

BAKER GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bulldogs roll past Pioneers on Senior Night

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On a night devoted to honoring seniors and raising money for the fight against breast cancer, the Baker girls basketball team was similarly generous in its play.

The Bulldogs had assists on their first seven baskets and went on to a 62-21 win over Mac-Hi on Friday, Feb. 4, in the Baker gym.

Baker stayed unbeaten at 4-0 atop the Greater Oregon League standings with two league games remaining.

Baker, 15-5 overall, rebounded from a 58-48 loss at Nyssa on Feb. 1, and moved up to third in the state Class 4A rankings.

Before tipoff, Baker honored seniors Katie Wilde and Aiyana Radford. Senior cheerleader Alexis Conant was also recognized.

In the first 3 minutes of the game, juniors Rylee Elms and Jozie Ramos traded baskets, and assists, as Baker scored the first 8 points.

Ramos assisted Elms on two baskets and Elms returned the favor on Ramos' first basket.

Makenzie Flanagan, Skylar Roy and Sydnee Pierce also had assists as Baker took an 18-4 lead after the first quarter.

Macey Moore, who had 8 points, said the flurry of assists in the first quarter was a product of the players' familiarity with each other.

"It just kind of happened,"



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Baker's Skylar Roy shoots against Mac-Hi on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, in the Baker gym.

Moore said. "We've been playing together forever so it's kind of just automatic."

Moore said the Bulldogs played with extra motivation coming off the loss at Nyssa, which snapped a 5-game winning streak.

Baker coach Jason Ramos said Baker's unselfish play in the first quarter exemplifies the type of offense the Bulldogs strive for.

"That's what we want — we shared the ball really well and found our teammates really well," he said.



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Baker's Rylee Elms had 16 points in Baker's 62-21 win over Mac-Hi on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, in the Baker gym.

If anything, Ramos said, Baker was a trifle too unselfish on a few occasions, making a pass when taking the shot was probably the better option.

But he wasn't complaining after a 41-point win as a response to a disappointing loss a few days earlier.

"The girls came out ready

to play and they brought the energy early," Ramos said.

Moore and Jozie Ramos each had two baskets to open the second quarter as Baker extended its lead to 26-4.

Brooklyn Jaca, who had 11 points, swished a 3-pointer from the corner late in the half and Baker led 38-9 at halftime.

MAC-HI (21)

Herdon 0 0-0, Perkins 0 1-3 1, Ellis 0 0-0, Martinez 0 0-0, Leber 2 2-2 7, Rhoads 4 5-8 13, Sanchez 0 0-0, Brown 0 0-0 0, Lopez 0 0-0, Vadillo 0 0-2 0. Lara 0 0-0. Totals 6 8-15 21.

BAKER (62)

Elms 7 2-3 16, Flanagan 1 1-2 3, Wilde 1 0-0 2, Gyllenberg 0 0-0 0, Pierce 2 1-2 5, Ramos 7 3-3 17, Roy 1 0-0 2, Jaca 4 2-3 11, Moore 3 2-2 8. Totals 25 11-17 62.
Mac-Hi 4 5 7 5—21
Baker 18 20 16 8—62

The second half was anticlimactic. Baker held Mac-Hi to fewer than 8 points in every quarter.

Jozie Ramos led the Bulldogs with 17 points. Elms added 16, and Pierce had five.

Baker can clinch a home game for the GOL championship on Feb. 19 by beating La Grande Tuesday, Feb. 8, in the Baker gym. Tipoff is set for about 6 p.m. Baker beat the Tigers 51-43 on Jan. 28, at La Grande.

If Baker wins the GOL title it would have a home game in the first round of the playoffs on March 5.

The Baker girls JV team played the Powder Valley varsity on Saturday, Feb. 5, in the Baker gym. The Badgers won, 35-29.

Oregon holds off Utah's late rally, wins 80-77

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Will Richardson made five 3-pointers and finished with 25 points and Oregon held off Utah for an 80-77 victory on Saturday night, Feb. 5.

Utah used a 13-4 run, capped by a pair of Rollie Worster free throws, to pull to 78-77 with 7.6 seconds remaining. Eric Williams Jr. then heaved the ensuing inbounds past midcourt to Jacob Young, who caught the ball in stride and made a layup with 4.5 left. Eli Ballstaedt missed a 3-point attempt at the buzzer.

Oregon (15-7, 8-3 Pac-12) has won nine straight against Utah (9-15, 2-12).

Richardson was 10 of 18 from the floor and had five assists. Young finished with 14 points. De Vion Harmon added 12 points and Quincy Guerrier had 11. Williams had 10 rebounds to go with seven points.

Gabe Madsen scored 19 points and made five 3-pointers to lead Utah, which had ended a program-record 10-game losing streak on Thursday night in a 84-59 win over Oregon State. Madsen scored five points in the Utes' final run but also missed three attempts from long range inside the final minute.

Marco Anthony added 15 points for Utah. Worster finished

with 13 points and Branden Carlson added 11. The Utes missed 20 of 28 3-point attempts and were 15-of-23 shooting (65%) from the free-throw line.

Oregon outscored the Utes 23-13 in the last 10 minutes of the first half for a 43-31 lead. Utah pulled to 56-52 with about 11 minutes left. Williams and Guerrier each made a 3-pointer during a 15-5 run that stretched the Ducks' lead to 71-57 with 5:26 remaining.

Oregon will look for its fourth consecutive victory when it plays Stanford on Thursday, Feb. 10, to begin a three-game homestand.



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