

Baker a true leader on and off the court

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Senior Korina Baker has been on the court since she can remember. Baker has been playing basketball for the last 16 years of her life.

"My dad was a basketball fanatic and he passed it on down to me," said Baker. "Ever since I started, I have looked up to my big sister Melissa, who first played at Wyoming Junior College and then got a scholarship to Black Hills University in South Dakota."

"It has always been a goal of mine to play basketball in college," said Baker. Baker plans on attending North Idaho College in hopes of playing basketball for them.

Baker said that not just one person has contributed to her success more than another.

"I can't say anyone has in particular," said Baker. "It's a team sport. Basketball is a team effort. In order to go all the way to the championship, we need every drop of our ocean. It's important for us all to stay motivated and keep focused on the prize."

The love of the game is what keeps her playing.

"I love the team work, the excitement and the adrenaline rush I get every game," said Baker.



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"She is able to see the floor like no other player her age," said Coach Ashlee Taylor. "The

passes she makes even surprise her teammates. Korina is an outstanding, smart basketball player. She has been a great attribute to this team and it wouldn't be the same without her."

Not only does Baker's coach talk highly of her, but so do her teammates.

"Korina's best qualities when it comes to basketball are her smokin' three pointers, positive attitude, and her ability to kick all of our butts," said teammate Chelsa Ayers. "She plays with a serious intensity that ensures that she'll get the job done."

To see Freeman girls' basketball team, you can check the basketball schedule. The games this year are played at the HUB due to construction.

Boys basketball plans to shoot for state

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After getting off to a rocky 1-3 start to the season, the Freeman boys rattled off 10 consecutive wins en route to going undefeated in the NEA and earning the league title.



Photo courtesy Pia Longinotti

Taylor Vold holds off defender

They are 15-4 over all. Next up for the boys: making it back to the state tournament. "We cer-

tainly want to finish the season on a high note, which would mean we were undefeated in league play," said coach Bill Bland. "Another season goal was to allow less than 40 points a game defensively. We are currently allowing just over 40 points per game."

This season, the boys had outstanding contributions from all twelve players, including the five seniors members of the team. Taylor Vold led the team in scoring, Peter Heinen was the leading rebounder, Dylan Maine led in assists, and Chase Watson and Jered



Photo courtesy Pia Longinotti
Cameron Duckett looks for a pass.

Hinch led the team in points in the paint. The younger members of the team also had great contributions this season. Sophomore Cody Unfred added timely scoring and great defensive play. In addition, junior Cameron Duckett was a great defensive stopper. Freshman point guard, Kellen Miller, played more minutes than any other freshman in the league, and junior Tyler Hjalta-lin gave the team quality minutes as an offensive threat and defensive stopper. Sophomore Mitchell Vander Linden also contributed to the team at the defensive end.

"Congrats to these boys, and thanks to all those who supported us without a home

court," added coach Bland. "Thanks to the cheer squad and the band, who really transformed the HUB into our home away from home. We couldn't have done it without you!"



Photo courtesy Pia Longinotti

Chase Watson scores 2 points in district championship.

Sophomore wrestler leads team through leadership, experi-

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Sophomore Taylor Glidewell is a gifted wrestler. He has placed in the upper third of his weight class, able to compete with anyone he wrestles. His next challenge is to beat the best kids in his weight class competing the highest level, where coach Ripke thinks he has the ability to do well.

His record this season is 16-8. At both the Davenport tournament and the Freeman Invite, he placed 2nd, and at the Tri-County tournament, he took 1st. Glidewell is currently ranked 12th in State at 145lbs.

"He has a good attitude, works hard, has become the leader of this team, and is looking to improve his abilities eve-

ryday," said coach Chad Ripke. "In wrestling you have to bring it everyday. You can't just show up when you want, or you will find yourself losing to kids you shouldn't."

"I have been wrestling for six years," said Glidewell. "My goals this year are basically to make it to state and hopefully to win it. Wrestling helps me a lot with becoming stronger and getting confident, and helps to teach discipline."

Glidewell is one of the best wrestlers in the league at his weight, which makes him a serious contender. He is one of the five wrestlers from of our district to advance to regionals in Tonasket. Last year, Glidewell was one of four wrestlers from regionals advance to state at the Tacoma Dome.

"Glidewell has been taking strides in the right direction as the season has progressed," said Ripke. "He has to compete with the big boys at his weight class because if he wants to get to State, which I know he does, he will have to beat some real tough competition. I think that he has a shot to make it, but he

will have to continue to improve throughout the season."

With Glidewell, our wrestling team has a good and experienced leader. Hopefully, we will see Glidewell return from state with a Championship under his belt.



Photo courtesy of Michael Harryman

Glidewell and the Scotties cheer on a teammate.

Winter Olympics take up Vancouver in a storm

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The 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics are just taking off. With two days down, there are only 15 to go. So far the USA has won

The U.S. team looks to be tough competition this year. Lindsey Vonn (Alpine Skiing) is said to be one of the most talented women to hit the slopes. Vonn is the only American to have won two World Cup overall titles. Shaun White (Snowboard Halfpipe) is still the world's best on the halfpipe. He is the favorite to take the gold.

