

BAKER TENNIS

Bulldogs top Four Rivers

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Baker swept the boys and girls singles matches and won eight of 12 matches overall against Four Rivers on a cold, windy afternoon Wednesday, April 27, at the Ash Grove courts.

Some matches were canceled due to the chilly conditions, Baker coach Amy Younger said.

In boys singles, Daniel Cunningham soundly defeated Alan Gonzalez 6-0, 6-1.

In the No. 2 boys singles match, Baker's Caleb Hills was almost as dominant in beating Jorge Martinez, 6-1, 6-1.

Ashton LeTourneau split the first two sets against Marcus Grimaldo before finishing strong, winning the match, 6-1, 2-6, 6-0.

Anthony Christopher won a second-set tiebreaker over Eric Torres to complete the boys singles sweep, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3).

Boys doubles had rougher outcomes, with the No. 1 team of Ethan Hills and Jayden Yencopal losing a close match to Keagan Maupin and Koda Alvarez, 7-5, 6-4.

Noah Lien and Weston Downing fell to Carlos Beltran and Mario Gastelum, 6-2, 6-2.

Baker's Lincoln Nemec and Diego Jones-Bedolla prevented a Four Rivers sweep of the boys doubles matches, beating Angel Martinez and Fermin Gonzales, 6-0, 7-5.

In girls singles, Baker's No. 1, Sarah Plummer, lost the first set in a tiebreaker but rallied to beat Erin Hawker, 6-7 (8-6), 6-2, 6-4.

In the No. 2 girls singles, Baker's Isabel Cunningham had little trouble against Mia Clayton, 6-0, 6-2.

In girls doubles, Maya Smith and Olivia Jacoby beat Livi and Adriana Chavez, 6-1, 6-3.

Tristen Tritt and Campbell Vanderwiele faced Clair Robins and Nicole Alvarez, losing a tight match, 6-4, 7-5.

Ruby Warner and Daphne Thomas lost in straight sets to Misha Arocha and Rhaya Alder, 6-0, 6-0.

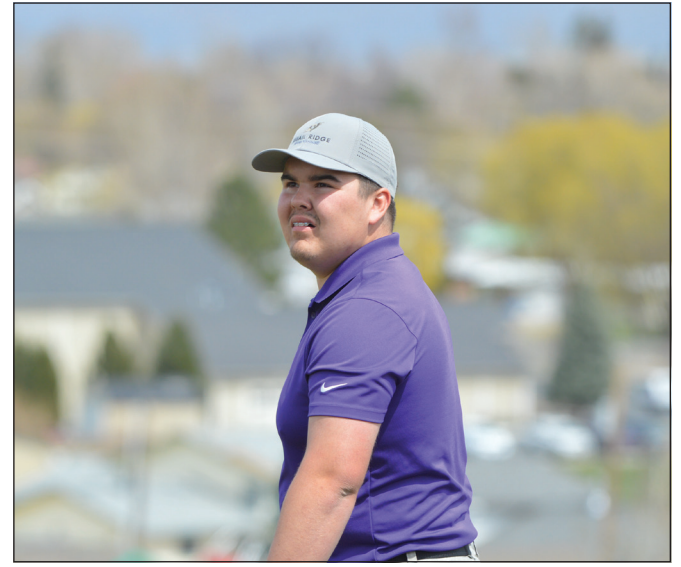


Baker's Ashton LeTourneau won his match in three sets against Marcus Grimaldo of Four Rivers on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at the Ash Grove courts.



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BAKER GOLF AT WALLA WALLA



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Baker's Jesse Maldonado placed third in the individual standings with a round of 76 during the Baker Invitational on Monday, April 25, 2022, at Quail Ridge Golf Course. Maldonado tied for third at the Wine Valley Invitational on Wednesday, April 27, near Walla Walla, Washington.

Baker boys win 2nd straight event

Isaiah Jones medalist again

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For the second time this week the Baker boys golf team brought its A game to the greens, taking the team title at the Wine Valley Invitational on Wednesday, April 27, near Walla Walla, Washington.

Baker's score of 310 strokes for the top four players was the lowest in coach Mike Long's tenure.

The Bulldogs also placed first at the Baker Invitational on April 25 at Quail Ridge.

Freshman Isaiah Jones, who was medalist at the Baker tournament with an even-par round of 70, duplicated that feat at the Wine Valley Invitational, firing another par round, this time a 72 on a course that Long said is difficult.

Fellow freshman Jaxon Logsdon, who also plays baseball for the Bulldogs, was one stroke behind at 73.

Jesse Maldonado shot an 82, tying for third with Jack Lesko of DeSales High School of Walla Walla, the host school.

Kaden Conklin was fourth with an 83.

"I was looking at scores from last year," Long said, "And our guys all dropped from 5 to 25 strokes and still wanted it to be better."

Baker's Gavin Stecher shot a round of 90, and Palmer Chandler carded a 93.

In the team standings, Tri-City Prep was a distant second behind Baker, at 353.

Walla Walla was third at 357. Other teams competing were DeSales, Mac-Hi and St. John.

Although it was a co-ed invitational, just three Baker girls competed, so the Bulldogs didn't have a team score.

Baker's players were tightly grouped, led by Makenna Shamion's round of 119. Gretchen Morgan carded a 120, and Lilly Wilson had a 121.

"The best part about all the golfers is how much they like each other and playing together," Long said. "Most of the girls and boys went out and played golf after the (Baker) tournament Monday."

The Baker boys will travel to Scotch Pines in Payette, Idaho, on Monday, May 2, for the district tournament.

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