williams, 22-04; 7. Ryann Paulsen, 22-00; 8. Hayden Paulsen, 21-10.5; 12. Morgan Hall, 18-0.50; 13. Kalina Gaslin, 14-06

DISCUS

4. Jozie Ramos, 63-11; 5. Hayden Paulsen, 61-05; 9. Montana Williams, 54-07; 10. Morgan Hall, 53-05; 13. Kalina Gaslin, 32-11

JAVELIN

2. Hayden Paulsen, 100-09; 3. Ryann Paulsen, 99-11; 5. Montana Williams, 75-11; 7. Jozie Ramos, 71-06; 8. Avril Zickgraf, 66-11; 10. Brianna Stadler, 52-10

HIGH JUMP

3. Jozie Ramos, 4-10; 5. Daphne Thomas, 4-6; 6. Brooklyn Jaca, 4-6; 8. Alexis Conant, 4-4

POLE VAULT

3. Salena Bott, 7-0; 4. Sydney Keller, 7-0; 5. Avril Zickgraf, 6-6

Team Results

GIRLS

- La Grande, 231
- Baker, 178
- Nyssa, 128
- Joseph, 15

BOYS

- La Grande, 207.5
- Nyssa, 135
- Baker, 110
- Joseph, 86.5

LONG JUMP

6. Daphne Thomas, 13-0

TRIPLE JUMP

3. Salena Bott, 29-5; 6. Avril Zickgraf, 27-0; 9. Daphne Thomas, 13-0.

BAKER BASEBALL

Bulldogs top Prospectors in season debut

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Baker used a furious last-inning rally to beat Grant Union/Prairie City 14-10 in the Bulldogs' season-opening baseball game Wednesday, April 14 at John Day.

Baker, trailing 10-6 entering the seventh inning, scored eight runs to take the lead.

With Cody Skidgel on the mound in relief, the Bulldogs shut out the Prospectors in the bottom half of the seventh to secure the win.

"They clawed their way back in, they had a couple of base on balls, and then we got the timely hits," Baker coach Tim Smith said. "I really thought they showed resilience towards the end of that game."

Baker started hot offensively, scoring four runs in the top of the fourth.

Mason Van Arsdall had one of his three hits in the inning. He ended up 3 for 4 at the plate with two RBIs.

"Mason swung the bat well, he went three for four, he had a double, I thought he played well like we expect him to play," Smith said of the senior, who has signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Eastern Oregon University. "The game was kind of three parts for us offensively, we started off hot, then in a lull, then ended hot."

Starting pitcher Andrew Zellars struck out five over three innings as Baker led 5-3. The Bulldogs still led 6-5 after five innings, but the Prospectors struck in the sixth, scoring five times to take the lead.

Hayden Younger pitched two innings of relief of Zellars, and Van Arsdall had an inning of relief.

"I thought our pitching as a whole stood out," Smith said.

Zander Arriaga, Payton Shirtcliff and Silas Carter each drove in two runs.

With most of his athletes moving from fall sports just a week ago, Smith said he didn't see too much rust in Wednesday's opener. But he definitely noticed fatigue in the team the day after the win.

"I think what I saw Thursday was that we were pretty sore, our pitchers' arms were sore, so I think that comes into play when you don't have a full preseason," Smith said.

Looking ahead, Smith believes the Bulldogs are ready to shine during this shortened season, especially against league opponents.

The league schedule starts today when Baker plays host to Ontario for a doubleheader starting at noon at the Baker Sports Complex.



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Baker's Jozie Ramos clears the high jump on Thursday, April 15. Ramos finished third in the event with a best of 4 feet, 10 inches.

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