

Baker wrestlers go 5-2 at Oregon Classic

BAKER CITY HERALD

REDMOND — The Baker wrestling team went 5-2 in dual matches during the Oregon Classic Friday, Jan. 14, and Saturday, Jan. 15, at Redmond.

The Bulldogs improved to 11-3 on the season in duals.

"It was really awesome to see some kids come out of their shell and get after it this weekend," Baker coach Brandon Young said. "Duals are all about the team, and some guys are really team oriented. It was nice to see a few kids that really stepped it up."

Young said junior Ryan Brown, who went 4-3 during the Oregon Classic at 160 pounds, "was a different wrestler this weekend. He went out aggressive and kept fighting. Ryan was able to win all his matches on Saturday and helped save the dual against Cascade in our 42-39 win."

Young also was excited about junior River Clark's 6-1 performance at 120 pounds.

In his lone loss, to Philomath's Benjamin Hernandez, the defending state champion, Clark had Hernandez on his back and nearly pinned him before Hernandez recovered and won by fall.

"River wrestled every match with intensity and he is going to be a front runner going into state," Young said.

Freshman Aldo Duran, at 113 pounds, and senior heavyweight Jaden Martin



Baker's Gavin Stone, bottom, wrestles against Ben Cooper during the 145-pound match against Sisters while competing in the Oregon Classic at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center in Redmond on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022.

both went undefeated on the weekend.

Aldo pinned six of his seven opponents.

"Jaden had to work for it a little more, which was great for him to get to wrestle some decent heavyweights," Young said.

Martin was trailing 2-1 to Christopher Woods of Hidden Valley until he tossed Woods to his back for the win by fall.

Fellow seniors Gavin Stone and Gauge Bloomer also had strong tournaments, Young said, with Bloomer going 5-2 at 182 and 195 pounds, and Stone 6-2 at 145 and 152.

Baker's first dual was against

Philomath, which placed fourth at the state tournament last season.

"We knew it was going to be close going into the dual and that it would take everyone's best effort to come away with a victory," Young said. "In wrestling it is difficult to get everyone to perform at a high level at the same match and it can be nerve-wracking to go into a big venue. We dug too big of a hole for our heavier weights to bring us back to life and lost a close one 39-33. The close ones are the toughest losses, because several guys can pick out something they could have done a little better, that would

have affected the team score differently. It was a great learning experience for the team."

In other duals, Baker beat Phoenix, 48-28; lost to Tillamook, 55-18; beat Sisters, 63-15; beat Hidden Valley, 57-21; beat Cascade, 42-39, and beat Marshfield, 52-30.

Individual Baker results:

- Marcus Chamberlain, sophomore, 106 pounds, 1-3
- Joey Duncan, sophomore, 106, 2-1
- Aldo Duran, freshman, 113, 7-0
- River Clark, junior, 120, 6-1
- Cole Hester, sophomore, 126/132, 4-2



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Baker's Gauge Bloomer wrestles against Gabe Bailey during the 182-pound match against Sisters while competing in the Oregon Classic at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center in Redmond on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022.

- Sage Darlington, sophomore, 126, 1-3
- Riley Martin, sophomore, 132/138, 2-4
- Samuel Nelson, sophomore, 132/138, 0-4
- Gavin Stone, senior, 145/152, 6-2
- Julian Garcia, freshman, 145/152, 0-5
- Ryan Brown, junior, 160, 4-3
- Cody Eskew, junior, 170, 4-3
- Gauge Bloomer, senior, 182/195, 5-2
- Ethan Morgan, freshman, 182/195, 4-3
- Alex Ritter, senior, 220, 3-3
- Russell Walden, sophomore, 220/285, 1-1
- Jaden Martin, senior, 285, 6-0

Pine Eagle results

- Hunter Buck, freshman, 106, 10-5
- Giovanni Cartwright, freshman, 126, 6-7
- Coy Butner, senior, 138, 12-1
- Chase Butner, senior, 145, 12-1
- Cohen Simpson, sophomore, 145, 8-8
- Will Seggerman, senior, 145, 11-5

The week ahead

Baker has a busy week ahead, playing host to Nyssa in a dual Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 5 p.m., then traveling to Mac-Hi on Thursday, Jan. 20, and to a tournament in John Day on Friday, Jan. 21.

