

BAKER CROSS-COUNTRY

Baker girls 4th, boys 5th at home invite

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For the first time in more than two years, cross-country runners from across Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho converged on Baker City's Quail Ridge Golf Course.

The Baker Invitational meet on Friday, Oct. 1 drew more than 100 runners from more than 15 schools.

The Baker girls placed fourth in the team standings, and the Baker boys fifth in the varsity meet.

On the middle school level, the Baker boys finished seventh and the girls were ninth.

BHS coach Suzy Cole said she is grateful to the city, which owns the 18-hole course, for allowing the event to return.

"It's a beautiful venue and we really appreciate being able to host our meet there," Cole said. "So I would like to have a shout out for them (city)."

Cole was also pleased with how the Bulldog runners performed on a sunny and unseasonably warm first day of October.

"The kids did great," she said. "The tricky thing about home meets is that they are really fun, but they are way different. You don't have the bus ride, Coach (Ethan) Wolston and I have to put on the meet, so everything falls upon them and then you add friends and families being there, so it's a different dynamic than a lot of other meets but the kids responded really well."

Cole said Baker runners have shown improvement from a meet at Stanfield on Sept. 23 and Friday at Quail Ridge.

"Competitively I hope they take away the gains they are continuing to make," Cole said. "I hope they are taking along the energy and the excitement



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Baker senior Sydney Lamb, left, and freshman Sofia Kaaen compete at the Baker Invitational Friday, Oct. 1 at Quail Ridge Golf Course. Lamb placed ninth overall, and Kaaen was 10th.

that Friday's meet had. The middle of the season can be a tough season, and I am hoping they're seeing this as exciting, and the possibilities that they have in front of them."

BHS girls

The Baker girls had four runners in the top 10, led by seniors Emma Baeth (7th overall in 22:01.93) and Sydney Lamb (9th, 22:21.93) with freshman Sofia Kaaen placing 10th at 22:22.45.

Other BHS girls runners:

- Katie Spaugh, sophomore, 34th, 25:32.45
- Paige Marlia, sophomore, 36th, 26:09.38
- Anastasia Johnson, freshman, 46th, 27:28.10
- Avery Collier, freshman, 47th, 27:50.43
- Lilly Collins, fresman, 63rd, 33:11.04

Enterprise won the team

crown, followed by Union and Parma, Idaho.

BHS boys

Junior Thaddeus Pepera placed 15th overall in 18:57.13, to lead Baker to the fifth-place finish in the team standings.

Fellow junior Jordan Mills placed 19th at 19:18.80.

Pine Eagle High School had two runners in the top 12.

Senior Caleb Brown was third overall in 17:31.06, while junior Cooper Gover placed 12th in 18:45.15.

Other BHS boys runners:

- Seth Mastrude, junior, 32nd, 20:15.70
- Peyton Waters, freshman, 50th, 21:24.92
- River Clark, junior, 53rd, 21:42.73
- Tanner Lucas, sophomore, 60th, 22:15.24
- Reeve Damschen, junior,

71st, 22:43.74

- Karsten Cikanek, freshman, 78th, 23:14.37
 - Matthew Wernicke, freshman, 88th, 23:49.53
 - Gage Birmingham, junior, 98th, 26:20.77
 - Seth Holden, freshman, 99th, 26:44.39
 - Tristan Mulkey, freshman, 104th, 30:28.21
- Enterprise won the boys team title, followed by Union, Parma and Burns.

Baker Middle School results (3,000-meter course)

Boys

- Kane Hellburg, 7th grade, 5th, 11:25.32
- Lance Downing, 7th grade, 38th, 12:59.45
- Tristan Klecker, 7th grade, 39th, 12:59.86
- Richard Engstrom, 8th grade, 44th, 13:07.82
- Robert (Tyler) Wirth, 8th grade, 55th, 13:32.92
- Keagan Bott, 8th grade, 67th, 13:51.50
- Colton Shank, 7th grade, 75th, 14:17.13
- Theodore Pepera, 7th grade, 76th, 14:18.67
- Harrison Gaslin, 8th grade, 91st, 15:07.45
- Roman Zickgraf, 8th grade, 15:17.27

Girls

- Sage Cuzik, 8th grade, 52nd, 14:57.63
 - Ruby Heriza, 7th grade, 55th, 15:11.18
 - Gwen Rasmussen, 8th grade, 72nd, 16:17.53
 - Meren Jesenko, 8th grade, 75th, 16:27.22
 - Riley Hurliman, 8th grade, 80th, 16:37.06
 - Jurnee Bliss, 7th grade, 92nd, 18:08.59
- The Baker High School teams will compete Friday, Oct. 8 at La Grande.

BAKER GIRLS SOCCER

Baker outshoots Payette but falls to Pirates, 3-1

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The Baker girls soccer team had more shots on goal Saturday, Oct. 1 at Payette, but the Pirates found the net more often and won 3-1.

The Bulldogs traveled to Idaho with no substitutes on their bench, and a new offensive formation on the field.

Baker coach Eric Layton said he was proud of how his players responded to the challenges.

"We have adopted a diamond formation which the players have done great transitioning to," Layton said. "(We) still need to work out some kinks when involving our forwards but we had more shots than they did and played in Payette's half for most of the game, almost all of the second half. The kids are improving a lot."

Baker trailed just 1-0 at halftime, and the Bulldogs stayed close throughout.

Baker junior Sydnee Pierce had the Bulldogs' lone goal on a penalty kick, but Payette put the game away with two second-half goals.

