

BAKER BASEBALL

Bulldogs drop pair to La Grande

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La Grande continued its dominance of Baker during the pandemic-abbreviated baseball season with a double-header sweep of the Bulldogs on Saturday, May 8 in La Grande.

The Tigers (9-1) have won all six of the games against Baker this season.

Baker, meanwhile, is 6-6 and has not lost to a team other than La Grande.

Baker had a chance to get off to a fast start in the opening game Saturday, loading the bases in the top of the first with one out.

But La Grande starter Riley Miller struck out the last two batters to end the threat.

"We didn't get the timely hitting that we needed early in the game to keep that momentum going," Baker coach Tim Smith said.

Miller breezed from there, allowing just five hits while striking out seven in the five-inning game.

After Baker failed to capitalize at the plate, the Bulldogs' defense committed two errors in the bottom of the first as La Grande scored eight runs and chased starter Andrew Zellars.

"We had defensive errors behind Zellars that could have gotten us out of the inning and made it not so big," Smith said.

Silas Carter, who isn't part of Baker's regular rotation, went 2.2 innings in relief and allowed four runs.

"Silas threw well, he threw



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Baker's Cody Skidgel makes contact against La Grande on Saturday, May 8.

well the night before against La Grande in the JV game, he did a great job for us," Smith said.

La Grande scored at least three runs in every inning, and the game ended 18-0 when Baker failed to score in the top of the fifth.

Baker played much better in the nightcap, taking a brief 4-3 lead in the top of the fifth.

"It was the best game we played against them so far," Smith said.

Baker's leadoff hitter, Hayden Younger, got on base to start the game, and after advancing to second on a sacrifice bunt, he scored.

"We executed very well," Smith said.

La Grande rallied with

six runs in the bottom of the fifth to take a 9-4 lead, and the Tigers added a couple of insurance runs in the sixth to claim the 11-4 win.

Mason Van Arsdall, Zander Arriaga and Cody Skidgel — batting third, fourth and fifth — each had two hits for Baker. Arriaga drove in a run.

"Cody Skidgel finally started to swing the bat," Smith said. "Zander and Mason had two hits. I just think the top of our order did what they needed to do."

Van Arsdall got the start on the mound and he held La Grande to just three runs through four innings before the Tigers broke out in the fifth.

"We played good defense behind Mason," Smith said. "Mason threw really well. We had one bad half inning, it was just a couple of defensive errors, and we couldn't overcome that," Smith said.

Baker will conclude its season by playing host to the combined team of Joseph, Enterprise, Wallowa and Elgin Wednesday, May 12 at 6 p.m. at the Baker Sports Complex, then traveling to Nyssa on Saturday, May 15 for a doubleheader starting at 10 a.m. PDT.

"It will be a good week for us, hopefully we can get back on track, and get in the win column and end this thing on a positive note," Smith said.

BAKER TENNIS

Tigers top Baker

■ Sarah Plummer has Baker's lone win

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Junior Sarah Plummer had Baker's lone victory against La Grande in Greater Oregon League tennis action Friday, May 7 at La Grande.

After losing the opening set to La Grande's Breeana Bushman, 6-4, Plummer rallied to win the second set in a tiebreaker, 8-6, then closed out the match, 6-4.

"This match was really fun to watch," Baker coach Amy Younger said. "The girls worked really hard for every point, every game and the matches they won. Sarah has improved so much this season."

Although Baker didn't win any other matches, Younger said she was proud of the Bulldogs staying competitive despite less-than-ideal weather that included wind and rain at times.

In other girls matches, Riley Shaw made her debut in singles, losing 8-3 to Ava Palmer in a pro set.

In girls doubles, Shaw teamed with Tristen Tritt in a 6-1, 6-3 loss to La Grande's Emily Wilson and Collette Larvik.

In boys singles, Baker's Anthony Christopher and Karsten Cikanek lost in straight sets.

Baker's boys doubles teams of Davis Macias and Austin Hays, and Weston Downing and Noah Lien, also lost in straight sets.

Younger said there were great rallies in both matches.

Baker, which was scheduled to play Vale on Monday, May 11, will play host to the district tournament on Thursday, May 14 at the Ash Grove courts starting at 9 a.m. Baker will also play host to Vale on Friday, May 15 at 5 p.m.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE

Thorns win Challenge Cup

By Anne M. Peterson
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PORTLAND — Morgan Weaver buried her penalty kick after Portland goalkeeper Adrianna Franch stopped Nahomi Kawasumi's attempt and the Thorns won the Challenge Cup tournament on a penalty shoot-out after a 1-1 draw with Gotham on Saturday.

The Thorns did not drop a match in the National Women's Soccer League preseason tournament.

Christine Sinclair's bending strike in the eighth minute gave the Thorns an early lead. It was her second goal of the tournament. The Canadian forward became the NWSL's active leader with 60 career goals.

The match, broadcast nationally on CBS, had an early start at 10 a.m. local time, and some 4,000 spectators attended the game.

The league's regular season opens next week.

BAKER TRACK AND FIELD

Baker girls, boys 2nd at La Grande

Baker's girls and boys track and field teams placed second among eight teams at the La Grande Invitational on Friday, May 7.

La Grande won both sides of the meet. The Tiger boys had 166.5 points to Baker's 148.5. On the girls side, La Grande had 209 points to Baker's 186.

Baker had multiple individual champions and runners-up.

Among boys, Kaden Myer won the 100, and Wyatt Hawkins won the long jump.

Myer placed second in the 200 and his brother, Malaki, was second in the 400. Dash Bloomer placed second in the 300 hurdles, Thaddeus Pepera was second in the high jump and Reeve Damschen was second in the pole vault.

