

# Pepera, Kaaen lead Baker to cross-country state meet



Katie Lamb/Contributed photo

Emma Baeth placed seventh in the district cross-country meet held Oct. 29 at Milton-Freewater. The girls placed second, and the boys team placed first. Both teams qualified for the state championship meet on Nov. 6 in Eugene.

## Boys, girls teams to compete Saturday, Nov. 6

### Baker City Herald

Baker's boys and girls cross-country teams each had multiple runners place in the top 10 at the district meet Friday, Oct. 29 at Milton-Freewater, and both teams qualified for the state championship meet Nov. 6 at Lane Community College in Eugene.

The Baker boys won the district team title with 24 points, easily outdistancing runner up La Grande with 49 points.

Mac-Hi was third with 67 points, and Ontario fourth with 92.

Baker junior Thaddeus Pepera won the individual title with a time of 17:22.30.

Baker freshman Daniel Brown was next across the line in 18:13.38.

Junior Jordan Mills placed fourth overall in 18:31.82, and fellow junior Seth Mastrude was sixth in 18:58.10.

Other Baker boys runners:

- Reeve Damschen, sophomore, 11th, 20:06.05
- Peyton Waters, freshman, 13th, 20:43.33
- Tanner Lucas, sophomore, 16th, 20:58.61

In the girls race, La Grande had the top four finishers to win the team title with 22 points.

Baker was second with 35 points, and the Bulldogs

had the fifth- through ninth-place finishers.

Freshman Sofia Kaaen was the top Baker runner, placing fifth overall in 20:40.35.

Other Baker girls runners:

- Sydney Lamb, senior, sixth, 21:14.18
- Emma Baeth, senior, seventh, 21:52.37

- Emma Timm, sophomore, eighth, 22:35.15
- Katie Spaugh, sophomore, ninth, 22:40.67

- Annastasia Johnson, freshman, 11th, 24:02.88
- Paige Marlia, sophomore, 12th, 24:40

At the state championship meet, the Class 4A girls race will start at 11:45 a.m., followed by the boys race at 12:20 p.m.

# Brown throws for 3 TDs and No. 7 Oregon downs Colorado, 52-29

## Ducks amass season-high 568 yards of offense

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
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EUGENE — Over the course of three weeks it's been coming together for Oregon quarterback Anthony Brown Jr.

Brown threw for a career-high 307 yards and three touchdowns and No. 7 Oregon had a season-high 568 yards of offense in a 52-29 victory over Colorado on Saturday, Oct. 30.

Travis Dye ran for two touchdowns and caught a scoring pass to help Oregon (7-1, 6-1 Pac-12) extend its winning streak at Autzen Stadium to 17 games.

"Efficiency, consistency and just making the right reads all around the board," Brown said about his progress. "And it came from a lot of things, but just staying in the groove and continuing to do what I do throughout the week, continuing my process, watching extra film and doing extra things and just continuing that."

Brendon Lewis threw for 224 yards and three TDs for the Buffaloes (2-5, 1-4). Brenden Rice, the son of former San Francisco 49ers great Jerry Rice, had 102 yards receiving and a touchdown.

Although he was met by some boos from the home crowd early against Cal on Oct. 15, Brown shook off the critics and rallied Oregon with two straight touchdowns in the fourth quarter for a 24-17 victory. The final touchdown was Brown's 11-yard keeper.

Brown did it again last weekend in a 34-31 victory at UCLA with a 43-yard, fourth-quarter touchdown run that ultimately kept the game out of reach for the Bruins. He finished

with 296 yards passing and 85 yards rushing.

"The supporting cast continues to elevate their play, which, in turn, as Anthony continues to elevate his play, his attention to detail, his accuracy, his decision making — all those things cumulatively add up the better play as an offense," Oregon coach Mario Cristobal said.

Colorado was coming off a 26-3 loss at California. The Buffaloes went into the game in Eugene ranked second-to-last in the Pac-12 for touchdowns and points per game.

The Buffaloes were without All-American linebacker Nate Landman because of a soft-tissue injury. Last week in a loss to Cal, Landman became just the sixth player in Buffs' history with 400 career tackles.

"I felt that this team played hard overall," Colorado coach Karl Dorrell said. "I thought offensively we made some tough plays in some critical moments. We had some fourth downs we had to go for, had to extend some plays and we made those plays. The receivers, tight ends, backs, all, I thought they played hard, ran hard."

Dye caught a touchdown pass and ran for another in the opening half as Oregon built a 31-14 lead.

Colorado scored a pair of touchdowns in the fourth quarter to close the gap to 45-29, but the Ducks ended it on freshman Seven McGee's 1-yard touchdown run with 50 seconds left.

"I think we showed that when we're playing our starters, and when we play and execute, we're really good football team, can be a really good football team. And I think what makes us good is that we know we can get a lot better," Cristobal said. "That's the best way to put it: It's a

hungry driven team. We did some really good things today, some other things that we can do better."

### Targeting calls

Ducks receiver Johnny Johnson III was ejected in the third quarter for targeting on Rice on a kickoff return. Colorado's Tyrin Taylor was also flagged for targeting and ejected during the quarter.

### Rice's big game

Rice had his second career 100-yard receiving game. He also had 162 kickoff return yards and his 281 all-purpose yards rank him 13th on Colorado's career list for all-purpose yards in a game.

"The first one I thought I was going to take it to the house, but out of nowhere, I just saw a flash or green or yellow or whatever they are. And I just got hit. I was very disappointed. I was trying to get in the end zone all day," he said about his returns.

### The takeaway

Colorado: Earlier this week Colorado coach Karl Dorrell announced that he had relieved offensive line coach Mitch Rodrigue of his duties. Colorado said it would honor the terms of his contract.

Oregon: Former Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota, now with the NFL's Raiders, was at the homecoming game and received an ovation when he was introduced to the crowd. It was Mariota's 28th birthday. ... The Ducks also honored WNBA players Sabrina Ionescu and Satou Sabally, both former Ducks. ... Oregon center Alex Forsyth missed his fourth game with back spasms.

### Up next

Colorado: Hosts Oregon State next Saturday, Nov. 6.

Oregon: At Washington next Saturday, Nov. 6.



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Oregon running back Travis Dye celebrates his second-quarter touchdown against Colorado on Saturday, Oct. 30.



Sean Meagher/The Oregonian-TNS

Oregon quarterback Anthony Brown Jr. looks downfield with protection from the offensive line as the No. 7 Ducks face the Colorado Buffaloes in a college football game at Autzen Stadium in Eugene on Saturday, Oct. 30.

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