

BAKER BASEBALL, SOFTBALL AT DISTRICT 3 ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT

Baker baseball team to play for district title

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BURNS — One Baker Little League all-star baseball team is still in contention for a district championship and a berth in the state tournament.

The Baker minors will play Columbia on Thursday, June 30 at 11:30 a.m. in the District 3 title game at Burns.

The Baker majors girls softball team also advanced to the championship game, losing 11-1 to Hermiston on Wednesday, June 29.

Other results for Baker teams at the district tournament, which started Saturday, June 25:

Baker junior girls

Baker advanced to the championship game on Monday, June 27, losing 8-7 to La Grande in nine innings after beating previously unbeaten La Grande to force a winner-takes-all game.

Baker opened the tournament with a 15-0 win over Grant Union on June 25.

Baker junior boys

Baker placed second, losing 3-2 to La Grande, on a walkoff hit, in the district title game on Monday, June 27.

Earlier, Baker beat Wallowa 11-1



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Baker's junior all-star baseball team placed second in the District 3 tournament this week at Burns.

Baker Nationals (major boys)

Baker lost 16-11 to Harney County on Tuesday, June 28 and was eliminated from the tournament.

Earlier in the tournament, the Nationals beat Pendleton 11-1 in four innings and beat Columbia 2-1 in extra innings.

Baker Americans (major boys)

Baker lost 12-8 to La Grande on Tuesday, June 28 and was eliminated. Earlier, Baker beat Union County 14-8.

Baker minors girls

Baker's tournament run ended with a 19-11 loss to Harney County on Monday,

June 27.
 Team rosters:

Minors baseball

Soren Kaaen, Emmett Petrucci, Wyatt Hansen, Ryker Davis, Welker Benson, Easton Ashby, Turner Jobs, Hoyt Bachman, Ryker Albert, Steven Kaesemeyer, Nolan Simpson, Jace Svedin, Kai Barr.
 Manager: Kris Davis

Minors softball

Afton Albert, Ainsley Schuette, Kinley Downing, Abby Dixon, Ayla Kamerdula, Saherra Hartford, Andie Chamberlain, Raevyn Whitting, Tatum Morgan, Grace McClaughry, Emmy Cripe, McKenzie Moothart, Avery Ellis.
 Manager: Kyle Dixon



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Baker's junior softball all-star team advanced to the championship game at the District 3 tournament in Burns, losing 9-8 to La Grande on Monday, June 27.

Majors softball

Colbi Bachman, Macey Morgan, Jaxyn Ramos, Claire Collier, Paityn Barr, Jocelyn Rayl, Hannah Sullivan, Maylee Martin, Bailey Sangster, Lexi DelCurto, Kodi Miller, Romie Spooner.
 Manager: Jamey Bachman.

Majors baseball Nationals

Beau Briels, Liam Jobs, Bryson Petrucci, Tucker Reid, Landon Marlia, Brand Bingham, Coleman Ingram, Cooper Bain, Tony Govern, Kellar Barr, Ty Price, Ambrose

Rexroad. Manager: Brandon Briels.

Majors baseball Americans

Cy Randall, Gavin Meyers, Joe Warbis, Calder Daniels, Wyatt Carey, Blake Stevens, Brennan Stevens, Joe Chastain, Wyatt Valentine, Mason Radford, Joel Anderson, Judah McBride, Bruin Bloomer.
 Manager: Kenny Keister.

Juniors baseball

Ethan Rayl, Talon Gyllenberg, Clay Stevens, William

O'Connell, Nolan Briels, Andrew Richards, Logan Crawford, Henry Kamerdula, Jake McClaughry, Gerik Orszulak, Xander Rexroad, Cooper Briels.
 Manager: Jason McClaughry.

Juniors softball

Kellee Dixon, Oakley Anderson, Raegan Gulick, Emily Sullivan, Lilly Wilson, Kara Regan, Kaitlyn Dixon, Miriam Tubs, Reagan Ritter, Lea Weston, Jazlyn Culley.
 Manager: Jimmy Sullivan.

TENNIS

Serena Williams loses at Wimbledon in 1st match in a year

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer
WIMBLEDON, England — Serena Williams began — and ended — her comeback at Wimbledon after 364 days out of singles competition looking very much like someone who hadn't competed in just that long. She missed shots, shook her head, rolled her eyes.

In between, there were moments where Williams played very much like someone whose strokes and will have carried her to 23 Grand Slam titles.

She hit blistering serves and strokes, celebrated with arms aloft.

Returning to the site of her last singles match, which she had to stop after less than a set because of an injury on June 29, 2021, and seven of her major championships, the 40-year-old Williams came within two points of victory. But she could not finish the job against an opponent making her Wimbledon debut and bowed out with a 7-5, 1-6, 7-6 (10-7) loss to 115th-ranked Harmony Tan of France on Tuesday, June 28.

