

BHS state champs receive rings

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Three state champion athletes from Baker High School will have rings to commemorate their accomplishments thanks to the Brown family, owners of Lew Brothers Les Schwab Tires in Baker City.

Recently two of the champions — Sydney Keller and Gauge Bloomer — received their rings at the tire store from co-owner Rocky Brown.

The ring for the third state champion — swimmer Brianna Stadler — was not available in time for the ceremony.

Keller, who graduated from BHS in 2021, won the Class 4A state pole vault championship in May.

It was her third state crown, and second as an individual.

Keller won the Class 4A state wrestling title at 115 pounds in early March 2020,

just before the pandemic canceled high school sports. One of the casualties of the cancellations was Baker's girls basketball team, which was in Forest Grove preparing to defend its 2019 state title. Keller was a starting guard on the championship team.

Keller is competing in

cross-country and track and field at Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina.

Bloomer capped his undefeated season in wrestling by winning the Class 4A title at 195 pounds on June 26 of this year.

Stadler is a four-time state champion. Her most

recent titles were in the 200-meter individual medley and 100-meter butterfly, also on June 26. Stadler, who is in her senior year at BHS, won the state title in the 100-meter backstroke as a freshman in 2019, and the 100-meter butterfly as a sophomore in 2020.



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Sydney Keller, left, and Gauge Bloomer show their state championship rings.



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Sydney Keller, left, a 2021 Baker High School graduate, and BHS senior Gauge Bloomer with their state championship rings.

No. 4 Oregon gets tune-up game coming off big Ohio State win

By ANNE M. PETERSON

Associated Press

Oregon Ducks coach Mario Cristobal quoted two-time Super Bowl-winning coach Jimmy Johnson in explaining Oregon's mentality coming off its big win over Ohio State.

There's lots that can be improved upon.

"Like coach Johnson used to tell us all the time when I was a player, 'You're either going to get better or you're going to get worse. There is no staying the same,'" said Cristobal, who played for Johnson at Miami. "There is no choice. We've got to go get better."

The Ducks, who jumped from No. 12 to No. 4 in the AP Top 25 following the victory over the Buckeyes, host

Stony Brook today, Sept. 18 at 4:30 p.m.

The Seawolves, who play in the lower-tier Colonial Athletic Association, are 1-1 overall and coming off a 24-3 victory over Colgate last Saturday.

The game against the Ducks will be Stony Brook's first against a Pac-12 opponent. Oregon is also the highest-ranked team the Seawolves have ever faced.

In a lot of ways, Stony Brook coach Chuck Priore is approaching the game just like Cristobal: the focus is on his team, not so much the opponent.

"I think we've got to keep it in perspective, certainly. I believe they're a top-five team at this point in the country at the BCS level, so it's really

all about Stony Brook at this point. I think we need to get better at the things we're doing. We've got to approach this week correctly," Priore said. "The opponent, on any given day, really doesn't make a difference. It's how you prepare and that's how we'll go about it. Certainly, it's a great opportunity for our kids to play in that venue and play against that type of team."

The Ducks, too, are going into this game with the same mindset they had last week.

"We run a very tight, regimented process and we believe in it and it works for us," Cristobal said. "There's no reason to stray from it."

BANGED UP

The Ducks have a number

of nagging injuries, so the timing of the Stony Brook game couldn't come at a better time. It will allow Oregon to heal before opening conference play against Arizona on Sept. 25.

The most significant absences against the Buckeyes were defensive end Kayvon Thibodeaux and linebacker Justin Flowe. While Thibodeaux, mentioned as a Heisman contender, is getting better, he's still a question mark against the Seawolves.

Flowe's foot injury looks more serious and could sideline him for a while. Tight end Cam McCormick sustained a season-ending leg injury against Ohio State.

LAWTON'S MILESTONE

Junior running back Ty

Son Lawton ran for 134 yards and a touchdown in Stony Brook's win over Colgate, giving him more than 1,000 for his career. He's got a pair of touchdowns this season, and 12 for his career.

Lawton was excited at the prospect of facing the Ducks.

"I've been trying to prepare myself to play at that level for a long time now," Lawton said. "So I'm looking forward to take on the competitive standpoint of it."

IN OHIO STATE'S WAKE

The Ducks' 35-28 victory over the Buckeyes was unquestionably significant for the program. It was the eighth win over a team ranked in the top five in program history. Additionally, it was Or-

gon's fifth overall win over a team ranked in the top three since 2011, and also the first win on the road over a top-five team since 2011.

STREAKS

Oregon has won 27 straight nonconference home games, as well as 13 straight overall at Autzen.

"We've got a chance to be in front of our fans again. Last time we were hot and cold in our opener," Cristobal said, referring to Oregon's 31-24 victory against Fresno State. "We want to play well in front of our people. We know it's important to our community. We know it's important to our fanbase. It sure as heck is important to play good football and keep improving."

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