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time, but still landed him first place on the team and sixth overall. In the slalom, Keillor took second, just two-tenths of a second behind the first-place finisher: Trevor Maxwell of West Linn who ran a combined two-run time 1:13.17.

But Keillor said the real success of the team this year has been based on its depth and the fast times of the second through fifth spots on the team.

Keillor highlighted Claire Davies, who "stepped up to place 11th overall, and that was huge individually."

He added that the team also saw "big performances" from Patrick Crompton, who won the "Ski Meister" award along with McLean.

Keillor said other performances of note came from Charlie Sutherland, Oskar Anderson, and Nicolette Paulus.

Despite the low snow-pack and warm temperatures, Keillor commented that the "venues were in great shape."

Last year, races were held on the Stadium Express runs, but those slopes were nearly entirely bare last week and the slalom and GS events ran over at Shooting Star.

The conditions certainly didn't affect HRV times, but more than that, Keillor said he was pleased about all the nice comments he received about HRV's sportsmanship, noting that it meant as much to him as the win.

"We achieved a huge goal; it's satisfying," he said. "They're an awesome group of kids and I couldn't be prouder of them."



Photo by Mark Crompton

TROPHY TIME: Members of the HRV ski team pose with trophies and medals that brought back from last week's state championships at Mt. Hood Meadows.

SKI

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events didn't feature many opponents for HRV, but FitzSimons didn't short-change his athletes, mentioning that HRV has "such a good freestyle team, it's a going to be awhile before other schools catch up to our program."

And though competition can be fierce, FitzSimons said he took pride in that the team has been supportive of each other throughout the season.

"I'm proud of that fact that they practiced as a team and performed as a team and they raised the level of each individual on the team," he said.

"They're supportive; they're always cheering for each other," FitzSimons added.

HORIZON

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sists with six, to go along with his 10 points. The senior guard was selected to the second-team all-tourney for his efforts over three games.

"(Jared) had a little rough outing in the semis against Nixy, but he came back and played well here (Saturday)," Lingel said. "In fact, the whole team played well."

As Lingel alluded, the good play by Davis and his teammates in the third-place game was the antithesis of Horizon's performance in Friday's semifinal loss to Nixyaawii. Horizon entered the semifinals with some momentum after a 59-44 victory vs. Crosshill Christian in Wednesday's first round and the knowledge that it already owned two early-season wins against the Eagles. A Thursday day-off gave the Hawks some rest; sophomore reserve guard Ethan Evans took that to the extreme, getting an overnight stay at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center after having his appendix removed.

But it was the Eagles who were surgeon-like the next afternoon, using their quickness to disrupt the Hawk offense and slice through its defense. The upset win nixed what many had anticipated would be a finals showdown between the No. 1-ranked Hawks and No. 2 Country

Christian. Nixyaawii proved an able stand-in for Horizon in the championship, leading much of the game before faltering late in a 61-53 setback.

There was no such faltering in the semifinal. Nixyaawii never trailed, racing to 7-0 and 12-2 first-quarter leads before settling on a 28-15 margin at the half. A Nick Andersen layup cut the Eagle advantage to 32-23 midway through the third quarter, but Nixyaawii closed the period with a 12-5 run to re-assume control.

Andersen, a senior wing, was a bright spot for Horizon. His 30-minute effort included 13 points, 10 rebounds, four steals and three blocks. More importantly, Andersen was in charge of guarding Nixyaawii's burly post Elijah Bevis, helping hold him to 12 points and five rebounds, both well below his season average.

"I felt like if the team needed me to do that, then that was my job," Andersen said of his business-like approach to his assignment. "I was told to do that by the coaching staff - to shut him down. He only scored seven points (when I was guarding him) and that's not very good for him."

Bloomster (13 points, 10 rebounds) added a stat line

similar to Andersen's, but overall, Horizon couldn't overcome 29-percent field-goal shooting and 23 turnovers. Nixyaawii guard Hunter Melton had 16 of his game-high 20 points in the second half, added six steals (of his team's 17) and five assists.

Lingel acknowledged the play of Melton as a key to the Eagles' success, but the Horizon coach chose to dwell on how his team finished, bringing home the third-place trophy for the Hawks at the state tourney. Since 2012, Horizon has finished fifth, first, second, second and now third at state.

"We were able to get the seniors out of the (third-place) game and were able to congratulate them, not only on a great year this year, but on a great four years. This is something they will remember forever," he said. "Overall it was a good win and a good win for the program, as well."

"This group of players hasn't lost very many games in four years. They've helped accomplish some big things, that no other team in the conference has ever accomplished (being a part of four of Horizon's five consecutive district titles)."

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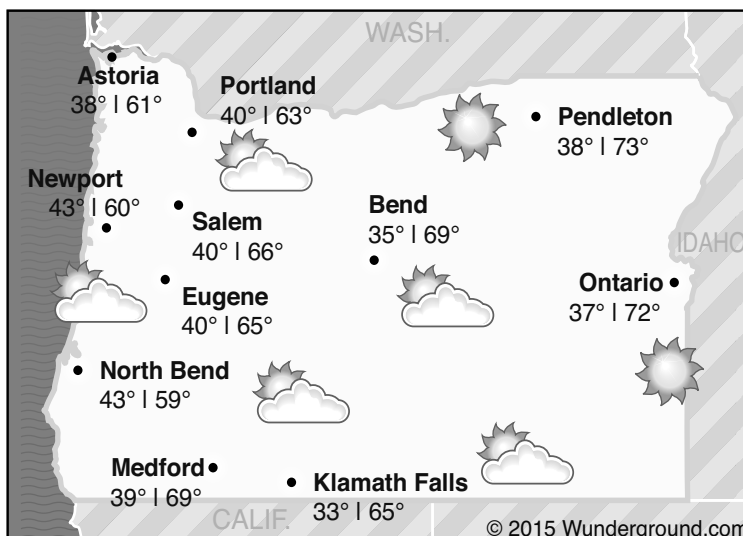
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| Date | Forecast | Daytime / Overnight High / Low (°F) |
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| Today Mar 11 | PM Showers | 61° / 48° |
| Thurs. Mar 12 | Partly Cloudy | 67° / 43° |
| Fri. Mar 13 | Mostly Cloudy | 68° / 49° |
| Sat. Mar 14 | Showers | 61° / 48° |
| Sun. Mar 15 | Rain | 60° / 42° |
| Mon. Mar 16 | Partly Cloudy | 64° / 43° |
| Tues. Mar 17 | Partly Cloudy | 64° / 46° |

Oregon Weather Map



Today's Forecast

Occasional rain. High near 62. Light and variable wind. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Humidity 97%
Wind Speed W 1 G 2 MPH
Barometer NA
Dewpoint 34°F (1°C)
Visibility NA

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Mar 4 - 57/25
Mar 5 - 63/28
Mar 6 - 67/33
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