OREGON WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Oregon beats No. 7 Arizona with last-second jumper in OT

BY STEVE MIMS

Associated Press

EUGENE — Endyia Rogers made a jump shot with 0.4 seconds left to lift Oregon to a 68-66 overtime win over No. 7 Arizona on Saturday, Jan. 15.

The Ducks (9-5, 2-1 Pac-12) rallied from a 17-point second-half deficit with help from Te-Hina Paopao, who scored 24, as well as Nyara Sabally's 20 points and 13 rebounds and Sedona Prince's 16 points.

"I'm super happy," Oregon coach Kelly Graves said. "We really needed this win. It helps us in the big picture as well."

Shaina Pellington and Bendu Yeane each scored 14 points to pace Arizona (12-2, 2-2), while Cate Reese scored 10.

"Very tough loss today," Arizona coach Adia Barnes said. "I didn't think we played a bad game. I thought we did some good things. We didn't do a good job maintaining our lead down the stretch."

Sabally opened overtime with a basket before Lauren Ware tied the game for Arizona. Sabally then made a free throw, but Yeane answered with a basket to put the Wild-

cats ahead 63-62 with 2:14 left to play.

Paopao put Oregon back in the lead on a layup with 43.6 seconds left in overtime and Rogers added two free throws. Yeane tied the game 66-66 on a 3-pointer with 10 seconds left, before Sydney Parrish missed a jumper and Rogers grabbed a rebound and hit the game-winner.

"I thought Sydney would make it, but somehow it landed in my hands," Rogers said. "I knew we only had a couple seconds left, so I just shot it."

Rogers was 1 for 10 from the field before making her final attempt.

"I didn't lose any confidence, it's just that today wasn't my day," Rogers said. "But I made a big shot to win the game."

Arizona led 57-48 on a 3-pointer by Yeane with 5:59 left to play and the lead was 59-53 on a jumper by Wellington with 2:18 left in the game. Paopao and Prince each scored to get the Ducks within 59-57 with 1:04 left in regulation.

After Arizona committed a turnover with 21.5 seconds left, Sabally scored to tie the game at 59 with 11.4 seconds remaining

and the Wildcats could not get off a shot in the final seconds.

Arizona had a 38-27 lead at halftime and scored the first four points of the second half. Oregon closed within 46-35, but Derin Erdogan made two free throws before Sam Thomas and Helena Pueyo each hit a 3-pointer to push the Wildcats ahead 54-37.

Oregon closed out the third quarter with four points in a row, and Prince scored the first four points of the fourth quarter. Paopao made a 3-pointer to get the Ducks within 54-48 with 7:10 left to play before Yeane responded with her own 3.

Barnes had issues with the officials after Oregon shot 26 free throws compared to 10 for Arizona. Two Wildcats fouled out, and Arizona committed 23 fouls compared to 15 for Oregon.

"There were a lot of questionable calls that did not go our way," Barnes said. "I think we are a pretty aggressive team and a lot of those calls were momentum shifters. ... I've never had a game where we shot 5 of 10 from the line with some of the most athletic guards in the country and played a team that shot 26. It is tough to play that way."

BAKER SWIMMING

Stadler sets meet record at La Grande

BAKER CITY HERALD

LA GRANDE — Baker senior swimmer Brianna Stadler won two events, setting a meet record in one, at the La Grande Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 15.

