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Baker's Kiley Jo Aldrich advances to second base in the bottom of the third inning against Heppner/Ione on April 25, 2022.

BAKER SOFTBALL

Bulldogs blank Heppner/Ione

Kaycee Cuzick pitches complete game shutout

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With Kaycee Cuzick dominating in the circle, the Baker softball team blanked Heppner/Ione 5-0 on Monday, April 25, at the Sports Complex, ending a four-game losing streak.

On a day with rain threatening, Cuzick allowed just five hits and struck out 12 Mustang batters. She walked only one.

"Kaycee did a great job in the circle, threw lots of strikes," Baker coach Sonny Gulick said. "She had a 9-pitch inning."

Cuzick threw a first-pitch strike to 19 of the 27 batters she faced, and 70 of her 101 pitches were strikes. She set the Mustangs down in order in the second, third and sixth

Several Heppner/Ione batters bunted to try to reach base, but the Baker defense was solid.

One bunt in the third inning even popped straight to Cuzick's glove for an out.

Baker, which was plagued by errors in losing both games of

a doubleheader to La Grande on April 22, didn't commit an error against Heppner/Ione.

The Mustangs had only one

'That's a team that we handled pretty well earlier in the season and they have clearly gotten a lot better, but I don't think we gave them our best effort today," Gulick said.

Baker opened the season on March 17 by sweeping the Mustangs, 13-10 and 16-0, at Heppner.

In Monday's rematch, Baker had eight hits.

"It was definitely rough at the plate, but we had a few people that had a good day," Gulick said. "Kiley Jo Aldrich had a good game, Brooklyn Rayl hit the ball well and Emrie Osborn did a good job of getting onto base for us."

Aldrich, Baker's leadoff hitter, went 3 for 4, including a double, and drove in one run.

Rayl, batting second, went 2 for 4 with a double and two RBIs. Osborn was 1 for 1 and drew two walks.

Baker took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Aldrich doubled and came home on a wild pitch.

The Bulldogs added another run in the third on Rayl's RBI single, and boosted the lead



Ian Crawford/Baker City Herald Baker's Kaci Anderson swings at a pitch during the Bulldogs' 5-0 win over Heppner/Ione on April 25, 2022, at the Sports Complex.

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to 3-0 on Rayl's RBI double in the fifth.

Baker added two insurance runs in the sixth, the first via an error on Te'ygan Coley's pop up, the second on Aldrich's single.

The Bulldogs return home for a league doubleheader against Mac-Hi on Friday, April 29. First pitch is set for 2 p.m. Baker lost both games of a doubleheader to the Pioneers at Milton-Freewater on April 6, by scores of 10-9 and 11-8.

BAKER BOYS GOLF HOSTS INVITATIONAL

Baker claims individual, team titles

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Baker freshman Isaiah Jones birdied the first two holes and went on to shoot an evenpar round of 70 to win medalist honors at the Baker Invitational boys golf tournament on Monday, April 25, at Quail Ridge Golf Course.

Jones led Baker to the team title. The Bulldogs' top four scores totaled 315 strokes, ahead of runner-up Fruitland, Idaho, at 338, and La Grande in third at 358.

Baker's Jesse Maldonado carded a 76 to place third overall.

Baker's other varsity scores were Kaden Conklin, 82, Gavin Stecher, 87, and Palmer Chandler, 88

Baker coach Mike Long said players took advantage of the dry weather by starting a few minutes earlier than expected with possible rain forecast later in the day.

"Those guys haven't had the best weather, we finally got a little good weather," Long said. "They play out there all the time, so it's not unusual for them to shoot those scores."

Baker competed against eight other teams — Mac-Hi, Weiser, Ontario, Nyssa, Homedale, Fruitland, La Grande and Vale.



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Isaiah Jones hits his tee shot on the 15th hole at Quail Ridge Golf Course during the Baker Invitational on Monday, April 25, 2022.

Burns had three players, one short of a full

Baker had three players in the junior varsity tournament. Owen Higdon had a round of 101, Alex Ritter shot a 107, and Kade Rudi a 127.

Long said Baker has a busy schedule ahead. The girls and boys teams were slated to travel to Walla Walla, Washington, on Wednesday, April 27, the boys have a tournament Friday, April 29, in La Grande, and both boys and girls teams are scheduled to travel to Ontario on May 2.



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