In the girls meet, Anna Belding won the 200 and was second in the 400. Sydney Keller won the pole vault.

Emma Baeth was runner-up in the 800 and 1,500, Jozie Ramos placed second in the shot put and high jump, and Avril Zickgraf was second in the triple jump.

The Greater Oregon League district meet is set for Saturday, May 15 at Ontario.

A Class 4A state meet is also scheduled for May 21 and 22 at Stuslaw High School in Florence.

RESULTS (BAKER FINISHERS)

100 METERS, BOYS
1. Kaden Myer (11.61a); 3. Wyatt Hawkins (11.90a) 11 Ian Jesenko (12.39a); 16. Wade Hawkins, (13.28a); 18. Joey Duncan (13.48a)

200 METERS, BOYS

2. Kaden Myer (24.38a)

400 METERS, BOYS

2. Malaki Myer (55.65a); 3. Diego Quintela (56.12a); 4. Angel DeArcos (56.28a); 10. Dash Bloomer (59.23a); 13. Gabe Bott (1:01.61a); 18. Jordan Mills (1:03.52a); 20. Joey Duncan (1:08.28a).

800 METERS, BOYS

11. Jordan Mills (2:30.08a)

1500 METERS, BOYS

8. Thaddeus Pepera (4:53.10a); 14. Seth Mastrude (5:28.92a)

3000 METERS, BOYS

7. Jordan Mills (11:22.22a); 9. Seth Mastrude (11:52.31a)

110 METER HURDLES, BOYS

3. Jacob Mills (23.66a)

300 METER HURDLES, BOYS

2. Dash Bloomer (48.45a); 3. Gabe Bott (49.72a); 5. Thaddeus Pepera (50.68a); 6. Gage Birmingham (54.69a); 7. Jacob Mills (1:04.87a)

FOUR BY 100 METER RELAY, BOYS

1. Baker (Kaden Myer, Wyatt Hawkins, Malaki Myer and Ian Jesenko)- 45.26a

FOUR BY 400 METER RELAY, BOYS

2. Baker (Kaden Myer, Diego Quintela, Angel DeArcos and Malaki Myer)- 3:47.12a

SHOT PUT, BOYS

6. Eithen Hatfield (34-07.50); 7. Mike Gentry (34-05.50); 10. Tate Powell (32-03.00); 11. Jacob Mills (31-11.50);

DISCUS, BOYS

5. Jacob Mills (94-00); 7. Tate Powell (89-00); 8. Mike Gentry (83-11); 12. Eithen Hatfield (76-02); 13. Reeve Damschen (72-05)

JAVELIN, BOYS

4. Dash Bloomer (121-08)

HIGH JUMP, BOYS

2. Thaddeus Pepera (5-04:00)

POLE VAULT, BOYS

2. Reeve Damschen (9-06.00); 4. Dash Bloomer (8-06.00); 6. Gabe Bott (7-06:00); 8. Wade Hawkins (6-00.00)

LONG JUMP, BOYS

1. Wyatt Hawkins (17-10.00); 11. Wade Hawkins (14-08:00)

TRIPLE JUMP, BOYS

5. Wyatt Hawkins (35-07.25)

100 METERS, GIRLS

4. Sydnee Pierce (14.06a);

200 METERS, GIRLS

1. Anna Belding (28.11a)

400 METERS, GIRLS

2. Anna Belding (1:04.27a)

800 METERS, GIRLS

2. Emma Baeth (2:34.06a); 3. Sydney Keller (2:36.11a)

1500 METERS, GIRLS

2. Emma Baeth (5:07.60a); 4. Sydney Keller (5:13.29a); 7. Corah Downing (5:56.82a)

3000 METERS, GIRLS

3. Sydney Lamb (12:11.62a)

100 METER HURDLES, GIRLS

4. Brooklyn Jaca (18.75a); 9. Jocelyn Hellberg (24.60a)

300 METER HURDLES, GIRLS

4. Corah Downing (55.44a); 5. Salena Bott (56.17a); 6. Avril Zickgraf (59.11a)

FOUR BY 100 METER RELAY, GIRLS

2. Baker (Brooklyn Jaca, Jocelyn Hellberg, Anna Belding and Sydnee Pierce)- 55.04a

FOUR BY 400 METER RELAY, GIRLS

1. Baker (Anna Belding, Jocelyn Hellberg, Sydney Keller and Emma Baeth)- 4:34.97a

SHOT PUT, GIRLS

2. Jozie Ramos (27-00.50); 5. Hayden Paulsen (24-08.00); 7. Ryann Paulsen (23-03.00); 12. Morgan Hall (20-03.50); 15. Evan Rexroad (19-09.00)

DISCUS, GIRLS

5. Hailey Zikmund (61-02); 6. Hayden Paulsen (60-05); 7. Jozie Ramos (55-09); 9. Montana Williams (55-04); 15. Kalina Gaslin (33-04)

JAVELIN, GIRLS

3. Hayden Paulsen (94-00); 4. Ryann Paulsen (92-09); 6. Hailey Zikmund (83-06); 8. Montana Williams (70-08)

HIGH JUMP, GIRLS

2. Jozie Ramos (4-10.00); 3. Brooklyn Jaca (4-06.00)

POLE VAULT, GIRLS

1. Sydney Keller (9-00.00); 3. Salena Bott (7-06.00); 5. Avril Zickgraf (6-06.00)

LONG JUMP, GIRLS

5. Sydnee Pierce, 13-7.50; 6. Avril

Zickgraf (13-4.50)

TRIPLE JUMP, GIRLS

2. Avril Zickgraf (29-01.00); 3. Salena Bott (28-07.00)

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