

BAKER TRACK AND FIELD AT LA GRANDE INVITATIONAL

Baker boys, girls both place 2nd

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Baker's track and field teams had another strong meet, with both the girls and boys placing second at the La Grande Invitational on Friday, April 8.

The boys had 73 points, behind Pendleton's 152.

The Baker girls amassed 95.5 points, trailing only Pendleton with 122.5.

"Our weather was less than ideal, having said that our athletes did a great job of focusing on what they have control of — themselves," Baker coach Suzy Cole said. "As a team both the boys and girls competed really well. Our depth in all events is helping out in these bigger meets."

On the girls side, Emma Baeth was a two-time individual winner, finishing first in both the 800 and 1,500 races. Her time of 5:09 in the 1,500 was just off her personal record.

Baeth also ran the anchor leg as Baker won the 4x400 relay, joining Anna Belding, Brooklyn Jaca and Sofia Hanson.

Cole said Emma Timm had a "breakout meet," placing third in the 800 and, running for the first time in the 1,500, placing fourth behind teammates Baeth and Sydney Lamb, who was third.

"As her confidence grows, she grows," Cole said of Timm. Lamb also placed fifth in the 800.

Freshman Sofie Kaaen was second in the 3,000 and fourth in the pole vault.

Ryann Paulsen was second in the javelin with a throw of 103 feet, 5 inches, a solid mark given the strong crosswind, Cole said.

Baker placed second in the 4x100 relay with a quartet of Anna Belding, Liliee Henry, Jayden Whitford and Alexis Conant.

Boys

Dash Bloomer finished third in the javelin — a personal best despite the wind — and triple jump, and Reeve Damschen

was third in the pole vault.

Mike Gentry was fourth in the discus and shot put.

"Mike Gentry continues to get stronger all the time," Cole said.

Malaki Myer was fourth in the 400, and followed in order by teammates Angel DeArcos, Wyatt Hawkins and Diego Quintela.

Myer, DeArcos and Quintela all had personal bests, Cole said.

Baker swept the two relays. In the 4x400, Thaddeus Pepera, Quintela, Hawkins and DeArcos won in 3:44.86.

The 4x100 team — Hawkins, Kayden Garvin, Quintela and Myer as the anchor — finished in 46.43.

Cole said Peyton Waters ran well in both the 800 and 1,500.

"He is really coming on," she said. "When he realized the potential he has, he can get much better."

Baker will compete in the Buck Track Invite Classic on Friday, April 15, at Pendleton High School.

Powder Valley and Pine Eagle

In the boys side of the meet, Powder Valley was ninth and Pine Eagle 14th.

Powder Valley's Reece Dixon was first in the long jump and third in the 100. Teammate Kaden Krieger was second in the high jump.

Pine Eagle's Caleb Brown placed second in the 1,500.

Among the girls, Pine Eagle placed 13th, led by Ella Randall's first-place finish in the shot put.

Individual results

BOYS

100

Reece Dixon (PV), 3rd, 11.73; Kaden Krieger (PV), 5th, 11.83; Josh Hunt (PE), 22nd, 12.55; Gaige Birmingham, 29th, 12.84; Tom Gregg (PV), 36th, 13.15; James Denson (PE), 47th, 13.46; Logan Proffitt (PV), 54th, 13.85; Orrin Cobb (PV), 60th, 14.15; Giovanni Cartwright (PE), 61st, 14.16; Haven Olson, 69th, 14.96; Max Thomas (PE), 76th, 16.25



Davis Carbaugh/The Observer

Baker's Emma Baeth won the 800 and 1,500 races at the La Grande Invitational on Friday, April 8, 2022.

200

Malaki Myer, 9th, 24.62; Wyatt Hawkins, 11th, 24.78; Cole Morgan (PE), 15th, 25.16; Kayden Garvin, 16th, 25.31; Angel DeArcos, 20th, 25.52; Gaige Birmingham, 24th, 25.75; Josh Hunt (PE), 29th, 26.00; Reid Davis (PE), 34th, 26.87; James Denson (PE), 35th, 26.98; Trace Gover (PE), 44th, 27.98; Casey Vaughan (PV), 55th, 28.79; Orrin Cobb (PV), 58th, 29.54; Giovanni Cartwright (PE), 62nd, 30.33; Allen Bedolla (PV), 63rd, 30.48; Haven Olson, 66th, 32.54

400

Malaki Myer, 4th, 55.14; Angel DeArcos, 5th, 55.22; Wyatt Hawkins, 6th, 55.76; Diego Quintela, 7th, 55.96; Jackson Chandler (PV), 9th, 56.19; Gabriel Brown (PE), 23rd, 1:02.94; Nick Hughes, 33rd, 1:09.80

800

Cooper Gover (PE), 6th, 2:15.15; Peyton Waters, 11th, 2:20.88; Jordan Mills, 14th, 2:22.26; Giacomina Rigueiro, 15th, 2:22.39; Seth Mastrude, 17th, 2:22.78; Sage Darlington, 37th, 2:42.76

1,500

Caleb Brown (PE), 2nd, 4:15.21;



Alex Wittwer/EO Media Group

Powder Valley's Reece Dixon soars to a win in the long jump at the La Grande Invitational track meet on Friday, April 8, 2022.



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Baker's Dash Bloomer throws the javelin during the La Grande Invitational track meet on Friday, April 8, 2022. Bloomer placed third in the event.

Jordan Mills, 10th, 4:46.76; Thaddeus Pepera, 12th, 4:52.24; Hunter Bingham (PV), 4:58.06; Seth Mastrude, 18th, 5:00.87; Peyton Waters, 19th, 5:01.00; Gabriel Brown (PE), 25th, 5:14.39; Karsten

Cikanek, 26th, 5:15.72; Allen Bedolla (PV), 40th, 5:42.87; Sage Darlington, 44th, 5:53.18; Nick Hughes, 46th, 5:56.35

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