

GREATER OREGON LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL ALL-LEAGUE TEAMS

Five Baker players on all-league teams

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Baker was well-represented on the Greater Oregon League boys basketball all-star teams.

Three Bulldogs were named to the first team, and two earned second-team honors.

Baker's first-team selections were freshman Isaiah Jones and sophomores Paul Hobson and Hudson Spike.

The two other first-team players are both from La Grande — senior Brady Hutchins and junior Sam Tsiatsos.

Bulldogs on the second team are freshmen Jaron Long and Jaxon Logsdon. Other second-team picks are La Grande juniors Logan Williams and Jace Schow, and Ontario junior Tyce Helmick.

The league's player of the year was Devin Bell, a senior from La Grande. Coach of the year was La Grande's Mark Carollo.



Baker's Jaron Long goes up for a shot against Fruitland on Jan. 6, 2022, in the Baker gym. Long had 23 points and his teammate and fellow freshman Isaiah Jones (far right) had 31 points to lead the Bulldogs to a 70-53 win at Crook County on Jan. 8.



Baker's Hudson Spike leaps to block a shot by La Grande's Jace Schow on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022, in the Baker gym.



Baker's Jaxon Logsdon looks for an open teammate against Vale on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022, in the Baker gym.

BAKER SOFTBALL

Bulldogs sweep Heppner/Ione to start season

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A late arrival kept the Baker softball team from taking any pregame batting practice before its season opener, but it didn't affect the Bulldogs' bats.

Baker scored three runs in the first inning on Thursday, March 17, at Heppner, and the Bulldogs went on to sweep Heppner/Ione in a double-header.

Baker rallied in the last inning with six runs to win the opener 13-10.

There was no such drama in the nightcap as the Bulldogs dominated from the start, winning 16-0 behind Kaycee Cuzick's no-hitter in the circle and her pair of home runs. Makayla Rabourne also had a homer.

"I'm extremely happy with our hitting," Baker coach Sonny Gulick said. "Right out of the gate."

Baker batters had just four strikeouts, compared with 12 for Heppner/Ione.

After taking the early 3-0 lead, Baker fell behind 8-3 after four innings. The Bulldogs narrowed the lead to 8-6, but Heppner/Ione scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth to go up 10-6. Baker scored a single run in the sixth before the game-winning rally in the seventh.

Freshman Oakley Anderson, playing her first high school game, had the key hit during the rally with a bases-loaded double on a drive that went over the leftfielder's head.

"It was great," Gulick said.

He said all three of Baker's pitchers "did a great job" in the game. Teygan Coley started and went four innings, striking out six. Freshman Brooklyn Rayl threw the fifth inning, and Cuzick held Heppner/Ione scoreless as Baker rallied for the win in the final two innings.

Kiley Jo Aldrich went 2 for 3 with an RBI, Rabourne was 2 for 4 with 2 RBI, Coley was 3 for 4 with RBI, and Ashlyn Dalton 1 for 3 with 2 RBI.

In the second game Baker had an even better start, scoring seven runs in the top of the first.

That was more than enough for Cuzick, who struck out nine in four innings and gave up only one walk in the complete game win.

Rabourne drove in four runs, and Cuzick three. Aldrich and Sydney Fry each had two RBIs, and Coley went 2 for 3 with 3 RBIs.

With juniors Taylor Gyllenberg and Skylar Roy still recovering from injuries they sustained during the Class 4A state basketball tournament last weekend, Gulick pressed multiple freshmen into starting roles.

He said Dalton played an error-free doubleheader at shortstop.

"That makes a pitcher feel good when you've got that kind of support behind you," Gulick said.

He said junior Kaci Anderson, who caught both games, did a great job.

The team's lone senior, Emrie Os-

GAME ONE	
Baker	3 0 0 0 3 1 6—13
Hepp./Ione	0 0 2 6 2 0 0—10
GAME TWO	
Baker	7 0 0 0 9—16
Hepp./Ione	0 0 0 0 0—0

born, also had a solid start to the season.

"She always brings great energy to the dugout," Gulick said.

Gulick, who is an assistant girls basketball coach and missed most of last week due to the state tournament, credited assistant coaches Roy Cuzick, Taylor Gulick and Gussie Cook, and volunteer Stephanie Petrucci, with getting the Bulldogs ready for the season.

Baker is now off until March 29, when the Bulldogs have their home opener against Marsing at 5 p.m. at the Baker Sports Complex.

Local players picked for Shrine Game

Baker running back Gauge Bloomer and Powder Valley quarterback Reece Dixon have been picked for the East team for the annual East-West Shrine All-Star Football Game set for Aug. 6, 2022, at Baker Bulldog Memorial Stadium.

Baker lineman Alex Ritter was chosen as an alternate for the East team.

The game, featuring some of Oregon's top graduating seniors from Class 1A through Class 4A teams, is a major fundraiser for the Shriners Hospital for Children in Portland.

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