

BAKER WRESTLING

Bulldogs get 10 wins

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Baker wrestlers earned 10 wins during a competition with Ontario and Vale on Thursday, June 3. The meet took place at Baker Middle School.

“Even though a lot of the kids weren’t the same weight, they were within one weight class of each other, it made for some really good matches,” Baker coach Brandon Young said. “The kids got to wrestle kids maybe they normally didn’t get to wrestle, and we had a lot of evenly matched kids involved.”

Baker winners included:

- Joey Duncan, 106 pounds, pinned Ontario’s Nick Sandberg
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- River Clark, 106 pounds, pinned teammate Marcus Chamberlain
- Cole Hester, 132 pounds, defeated Ontario’s Jamis Gonzalez, 8-3
- Kaci Anderson, 145 pounds, defeated Ontario’s Hannah Hernandez, 11-6
- Gavin Stone, 152 pounds, pinned Ontario’s Marcus Grivajala
- Jacob Mills, 182 pounds, pinned teammate Ryan Braun
- Adrian Allen, 220 pounds, defeated Ontario’s Alec Sigrah, 7-1
- Gauge Bloomer, 220 pounds, pinned Ontario’s Alec Sigrah
- Jaden Martin, 285 pounds, pinned Ontario’s Nico Sigrah, and pinned Ontario’s Christian Rodriguez

Baker will travel to Nyssa on Thursday, June 10 for their final regular season match, then compete at the regional tournament in La Grande on Saturday, June 12.



Baker’s Casey Vaughn, top, battles Ontario’s Ruben Herndandez.

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In the seventh-grade game, La Grande led 8-5 after the first quarter, and after Baker took a 17-12 lead after three quarters, La Grande mounted a fourth-quarter rally that fell short.

Baker was led by Hunter Coleman and Kale Dalke who both scored seven points. Chase Roy and Tyler Wirth both scored four points and Ashton Carter scored two.

The Baker eighth-graders continued their dominance against La Grande, leading 25-8 at halftime.

All eight players scored for Baker in the game, led by Daniel Brown’s season-high 18 points. Grant Gambleton had eight points, Jaxon Logsdon, Eli Long and Palmer Chandler had six each, Kevin Gutierrez and Colton Birmingham had two points each, and Dalton Clark had one point.

The players and coaches — Joel Richardson for the seventh-graders, Mike Long for the eighth-graders — appreciated the work that Al McCauley put in to making the three-week, spring season happen.

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A pair of freshmen led Baker, as Paul Hobson scored a game-high 26 points, including a trio of three-pointers, while Hudson Spike added 18 points and two three-pointers.

Jones said he was impressed with Spike’s shot selection.

“I kind of know his game a lot, I know where he likes to get his work in,” Jones said. “He hit his shots, got into the lane, ran the floor, and did what I asked him to do.”

Jones said he was proud of Baker’s collective effort.

“Just how hard the kids played, I was proud of them taking the initiative to do the little extra stuff in the second half to get the job

done,” Jones said.

Justin Ash, Kaden Krieger and Cole Martin each had eight points for the Badgers. Ethan Stephens and Clay Martin added seven points each.

Baker (4-1) will go for a fifth straight win Monday, June 7 when the Bulldogs travel to North Powder for a rematch against the Badgers at 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

POWDERVALLEY (47)
Ash 3 2-2 8, Stephens 2 2-2 7, Krieger 4 0-2 8, Clay Martin 2 3-4 7, Dixon 2 1-1 5, Secl 0 0-0 0, Cole Martin 4 0-1 8, McCall 2 0-0 4, Golar 0 0-0 0, Proffit 0 0-0 0. Totals 19 8-14 47.

BAKER (75)
Gambleton 4 2-2 11, Quintela 2 0-0 4, Younger 4 2-4 10, Ogan 0 0-0 0, Dalke 0 0-0 0, Gentry 0 0-0 0, Spike 8 0-0 18, Hobson 8 7-8 26, Wright 0 0-0 0, Pepera 0 0-0 0, Van Arsdall 1 0-0 2, Mitchell 1 0-0 2, Morrison 0 0-0 0, McCulloch 0 0-0 0, Conklin 0 0-0 0. Totals 29 11-14 75.

Powder Valley 13 14 10 10 — 47
Baker 21 19 23 12 — 75
Three-point baskets — Gambleton, Spike 2, Hobson 3, Stephens. **Total fouls** — Powder Valley 12, Baker 19.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

BAKER (78)
Gambleton 4 0-0 9, Quintela 4 1-1 9, Younger 4 1-3 9, Ogan 0 0-1 0, Dalke 0 0-0 0, Gentry 0 0-0 0, Spike 7 3-4 15, Hobson 5 1-1 14, Wright 2 0-1 4, Pepera 0 0-0 0, Van Arsdall 5 1-2 11, Mitchell 2 0-2 4, Morrison 0 0-0 0, Conklin 0 0-0 0, McCulloch 0 0-0 0, Harper 0 0-0 0. Totals 32 7-15 78.

ONTARIO (44)
Hendrickson 1 0-0 3, Reyna 1 0-0 2, Mendoza 2 1-2 6, Garfias 0 2-0 2, Smith 0 2-0 2, Nielson 4 3-4 12, Anzaldua 3 0-0 6, Rolden 1 0-0 2, Benites 0 0-0 0, Helmick 3 0-0 9. Totals 15 8-10 44.

Baker 26 17 24 11 — 78
Ontario 7 18 9 10 — 44
Three-point baskets — Gambleton, Hobson 3, Spike, Hendrickson, Mendoza, Nielson, Helmick 3. **Total fouls** — Baker 12, Ontario 12.

BYWAY

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The obstacle is snow, a substance that crew has quite a lot of experience with since their usual task is moving snow during the ski season.

On Tuesday, June 1, Anthony Lakes workers finished plowing enough lingering snow to clear one full lane through the higher elevations of the byway, said Chelsea Judy, marketing director for Anthony Lakes.

In most years, snow blocks the two-lane byway until mid to late June. In 2020 the route opened the last week of that month.

Judy said Anthony Lakes officials, after consulting with the U.S.

Forest Service, which oversees the section of the byway most prone to persistent snowdrifts, decided to punch through those drifts.

“It’s something we took on to help people be able to get up and over,” she said.

“Over,” in this case, meaning over Elkhorn Summit, the 7,392-foot pass about two miles west of Anthony Lakes.

Elkhorn Summit is the second-highest point reached by a paved road in Oregon. The only higher paved road in the state is the Rim Drive in Crater Lake National Park, which tops out at about 7,900 feet.

The longest-lasting snowdrifts usually are along the two miles or so beyond Elkhorn Summit,

where the byway crosses some areas sheltered from the sun.

By punching through drifts in that area, the Anthony Lakes crew gave travelers a way to access places such as the North Fork John Day River campground, and the Blue Mountains Scenic Byway to Ukiah, via Anthony Lakes rather than through Sumpter and Granite.

In the future, Anthony Lakes will strive to open at least one lane by Memorial Day weekend, although that goal might not always be feasible depending on the amount of snow, Judy said.

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The Elkhorn Drive scenic byway on Thursday, June 3.



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