"It's definitely better than last year," Williams said. "That's a start."

Asked whether this might have been her last match, Williams replied: "That's a question I can't answer. I don't know. ... Who knows? Who knows where I'll pop up?"

With her older sister, Venus, jumping out of a guest box seat at Centre Court to celebrate the best points, Serena Williams was oh-so-close to pulling out a topsy-turvy match that lasted 3 hours, 11 minutes and was contested with the retractable roof shut for the

last two sets.

"For my first Wimbledon, it's: Wow. Just wow," said the 24-year-old Tan, who recalled watching Williams on TV as a youngster.

"When I saw the draw, I was really scared," Tan said with a laugh, "because it's Serena Williams. She's a legend. I was like, 'Oh, my God, how can I play?'"

This is one indication of how things were at the get-go: Of Tan's first 11 points, only one came via a winner she produced. Others came via errors by

Williams, either forced or unforced.

While Williams — who wore two pieces of black tape on her right cheek; the reason was not immediately clear — recovered from dropping the opening two games to lead 4-2, she reversed course again and allowed Tan to quickly climb back into that set with her mix of spins and slices.

When Tan pulled even at 4-all by striking a down-the-line backhand winner, she celebrated with a yell; that shot was so good that even Williams felt compelled to applaud.

Taylor

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Bill grew up in Fossil, in Wheeler County.

"Every Saturday night we'd rope steers," he said.

Colleen grew up in Pendleton — the place of a certain well-known rodeo.

"I worked at the Pendleton Round-Up," she said. "It's a family — you make friends, and you're friends forever."

The Taylors, who have been married 51 years, met at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton.

"She asked me out," Bill says with a smile.

They moved often with Bill's job as track inspector with Union Pacific Railroad, but settled just outside of Haines in the late 1980s.

At that point, the Stampede, a Haines tradition which dates to 1915, wasn't happening.

In 1990, a group of volunteers decided to resurrect the July event. The first rodeo, in the Stampede's current location on the east side of Highway 30 just south of Haines, happened in 1991.

"Enough people showed an interest to get organized and start doing the rodeo again," Bill said.

In the ensuing three decades he has served as president, vice president, and as a board member. He's currently the historian, and is helping develop an exhibit about the Stampede at the Eastern Oregon Museum in Haines.

Colleen has been the rodeo's treasurer for about 20 years.

After its revival, the rodeo was only one day, on July 4. It soon expanded to two days, and is now scheduled every year for July 3 and 4.

It is an open show, which means both amateurs and professionals can enter.

"That's fun — you don't know who's coming out of the chute next," Colleen said.

When the rodeo first expanded to two days, the action was held during the day.

"But it's hay season," Colleen said. "So we added a night show."

The first day, Sunday, July 3, has slack at 9 a.m. and the rodeo starts at 5 p.m. All tickets sold that night are donated to the Shriners Children's Hospital in Portland.

On Monday, July 4, the rodeo starts at 1:30 p.m. — after the Fourth of July festivities in

Haines, which include a fun run, breakfast, parade, barbecue and art in the park.

Rodeo admission is \$10 adults and \$5 for ages 5-10.

The holiday culminates with a fireworks show at 10 p.m. funded by the Friends of Haines.

Rodeo work

Bill retired 11 years ago after 38 years with Union Pacific.

Colleen retired 10 years ago from working at US Bank.

They spend a lot of hours at the rodeo grounds, or working on rodeo business.

"We wonder how we got all this done when we were working," Colleen said with a laugh.

But they are quick to recognize the many, many volunteers who make the Stampede possible.

"We have a good group of volunteers," Bill said. "The whole group works at something year-round."

And there is always something to work on — this year, the arena has a new, elevated

area accessible to wheelchairs.

That project happened with lots of volunteers and donations, Bill said.

"There aren't many people in this valley we can't call if we need something," he said. "There are a lot of people who are willing to step up and make things happen."

Numerous banners showcase sponsors that support the rodeo.

"This arena, the whole thing, is full of banners," Colleen said. "We have a great community."

The rodeo pays out, on average, \$43,000 to participants.

"We write all the checks the day of the Fourth," Colleen said. "Hopefully they spend some of it here."

"Our whole intent is to enhance the city of Haines," Bill said.

Any improvements to the grounds are funded by the Demolition Derby, which happens Aug. 6 at the rodeo grounds.

And there are always proj-

ects that need funded. "We're already thinking of next year's projects," Bill said.

"There are a lot of things in the works," Colleen, the treasurer,

smiles at that, and adds: "We'll see how the budget goes."



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