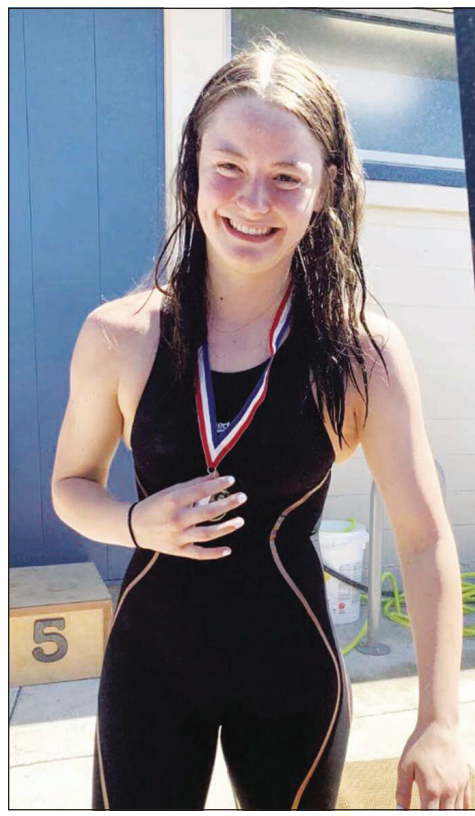
Stadler, a four-time state champion who also has a state record in the backstroke, won the 100-meter butterfly at La Grande, setting a new meet record in a time of 1:00.96.

Stadler, who signed a letter of intent last fall to compete in swimming at Colorado Mesa University, also won the 200-meter individual medley at La Grande, in 2:17.01.

Baker finished tied for fourth with Cove Charter in the girls side of the meet. On the boys side, Baker finished fifth.

Other individual results for Baker:

- Silas Carter, 3rd, boys 100 freestyle, 1:01.52
- Gabriel Bott, 9th, boys 50 freestyle, 27.51
- Angel DeArcos, 4th, boys 100 butterfly, 1:07.74
- Gabriel Bott, 5th, boys 100 butterfly, 1:18.93
- Addy Macy, 15th, girls 100 freestyle, 1:30.70; girls 50 freestyle, 20th, 38.40



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Brianna Stadler, a four-time state champion, has signed a letter of intent to swim for Colorado Mesa University.

BMS girls hoops teams sweep

Baker Middle School's girls basketball teams swept Central Middle School in three games at Milton-Freewater on Friday, Jan. 14.

The intramural team won 40-0. Madi Sullivan was the leading scorer with 18 points, and Jenny Gonzales added 12 points.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Baker's seventh-graders played in both the seventh-grade and eighth-grade games.

Baker won the seventh-grade game, 62-0. Jaxson Ramos was the leading scorer with 15 points, and Colbi Bachman had 10.

In the eighth-grade game, Baker won 76-3. Colbi Bachman had 24 points, Kyndal Chandler 14, and Lily Logsdon had nine points.

The BMS teams traveled to La Grande today, Jan. 18.

No title defense for No. 1: Novak Djokovic deported from Australia

BY JOHN PYE

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Instead of starting the defense of his Australian Open title on Monday, Novak Djokovic was on his way home, a stunning and unprecipitated end to his run of success at Melbourne Park.

Djokovic has won nine of his 20 Grand Slam trophies at the Australian Open — including three in a row — and was scheduled to play in the main stadium to conclude Day 1 of the tournament.

But the No. 1-ranked player in men's tennis had to be deported from Australia after three Federal Court judges decided unanimously Sunday, Jan. 16, to affirm the immigration minister's right to cancel Djokovic's visa. The ruling was made less than 18 hours before

the first Grand Slam matches of 2022 were scheduled to begin.

Djokovic said he was "extremely disappointed" by the legal outcome but respected the decision and would cooperate in his "departure from the country." He also said he planned "to rest and to recuperate."

The 34-year-old from Serbia was trying to use a medical ex-

emption approved by two independent medical panels and Tennis Australia to get around the requirements that everyone at the Australian Open — players, their support teams, spectators and others — be inoculated against COVID-19.

Djokovic is not vaccinated, and the government said his presence could stir up anti-vaccine sentiments.

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