

BAKER FOOTBALL

Bulldogs dominate Vale Vikings, 33-14

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Baker's response to its first loss on the young football season was emphatic.

The Bulldogs traveled to Vale on Friday, Sept. 16 and dominated the Vikings from the start.

Baker, coming off a 41-14 loss to Homedale, Idaho, on Sept. 9, led 20-0 at halftime and cruised to a 33-14 win to improve to 2-1 on the season.

Junior quarterback Paul Hobson was involved in each of Baker's first four touchdowns.

After a scoreless first quarter, Hobson scored on a 5-yard rush early in the second quarter and Baker led 7-0.

Hobson then found one of his favorite targets, wide receiver and fellow junior Hudson Spike, for a pair of touchdown passes, from 13 and 30 yards, to extend the lead to 20-0.

Baker then opened the third quarter with another Hobson scoring toss, this one to freshman Rasean Jones from 18 yards, to lead 27-0.

"We played pretty well for the most part," Baker coach Jason Ramos said. "We threw the ball well again. Paul had another good game, making great throws and our guys were catching the ball and making plays."

Hobson finished 17 for 25 passing

for 225 yards with the three touchdowns and no interceptions.

Spike had seven catches for 115 yards. Jones had five grabs for 50 yards, junior Malaki Myer had three catches for 24 yards, and senior Tate Powell caught two passes for 27 yards.

"We got off to a slow start, maybe a little sloppy with some execution, offensively," Ramos said. "But once we got going, we got that momentum late in the first quarter, then maintained that through the second quarter, we were able to drive the ball and score."

Ramos said Baker still needs to improve its running game.

Sophomore Jaxon Logsdon led the Bulldogs with 57 yards on 15 carries. Junior Kayden Garvin had 18 yards on seven carries, including a 3-yard touchdown run in the third quarter that gave Baker a 33-7 lead.

On defense the Bulldogs kept Vale scoreless until late in the third quarter.

The Vikings actually outgained Baker, 324 yards to 309, but Vale gained many of its yards after the game was all but decided. Baker held the Vikings to six of 15 on third-down conversions, and more import-



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Baker quarterback Paul Hobson carries the ball against Vale on Friday, Sept. 16, 2022.

ant, the Bulldogs forced three turnovers.

"Defense played pretty well, they pretty much were able to make Vale work pretty hard to get what they got in the second half," Ramos said.

Myer had one interception in the first half which he returned to the Vale 30 to set up a Baker touchdown. Hobson and senior David Shaw had the other interceptions.

"Defense stepped up when they needed to," Ramos said.

The Bulldogs not only regained momentum after the loss to

Homedale, but they avenged a 34-13 loss to Vale in October 2021.

Baker returns to the road for its final nonleague game, traveling to Ontario on Friday, Sept. 23.

The Tigers, formerly a Greater Oregon League opponent, have left the league for football this fall, along with Mac-Hi.

Ontario is 2-1, with wins over Caldwell (48-28) and Mac-Hi (57-8) sandwiched around a loss to La Grande (62-30).

Ramos said a goal this week is to have more players ready to contrib-

ute against Ontario.

"That's going to be an emphasis this week, getting more guys on the field, giving the other guys a break," he said.

Baker begins its schedule in the newly constituted GOL on Friday, Sept. 30, traveling to La Grande for a 7 p.m. kickoff at Community Stadium.

The Bulldogs return to Baker Bulldog Memorial Stadium for the first time in almost a month, playing host to The Dalles, one of the new league members, on Friday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Ducks roll past No. 12 BYU, extending streak

BY ANNE M. PETERSON

Associated Press

EUGENE — Bo Nix likened himself to a point guard for Oregon.

He certainly scored like one. Nix threw for two touchdowns and ran for three more to lead No. 25 Oregon to a 41-20 victory over No. 12 BYU on Saturday, Sept. 17.

The victory extended Oregon's winning streak at Autzen Stadium to 21 games, the third-longest in the nation.

Nix, a transfer from Auburn, completed 13 of 18 passes for 222 yards and ran for 35 yards on nine carries. Terrance Ferguson caught both of Nix's touchdown passes and finished with 24 yards receiving.

"I felt like I didn't do anything different, just went out there and played the game, let it come to me," Nix said. "At the end of the day I'm a point guard, with some great positions around me, great skill players. So my job is kind of easy: Knowing what to do with the ball, knowing who to give the ball to, and then letting those guys do their thing."

Jaren Hall threw for 305 yards and two scores for BYU (2-1), which was coming off a big win at home over then-No. 9 Baylor that moved the Cougars up nine spots in the AP Top 25. They struggled on the ground against the Ducks, mustering just 61 rushing yards.

