

# Sports

## 7-1A DISTRICT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

### Powder Valley girls fall short to 7-1A champs Echo

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The Echo Cougars girls basketball team won the 7-1A District tournament after emerging victorious, by a score of 43-37, over the Powder Valley girls. Echo's road to the final was paved with a resounding 55-25 victory over the Wallowa Cougars. Powder Valley reached the finals after an overtime victory over the Nixyaawii Eagles during Friday's action at Baker High School's Pea-

cock Court. Echo was led through the district tournament by the McCarty sisters. Senior Elizabeth finishing the championship game with 18 points, and little sister Sophomore Hannah adding 10 points. Powder Valley was led in scoring by Sophomore Savannah Stephens with 13 points in the finale

The 7-1A District tournament finished with Echo in first place, Powder Valley second, Wallowa third,

and Nixyaawii fourth. Tournament First Team honors were awarded to Hannah and Elizabeth McCarty of Echo, Sally Mary Blair and Hallie Fiek from Powder Valley, and Charlotte Barkley of Nixyaawii. Second Team honors were given to Lauren Makin and Taylor Harshfield from Wallowa, Sam Kerns of Powder Valley, Kelsey Ranger from Echo, and Desiree Maddern from Nixyaawii.



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Powder Valley Badger Sally Mary Blair takes a jump shot against Echo during the championship game on Baker High School's Peacock Court during the 7-1A girls championship game, Feb. 21.

### Nixyaawii wins 7-1A boys title in battle of the Eagles

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The District 7-1A boys basketball championship game was decided in the second half with the Nixyaawii Eagles clamping down defensively and emerging victorious, by a score of 56-37, over the Joseph Eagles. The tournament was held Feb. 18 through Feb. 21 on Baker High School's Peacock Court.

Nixyaawii, hailing from Pendleton, proved to be too much for Joseph team to handle. Nixyaawii stifled the Joseph offense with an aggressive, extended defense and with deft ball handling skills from Junior guard Hunter

Melton and inside position from big man Senior Elijah Bevis. Bevis finished with 20 points on 10-of-12 shooting and pulled down eight rebounds. Melton contributed 14 points, three assists, and four steals.

Nixyaawii made their way to the championship game by dismantling the Powder Valley Badgers by a score of 90-52. Nixyaawii shot a blistering 58-percent going 36-of-62 in field goals, while the Badgers managed only a 25-percent clip going a cold 19-of-75 for the game.

Isaac Colton led Powder Valley against Nixyaawii with 19 points.

The Powder Valley boys emerged from the 7-1A

District tournament in fourth place.

District 7-1A boys First Team honors were awarded to Hunter Melton and Ira Ashley of Nixyaawii, Jake Chrisman and Cayden DeLury of Joseph, and Wallowa Cougar Caevan Murray.

Second Team honors were awarded to Tivapo Farrow, Freddie Campos, and Elijah Bevis of Nixyaawii, and Sam Beckman and Aaron Borgerding from Joseph.

The 7-1A boys basketball tournament finished with Nixyaawii in first place, Joseph in second, Echo in third, and Powder Valley in fourth place.



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Powder Valley's Cade Browne goes up for a shot over the top of Pine Eagle Spartan Nathan McCall. Powder Valley emerged victorious against Pine Eagle in early tournament action.



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The Powder Valley pep band was presented the Band Trophy, sponsored by Baker City Subway.

### Miller competes in Junior Swim Championship

Submitted by Noel Scottt

Jacob Miller (11) from Baker City, swimming for La Grande Swim Club, attended the 2015 IES Junior Championship swim meet February 13-15. There were 15 teams from

Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Listed below are his results.

- Boys 11-12 200 Yard IM 5 Miller, Jacob N 11 LGSC-IE 2:52.27
- Boys 11-12 50 Yard Free 13 Miller, Jacob N 11 LGSC-IE 32.37
- Boys 11-12 50 Yard Breast 8 Miller, Jacob N

- 11 LGSC-IE 43.63
- Boys 11-12 100 Yard Back 9 Miller, Jacob N 11 LGSC-IE 1:22.81
- Boys 11-12 50 Yard Back 5 Miller, Jacob N 11 LGSC-IE 37.62
- Boys 11-12 50 Yard Fly 7 Miller, Jacob N 11 LGSC-IE 37.54

*The State basketball 1A tournament is March 4-7. Look for future coverage here!*