Lindsey Jacobellis (Snowboard Cross) won the silver medal in Women's Snowboard Cross's Olympics debut. This year she is expected to steal the gold back. Apolo Anton Ohno (Short-Track Speed Skating) has won five Olympic medals over his

career: two gold, and one silver, two bronze. Evan Lysacek (Figure Skating) became the first American in 13 years to win the men's title at the 2009 World Figure Skating Champi-



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The opening ceremony on Friday, February 12th in Vancouver, Canada.

onship. Lysacek is expected to come home with a medal. Mark Grimmette & Brian Martin (Luge) captured bronze in the '98 Games and silver in 2002. They are the two oldest mem-

bers of the U.S team. Tanith Belbin & Ben Agosto (Figure Skating Ice dancing), are another duo to watch. Belbin and Agosto made history in 2006, earning the United States' first

Olympic medal in ice dancing since 1976. Shani Davis (Speed Skating) in 2006 he was the first black athlete to win a gold medal in an individual Winter Games sport. Bode Miller (Alpine Skiing) is a two-time World Cup overall champion, four-time World Champion and two-time Olympic

medalist. Hannah Teter (Snowboarding Halfpipe) was the 2006 Olympic gold medalist. She is expected to take the podium this year. Katie Uh-

laender (Skeleton) won the women's Skeleton World Cup title twice. Gretchen Bleiler (Snowboard Halfpipe) won four of the five US Olympic halfpipe qualifiers and is also a three-time X Games gold medalist. She took silver in the 2006 Olympics. John Shuster (Curling) helped Team USA claim bronze in Torino and has also helped the team move up the ranks of the World Championships since 2003. Jay Hakkinen (Biathlon) is making his fourth Olympic appearance. His highest finish to date is 9th. The biathlon is a combination of cross-country and riflery.

For those who want to watch it from home NBC, Universal Sports, USA Network, CNBC, MSNBC, and on the Radio: Westwood One will all be covering the Winter Olympics. For medal counts visit the official Vancouver Olympics website at www.vancouver2010.com.

NCAA Men’s Basketball — Top

AP Poll

1. Kansas (61) 26-1 1,621
2. Kentucky (4) 26-1 1,559
3. Purdue 23-3 1,470
4. Syracuse 25-2 1,455
5. Duke 23-4 1,323
6. Kansas State 22-4 1,302
7. Villanova 22-4 1,189
8. West Virginia 21-5 1,183
9. Ohio State 21-7 1,097
10. New Mexico 25-3 997
11. Georgetown 18-7 846
12. Pittsburgh 21-6 806
13. Brigham Young 25-3 795
14. Michigan State 21-7 794
15. Butler 25-4 673
16. Vanderbilt 20-6 599
17. Wisconsin 20-7 528
18. Gonzaga 22-5 506
19. Tennessee 20-6 480
20. Temple 22-5 452
21. Texas 21-6 445
22. Texas A&M 19-7 225
23. Richmond 22-6 202
24. Baylor 20-6 147
25. Northern Iowa 24-3 128

ESPN/USA Today Poll

1. Kansas (30) 26-1 774
2. Kentucky (1) 26-1 745
3. Purdue 23-3 697
4. Syracuse 25-2 682
5. Duke 23-4 654
6. Kansas State 22-4 613
7. West Virginia 21-5 571
8. Villanova 22-4 556
9. Ohio State 21-7 461
10. Butler 25-4 446
11. Brigham Young 25-3 430
12. New Mexico 25-3 413
13. Georgetown 18-7 392
14. Michigan State 21-7 373
15. Gonzaga 22-5 322
16. Pittsburgh 21-6 319
17. Tennessee 20-6 294
18. Temple 22-5 232
19. Wisconsin 20-7 216
20. Vanderbilt 20-6 212
21. Texas 21-6 177
22. Northern Iowa 24-3 119
23. Texas A&M 19-7 88
24. Richmond 22-6 76
25. UTEP 20-5 37

Freeman wrestling takes long strides

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Freeman’s wrestling team went above and beyond this year. Sophomores comprise this whole team. Despite being so young, they had a great season.

“Warren Schuster and Austin Smith-Bartlett made big strides from last year and have fought off the injury bug all year,” said Coach Chad Ripke.

The biggest challenge for the team has been the small amount of kids that turned out, but just because there is a small number doesn’t mean that there was little talent.

Sophomore Taylor Glidewell finished the regular season at 22 - 11 and sophomore Joseph Schweiger closed the season at 20- 13. Both Glidewell and Schweiger are looking for spots at state.

“Both will have to wrestle very well and not have a bad day or even match, because only the top 4 advance out of districts to regional’s and also the top 4 advance from regional’s to state,” said Ripke. “Both of those boys are in very competitive weight classes, but have shown they have the potential to compete and even beat some of the wrestlers they will have to beat in order to make it to state.”

Freeman hasn’t earned any team wins this season because the team is so small and they have to forfeit too many matches. They focus on individual matches instead and strive to win each match. Because the

weight on the team is so spread out, it is hard for them to wrestle each other, but the boys have stayed focused.

All six boys qualified to advance to regionals. Dylan Nickerson and Austin Smith Bartlett took 2nd in their weight class at districts. Warren Schuster, Taylor Glidewell, Joseph Schweiger Avery Smetana placed 3rd. Schuster and Schweiger lost their regional matches, while Glidewell and Smetana won theirs. Glidewell and Nickerson went on to finish in 6th place in their respective brackets, but only the top four advanced on to state. They just came up short of a place at state.

“I commend and respect these boys for putting in the time and work they do in the world’s toughest sport,” said Ripke. “I am proud of them and I know that they are proud of the work that they have put in. They are all sophomores so there is a foundation laid for the wrestling team.”

We all wish these boys the best of luck in their future matches and are all very proud of them for doing so well. We commend these boys for sticking through it and giving it their all. We wish them the best of luck in future matches and future years.