

BAKER WRESTLING

10 Bulldogs qualify for state

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Two Baker wrestlers were regional champions, and eight others also qualified to compete in the state meet with their performances in La Grande June 11 and 12.

“We had a good weekend, I would say we performed really well,” Baker coach Brandon Young said.

With 10 state qualifiers, Baker had the second-most, behind La Grande’s 16.

Baker’s two regional champions are juniors Gauge Bloomer, at 195 pounds, and Jaden Martin at 285 pounds.

“They just hammered everybody,” Young said.

Baker’s other wrestlers who qualified for state by finishing in the top four at regionals:

Second place

- Cole Hester, freshman, 126 pounds
- Jacob Mills, sophomore, 182 pounds
- Adrian Allen, junior, 195 pounds

Third place

- Joey Duncan, freshman, 106 pounds



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Baker’s Joey Duncan, top, finished third at the regional wrestling tournament last weekend in La Grande to qualify to compete at the state meet June 25-26.

- River Clark, sophomore, 113 pounds

Fourth place

- Marcus Chamberlain, freshman, 106 pounds
- Sage Darlington, freshman, 120 pounds
- Gavin Stone, junior, 145 pounds

Young said he was proud to have so many underclassmen get a chance to gain state tournament experience.

“Now all that they are going to do is motivate them to do

even more and do even better, they get to go to the state tournament which is really going to help going into next season,” Young said.

Among the regional matches that stood out for Young was freshman Cole Hester taking on La Grande’s Landon Perry in the semifinals. Hester won by points in a match that went to overtime.

“He had to work for everything that he got in that match, he had some calls that kind of didn’t go his way, so just to stay

focused and still be able to get it done was pretty impressive,” Young said of Hester.

Sophomore Jacob Mills defeated La Grande’s Jared Isaacson, the second seed at 182 pounds, to take second place.

“He started off actually up 5-0 in the first round, then the kid came back and it was a battle all the way till the end, it was pure heart all the way till the end,” Young said of Mills, who prevailed 10-7.

Baker wrestlers will have nearly two weeks to prepare for the state tournament, set for June 25-26 at Cascade High School in Turner, near Salem.

Young said he thinks Baker will have an advantage over some other Class 4A schools, which don’t have their regional tournaments until this weekend.

“I think it’s just going to be harder for them to hold onto their kids that long going into summer and school being out,” Young said. “I’m glad we did ours early.”

Fans won’t be allowed on the first day of the state tournament, but they might be permitted the second day.

BAKER GIRLS BASKETBALL



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Jozie Ramos had the game-clinching free throws for Baker against Nyssa on Friday, June 11.

Baker nips Nyssa

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Jozie Ramos made three key free throws in the final quarter to thwart a Nyssa rally on Friday, June 11 in the Baker gym, giving Baker a 50-46 win and avenging a 43-41 loss at Vale on May 28.

Ramos led all scorers with 27 points, including two free throws with a few seconds left and Baker leading by just two points.

“We take free throws very seriously, because they do win games, and I was confident going up to the line. I know that my team believed in me that I’ll make them,” Ramos, a sophomore post, said.

Fellow sophomore Macey Moore also made three free throws in the final quarter.

The two combined to go 16 of 21 from the line.

“Those kids that go to the free-throw line, capitalize on it and hit their free-throws, just builds confidence,” Baker coach Mat Sand said.

Baker broke open a close game at halftime by out-scoring Nyssa 14-5 in the third quarter to take a 34-23 lead. Nyssa then rallied in the final quarter behind 6-foot-5 post Gracie Johnson, who scored eight of her 14 points in the quarter as Nyssa scored 23 points, doubling its total for the first three periods. Brooklyn Johns had nine of her 14 points in the final quarter.

Baker (6-3 on the season) returned to the BHS gym on Saturday, June 12, and has been the case the past few seasons, the Bulldogs fell to Burns, 39-30.

Baker lost just three games in the 2018-19 and 2019-20 seasons — while winning 49 games and one Class 4A state title — and two of those, one in each season, were to the Hilanders.

Baker has three games left this season — today at 5:30 p.m. against Ontario at BHS, then at Vale on Thursday, June 17, and at La Grande on Friday.

BAKER BOYS BASKETBALL

Baker holds on against Nyssa, 59-55

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Baker took a big early lead then held off Nyssa’s rallies to win 59-55 in the battle of the Bulldogs at Nyssa on Friday, June 11.

Baker jumped to a 23-14 lead after one quarter.

“I think we jumped out early on them, they kind of weathered the storm a little bit, they hung in there,” Baker coach Jebron Jones said.

Baker struggled in the second quarter, scoring just

eight points as Nyssa scored 14 to narrow Baker’s lead to 31-28 at the break.

Baker extended the lead to 45-38 after three quarters, but wasn’t able to put the game away until late.

“It just stayed close throughout,” Jones said.

“They kept hitting shots, and we kept missing shots.”

Seniors Gabe Gambleton and Jake Wright led the way for Baker. Gambleton had 17 points and Wright, playing for the Bulldogs for the last time as he heads to Oregon State

University to play football, added 16.

“Our guards fed him (Wright) the ball and he did a good job of getting open, catching the ball and finishing,” Jones said. “It was good for him to go out that way in his last high school game, he was trying to get a dunk but it didn’t work out that way.”

Freshman Paul Hobson added 12 points.

With the win, Baker ended a two-game losing streak and improved to 6-3 on the season.

Idaho Power Requests Rate Adjustment for Oregon Customers



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Idaho Power has requested a rate adjustment with the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) related to depreciation of the company’s assets.

If approved as filed, rates in Oregon would increase \$139,462 overall, and the average residential customer using 1,150 kilowatt hours (kWh) of energy per month would see a monthly bill increase of \$0.27, effective December 1, 2021.

Energy companies like Idaho Power recover the cost of their investments in assets over their expected lives through depreciation expense. Every five years, Idaho Power files a study with the OPUC analyzing the expected lives of its assets. Those findings result in changes to rates through adjusted cost recovery of these assets. The study was performed this year, and proposed impacts to each customer class are included in the table below.

| Filing Description | Revenue Change (\$ millions) | Residential | Small General Service | Large General Service ¹ | Large Power | Irrigation |
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| Depreciation | \$0.1M | 0.24% | 0.21% | 0.25% | 0.25% | 0.25% |

¹ Includes lighting schedules

This announcement provides Idaho Power customers with information about this proposal and its impact on customers — calculations and statements in this announcement are not binding on the OPUC. Idaho Power’s filings are subject to public review and OPUC approval. Copies of the filings are available on Idaho Power’s website, idahopower.com, or on the OPUC website, oregon.gov/puc. Documents are also available at Idaho Power offices (please call 208-388-2460 to make arrangements) or OPUC offices (please call 503-378-6600 to set up an appointment). Written comments can also be submitted to:

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