"We just didn't play as good as we should have starting off. Had a good first play, had some momentum, just didn't finish the drive, and just kind of let things get out of hand offensively the next couple of drives," Hall said.

The Ducks (2-1) rebounded from a season-opening loss to Georgia with a 70-14 win at home over Eastern Washington last weekend.

Nix ran two yards for a

touchdown to give the Ducks an early lead. Camden Lewis added a 28-yard field goal to give Oregon a 10-0 lead after the opening quarter.

Isaac Rex hauled down a pass from quarterback Jaren Hall for a 28-yard BYU touchdown early in the second. Oregon answered on the next drive when Nix found Troy Franklin with a 50-yard pass to get close, then ran on another 2-yard keeper to make it 17-7.

Nix fired a 15-yard TD pass to Ferguson in the end zone to give Oregon a 24-7 lead heading into halftime. Nix added a 6-yard keeper early in the second half and found Ferguson for a 9-yard scoring pass to make it 38-7.

Ty Thompson replaced Nix late in the third quarter.

BYU closed to within 38-14 on Hall's 18-yard scoring pass to Kody Epps — Epps' first touchdown as a Cougar.

BYU intercepted Thompson on the Oregon 30 and were helped by a pass interference call, leading to Hall's 2-yard scoring pass to Chris Brooks. A 2-point conversion attempt failed.

Nix returned on Oregon's next series and the drive was capped by Lewis' 25-yard field goal to cap scoring.

"One of my past coaches told me that pressure is a privilege, and so I've really taken that to heart, and there's nothing more true in my opinion," Nix said. "When you have a lot of pressure it means that people believe in you, people believe you can do it, or you wouldn't have pressure at all."

UP NEXT

BYU: The Cougars host Wyoming next Saturday, Sept. 24.

Oregon: The Ducks visit Washington State next Saturday, Sept. 24.

Beavers down Montana State, 68-28

PORTLAND (AP) — Chance Nolan threw for 276 yards and four touchdowns and Oregon State remained undefeated with a 68-28 victory over Montana State at Portland's Providence Park on Saturday night, Sept. 17.

Anthony Gould caught a pair of touchdown passes and returned a punt for another score for the Beavers, who are 3-0 to open the season for the first time since 2014.

"It was fun," Gould said. "But it's even better when you get to enjoy it with your team. Getting a quality team win, it's fun to be able to go out there and get it."

Providence Park is normally home to Major League Soccer's Portland Timbers and the Portland Thorns of the National Women's Soccer League. Oregon State hadn't played in Portland since 1986.

Montana State is using a two-quarterback system this season, with Tommy Mellott and Wyoming transfer Sean Chambers. Mellott threw for 101 yards with three interceptions, while running for 135 yards. Chambers ran for 35 yards and three touchdowns.

The Bobcats (2-1) — who haven't defeated an FBS team since 2006, when they beat current Pac-12 member Colorado 19-10 — were coming off a 63-13 victory over Morehead State in Bozeman.

"We wanted to come in here and compete, and we didn't do that," Montana State coach Brent Vigen said.

Deshawn Fenwick gave the Beavers the early lead with a 25-yard scoring run up the middle. Montana State answered with Chambers' 7-yard keeper on the

Bobcats' first series of the game.

Nolan hit Tre'Shaun Harrison with a 6-yard scoring pass to give the Beavers a 14-7 lead.

Mellott was intercepted on Montana State's subsequent drive and Oregon State took advantage, scoring on Nolan's 1-yard keeper. But Marqui Johnson scored for the Bobcats on a 98-yard kickoff return to close the gap to 21-14.

Silas Bolden scored for the Beavers on a 24-yard pass from Nolan midway through the second quarter. Nolan added a 9-yard scoring pass to Gould to make it 34-14 going into halftime.

Gould returned a punt 80 yards for a touchdown early in the second half.

Chambers had an 8-yard run to close the gap to 40-21, but Damien Martinez ran for a 7-yard score and Gould caught a 17-yard TD pass from Nolan to extend the lead to 54-21.

Jam Griffin ran for 23 yards for another Oregon State touchdown early in the fourth quarter, after the Beavers pulled many of their starters.

Chambers added a 1-yard keeper for the Bobcats with 7:55 left but Kanoa Shannon ran for a 3-yard Beavers touchdown in the

final minutes.

"The multiple quarterback thing is not easy, especially when they're capable of really throwing it," Oregon State coach Jonathan Smith said. "And some of the stuff they were giving us was unique in regards to motion from the backfield. But we're going to continue to face good quarterbacks and we've got to be ready for it."

UP NEXT

Montana State: The Bobcats visit Eastern Washington next Saturday, Sept. 24.

Oregon State: The Beavers host the USC Trojans next Saturday night, Sept. 24.

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