Baker (2-7) is back on the road today, traveling to Milton-Freewater to take on Mac-Hi (6-3).

BAKER BOYS SOCCER

Payette nips Baker, 4-3

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The shorthanded Baker boys soccer team couldn't quite claim a road win over Payette on Saturday, Oct. 2, falling 4-3 to the Pirates.

Although Baker was missing three players and started a bit slow, coach Victor Benites said the Bulldogs played much better in the second half.

"Towards the end of the second (half) we decided to play the game we know how to play and score a couple of goals," Benites said.

Freshmen Alan Bedolla and Nahom Svitak each had a goal, and senior Wyatt Hawkins netted Baker's other goal.

The Bulldogs (1-6) look to rebound this Thursday, Oct. 7 when they play host to Mac-Hi (5-2) at 5 p.m. at the Baker Sports Complex.

Beavers top Huskies with last-second FG

■ Oregon State wins fourth in a row

By GARY HOROWITZ

Associated Press

CORVALLIS — B.J. Baylor had 20 carries for 111 yards and two touchdowns, Everett Hayes kicked a 24-yard field goal as time expired and Oregon State beat Washington 27-24 on Saturday night, Oct. 2.

It's still relatively early in the season, but Oregon State's win combined with Stanford's upset of No. 3 Oregon in overtime puts the Beavers (4-1, 2-0 Pac-12) in first place in the Pac-12 North.

Who saw this coming from a team that hasn't been to a bowl game since 2013?

Oregon State snapped a nine-game losing streak to Washington (2-3, 1-1 Pac-12) and is 2-0 in conference play for the first time since 2013.

"We're not going to get happy with where we are now," Oregon State safety Alton Julian said. "I knew this was going to happen. We've just got to keep going."

Oregon State rallied for its fourth consecutive win after losing the lead in the fourth quarter.

A strip-sack of Oregon State quarterback Chance Nolan by Faatui Tuitele

at the OSU 19 and fellow defensive lineman Sam Taimani's recovery and 13-yard fumble return set up Sean McGrew's 6-yard touchdown run, giving Washington the lead at 24-17 with 10:02 left.

Back came the Beavers.

A 19-yard run on a reverse to wide receiver Anthony Gould, followed by Gould's 22-yard reception set up B.J. Baylor's 27-yard run to tie the game at 24-24 with 6:35 remaining.

Washington quarterback Dylan Morris was stopped inches short of a first down on a fourth-and-1 direct snap run near midfield at the 3:18 mark. The spot was upheld on an official's review.

"Unfortunately the spot, they marked us short," Washington coach Jimmy Lake said. "But we're going for that every single time."

Oregon State went back to its strong running game to set up Hayes' game-winning field goal.

"College football's a long game and it's gonna go back and forth and obviously this game played out exactly like that," Oregon State coach Jonathan Smith said. "I couldn't be more proud of the way we continued to fight."

McGrew's 39-yard touchdown run up the middle tied the game at 17-17 with 10:19 remaining. Morris' 18-yard pass to Kamari Pleasant on third and 18 deep in Huskies territory kept the drive alive.

Washington had 318 total yards to 290 for the Beavers, and limited Oregon State quarterback Chance Nolan to just 48 yards passing. The Huskies were on the verge of their third straight win, but were unable to finish.

"It's obviously frustrating because you see the spurts of greatness," said McGrew, who ran for 104 yards and two touchdowns. "If we just keep executing and doing what we know how to do, I don't think anybody can stop us."

Oregon State gained momentum early in the second quarter.

Cornerback Rejzahn Wright recovered Cameron Davis' fumble at the Huskies' 12. The turnover led to Jack Colletto's 3-yard touchdown run and a tie

game at 7-7.

The Beavers took their first lead at 14-7 on Baylor's 5-yard touchdown around right end midway through the second quarter.

Washington's Peyton Henry converted a 20-yard field goal on the final play of the first half and the Beavers led 14-10 at the break.

Hayes made a 29-yard field goal to increase Oregon State's lead to 17-10 at 5:28 of the third quarter.

Washington took the opening kickoff and marched 75 yards for the score, culminated by a 44-yard pass to a wide-open Terrell Bynum, who was not touched on his way to the end zone.

The takeaway

Washington: Redshirt freshman quarterback Dylan Morris, who went into the game leading the Pac-12 in passing yards, continues to show promise. He completed 17 of 26 for 142 yards with a touchdown and interception, and was 4-for-4 for 70 yards and a score on the game's opening drive.

The Huskies have al-

lowed just two passing touchdowns this season.

Oregon State: Chance Nolan, who came into the game ranked fourth nationally in passing efficiency, struggled to find passing lanes against the Huskies. He completed just 7 of 15 for 48 yards and an interception, and lost a fumble on a sack.

But OSU's running game, which amassed 322 yards against USC, accounted for 242 yards and all three Beaver touchdowns and was a major factor in the win.

Valuable weapon

Oregon State backup linebacker Jack Colletto has become an offensive weapon. A former quarterback for the Beavers, Colletto is often called on in short-yardage situations to take direct snaps. He scored his fourth rushing touchdown of the season against Washington.

In the Beavers' previous game at USC, Colletto became the first FBS player since 2004 with two rushing touchdowns and an interception in the same game

as the Beavers won 45-27, their first victory at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum since 1960.

Up next

Washington: The Huskies have a bye next week and will host UCLA on Oct. 16.

Oregon State: The Beavers will be at Washington State next Saturday, Oct. 9.

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