

BAKER CROSS-COUNTRY

Baker boys, girls both 2nd at Tiger Invite

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Led by Emma Baeth and Thaddeus Pepera, the Baker girls and boys cross-country teams both placed second at the Tiger Invite Friday, Oct. 8 at the La Grande Country Club.

Baeth, a senior, placed third to pace the Baker girls. Pepera, a junior, finished fourth in the boys race.

Pine Eagle senior Caleb Brown won the individual crown in the boys race with a time of 17:04.30.

“We were very pleased with our performances and our times,” Baker coach Suzy Cole said. “The course was a little bit long, and so the kids were happy with overall what their times were.”

Baeth finished the 5K course in 20:56.40.

Pepera’s time was 18:05.70.

Both the girls and boys teams had two other runners place in the top eight.

On the girls side, senior Sydney Lamb finished seventh in 22:04.90, and freshman Sofia Kaaen was eighth in 22:19.10.

In the boys race, junior Jordan Mills finished seventh in 18:56.50, while freshman Daniel Brown was eighth in 19:09.10.

“We had a lot of really strong races, and most importantly I had a lot of kids feeling really good about their races both time wise and fitness wise,” Cole said. “They are still getting a little bit faster.”

This week is considered a bye week for the Bulldogs, with no meet this weekend, and Cole has a training plan in mind.

“Being in Eastern Oregon with some of our big races having been canceled, it gets hard racing against some of the same people all of the time, and so this will kind of give us a break,” Cole said.

The bye week will culminate with the Bulldogs competing in the inaugural Oktoberfest fun run and walk on Saturday, Oct. 16.

“It’s really exciting,” Cole said. “I have had a lot of people that are my regulars at our other two fun runs wanted us to put one on in October, and I have always had a hard time of putting into the schedule and finding another event that goes with it.”

The Oktoberfest run, which is a fundraiser for the cross-country teams, will start at 8 a.m. at Central Park, along the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway between Washington and Valley avenues, and end at the Baker County Fairgrounds. At the midway point, along Hughes Lane, participants will pick up as many potatoes as possible and carry them to the finish line, where the spuds will be donated to the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center for its food boxes.

Costumes are encouraged. Registration will start at 7 a.m. at Central Park on the day of the event, or go to <https://one.bidpal.net/21oktoberfest>.

Other Baker results from the Tiger Invite:

- Girls**
- Emma Timm, sophomore, 16th, 24:15.70.
 - Katie Spaugh, sophomore, 17th, 24:22.30.
 - Paige Marlia, sophomore, 18th, 25:00.20.
 - Anastasia Johnson, freshman, 20th, 25:58.50.
 - Avery Collier, freshman, 24th, 27:24.20.
 - Sarah Plummer, senior, 25th, 27:40.50.
 - Lily Collins, freshman, 27th, 31:32.60.

- Boys**
- Seth Mastrude, junior, 16th, 20:09.20.
 - Peyton Waters, freshman, 18th, 20:18.10.
 - Reeve Damschen, junior, 31st, 22:08.00.
 - River Clark, junior, 33rd, 22:15.70.
 - Tanner Lucas, sophomore, 34th, 22:28.90.
 - Matthew Wernick, freshman, 39th, 24:53.20.
 - Gaige Birmingham, junior, 40th, 25:33.50.



Baker junior Seth Mastrude, left, runs at the La Grande Country Club during the Tiger Invite meet Friday, Oct. 8. Teammate Peyton Waters is in the center. The Baker boys placed second in the team standings.



Baker senior Emma Baeth competes in the Tiger Invite Friday, Oct. 8 at the La Grande Country Club. Baeth placed third overall, leading Baker to second place in the team standings.

- Seth Holden, freshman, 41st, 26:02.10.

Middle School
Baker competed at the Mustang Invite on Thursday, Oct. 7, and the Baker boys finished second, while the girls were seventh. Baker’s top finisher in the boys race was seventh

grader Kane Hellburg, who placed fifth, finishing the 3K course in 10:49.3.

On the girls side, Baker eighth grader Sage Cuzick placed 32nd in a time of 14:04.9.

BMS runners will compete at the La Grande Wildcat Invitational on Thursday, Oct. 14.

BAKER VOLLEYBALL

Bulldogs’ win streak ends

■ Baker loses 3 matches at Powder Valley tournament

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The Baker volleyball team’s month-long, 11-match winning streak ended Saturday, Oct. 9 when the Bulldogs lost three matches at the Powder Valley tournament.

Baker, 13-5 and ranked sixth in the Class 4A ranks, lost to Nyssa, Burns and Powder Valley.

Baker started the tournament by taking on Nyssa for the first time this season. Baker won the first set 25-19, but Nyssa (11-9) rallied to win the next three, 25-22, 25-21, 25-19, handing Baker its first loss since a sweep against Weiser on Sept. 8 in the Baker gym.

Baker then played Burns, the top-ranked Class 3A team with a record of 21-3. One of those three losses came at the hands of the Bulldogs on Sept. 7 in the Baker gym.

Baker again won the first set, 25-18.

But the Hilanders responded to win the next three, 25-20, 25-16 and 25-16, to avenge its earlier loss to

the Bulldogs. Baker completed its tournament schedule with another rematch, this one against the host Badgers, which are 17-8 and ranked sixth in Class 1A.

Baker swept the Badgers in the teams’ season-opening match on Aug. 26 in the Baker gym.

Saturday’s rematch was much more competitive. The Badgers won the first two sets, but Baker bounced back to win two straight, 25-22 and 26-24.

In the deciding fifth set, the teams were tied at 15 before the Badgers scored two straight points to win the match.

“We made too many mistakes, and we were not mentally ready to compete,” Baker coach Ali Abrego said. “It’s all on us at this point, and we need to show up and prove we deserve to win league/host a state playoff game.”

Baker has two matches remaining on its regular season schedule, both on the road. The Bulldogs travel to La Grande on Thursday, Oct. 14 for a 6:30 p.m. match, and to Milton-Freewater on Oct. 21 to take on Mac-Hi, also at 6:30 p.m.

Cougs top Beavers

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PULLMAN, Wash. — Jayden de Laura threw for 399 yards and three touchdowns as Washington State beat Oregon State 31-24 on Saturday, Oct. 9.

Travell Harris caught eight passes for 147 yards for the Cougars (3-3, 2-2 Pac-12), who beat Oregon State for the eighth consecutive time.

B.J. Baylor rushed for 145 yards and Deshaun Fenwick added 127 yards and a pair of touchdowns for Oregon State (4-2, 2-1 Pac-12), which saw its four-game winning streak broken.

De Laura completed 32 of 46 passes and was intercepted once. The Washing-

ton State defense also forced Oregon State to turn the ball over on downs during its last possession of the game.

“He’s grown the trust of everyone in this program,” Washington State coach Nick Rolovich said of de Laura. “He makes everything around him better.”

“I thought he played tremendous,” Rolovich added.

Washington State depended on its pass attack in the second half, after trailing 10-3 at halftime.

“We needed more out of our pass game because the numbers were on our side,” Rolovich said. “We did a really nice job on the second half on third down conversions.”

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