

1A BIG SKY LEAGUE

Plenty of experienced players return for the teams in the Big Sky, and coaches don't expect the lay of the land to look much different this season than it did a year ago.

Projected Finish

- Sherman
- Dufur
- Horizon Christian
- South Wasco
- Arlington
- Condon/Wheeler
- Ione
- Mitchell/Spray

(Rankings based on coach and media votes)

2015-16 Final Standings

BSL	Conf.	Ovr.
Sherman*	14-0	26-4
S. Wasco*	11-3	22-6
Horizon*	8-6	13-14
Dufur	10-4	14-12
C/W	6-8	10-14
Ione	3-11	4-19
Arlington	2-12	8-17
M/S	2-12	7-16

*made postseason

Arlington Honkers

Head coach: Teren Humphrey, 6th year
Assistant coach: Mark Sumner, 1st year
Returning starters: Anthony Valdez (All-BSL HM), sr.; Shawn Hauner, sr.; Javier Cazares, sr.; Benjamin Evans, sr.; Brett Troutman, jr.
Other returners: Connor Cunningham, sr.; Justin McAninch, so.; TJ Longacre, so.
On offense: Mismatches in personnel will dictate the Honkers' attack.
On defense: The Honkers will run a half-court press.
Newcomers: Andrew Frail, sr.; Diego Valdez, so.; Jacob Shandy, fr.
Humphrey's expectations: "We are looking to improve with every game, and focus on our team and taking care of the things that we can control."
2015-16 finish: 8-17, 2-12 BSL (Arlington lost its last three games of the season and did not qualify for districts.)

2016-17 Schedule

Nov. 30	at Helix	W 42-25
Dec. 2	vs. Delphian	W 55-40
Dec. 3	vs. Horizon Christian	L 51-55
Dec. 8	vs. Pilot Rock (at Umatilla)	3:30 p.m. TBD
Dec. 9	at Umatilla Tourney	TBD
Dec. 10	at Umatilla Tourney	TBD
Dec. 15	vs. The Dalles JV	7 p.m.
Dec. 28	at Country Christian	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 29	vs. Jordan Valley (at C.C.)	TBD
Jan. 6	vs. Mitchell/Spray*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	at South Wasco*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	at Condon/Wheeler*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	vs. Ione*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	at Horizon Christian*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Sherman*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	at Dufur*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	vs. South Wasco*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Mitchell/Spray*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	vs. Horizon Christian*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Ione*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	vs. Condon/Wheeler*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	vs. Sherman*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	vs. Dufur*	5:30 p.m.

*-denotes league game



1A OLD OREGON LEAGUE

Since joining the OOL along with Echo and Helix in 2014-15, Nixyaawii has yet to lose a league game while winning back-to-back conference titles. That's a run the rest of the OOL is eager to halt, and they'll have a shot at it this year after the Golden Eagles were hit hard by graduation. Cove is added to the mix this season.

Projected Finish

- Joseph
- Powder Valley
- Wallowa
- Nixyaawii
- Helix
- Echo
- Cove
- Pine Eagle

(Rankings based on coach and media votes)

2015-16 Final Standings

OOL	Conf.	Ovr.
Nixyaawii*	12-0	27-2
Joseph*	9-3	16-10
Powder Valley*	9-3	17-7
Echo	6-6	9-17
Wallowa	4-8	5-16
Helix	1-11	4-21
Pine Eagle	1-11	2-19

*made postseason

Nixyaawii Golden Eagles

Head coach: Shane Rivera, 5th year
Assistant coaches: Aaron Ashley, 5th year; Alan Crawford, 10th year; Ken Mayfield, 1st year.
Returning starters: Chandler Case, C, sr.
Other returners: Wilbur Oatman, F, jr.; Thomas Bushman, F, jr.; Deven Barkley, F, so.
Newcomers: Anthony Matamoros, F, sr.; Joseph St. Pierre (transfer from Pendleton), G, sr.; Jesse Church, G, sr.; Noah Enright, F, jr.; Shayden Hoisington (transfer from Pilot Rock), F, so.; James Penney, F, so.
On offense: The Golden Eagles are a pick-and-roll based offense.
On defense: Plenty of zone and full court press is in the works.
Rivera's expectations: "We graduated eight seniors, so it would be difficult to match what we have done over the past two seasons. However, with the new kids added to what we have coming back, I still think it's possible for us to be competitive with the top teams in our league this season."
2015-16 finish: 27-2, 12-0 OOL (The Golden Eagles' only loss to a 1A team was to Sherman 74-65 in the state semifinals. They rebounded to take third with an 81-69 win over Damascus Christian.)

2016-17 Schedule

Dec. 2	vs. Days Creek	L 59-28
Dec. 3	vs. Country Christian	W 55-50
Dec. 12	vs. Stanfield	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	at Pilot Rock	7 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Wallowa*	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	vs. Cove*	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 20	Lapwai Invitational	TBD
Dec. 21	Lapwai Invitational	TBD
Dec. 29	vs. South Wasco (at Echo)	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 30	vs. Dufur (at Echo)	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	vs. Echo*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Powder Valley*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Helix*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	at Pine Eagle*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	vs. Joseph*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	vs. Wallowa*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Cove*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	vs. Powder Valley*	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Echo*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	vs. Helix*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	vs. Pine Eagle*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Joseph*	5:30 p.m.

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Condon/Wheeler Knights

2016-17 Schedule

Dec. 2	vs. Monument/Dayville	W 44-34
Dec. 3	vs. Echo	W 51-49
Dec. 6	at Heppner	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	vs. McKenzie	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	vs. Prarie City	3:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	vs. Enterprise (at Pilot Rock)	3 p.m.
Dec. 17	at Pilot Rock	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 28	vs. Elkton (at McKenzie)	1 p.m.
Dec. 29-30	at McKenzie Hoop Classic	TBD
Jan. 6	vs. Ione*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	at Horizon Christian*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	vs. Arlington*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	at South Wasco*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	vs. Mitchell/Spray*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Dufur*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	vs. Sherman*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	vs. Horizon Christian*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Ione*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Mitchell/Spray*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	vs. South Wasco*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Arlington*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	vs. Dufur*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Sherman*	5:30 p.m.

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Head coach: Austin Cinnamon, 2nd year
Returning starters: Bryce Harrison (All-BSL HM), G, jr.; Jose Cortes, G, sr.; Jake Bold, F, sr.; Trey Homer, C, jr.
Other returners: Rene McCoin, F, sr.; Hunter Winslow, G, so.
Newcomers: Joe Jaeger, F, sr.; Ty Wright, G, sr.; Anthony Campbell, F, sr.; Will Lapan, sr.; Scott Archer, G, jr.; Jacob Hoover, F, jr.; Cooper Johnson, G, fr.; Cort Colby, G, fr.; Cal Homer, G, fr.
On offense: The Knights will try to remain unpredictable by running multiple sets plays.
On defense: The Knights will employ zone and man, as well as trapping versions of both.
Cinnamon's expectations: "Do our best and be competitive in every game."
2015-16 finish: 10-14, 6-8 BSL (The Knights' season ended in the first round of districts with a 53-32 loss to Horizon Christian.)



Ione Cardinals

Head coach: Dana Heideman, 1st year
Returning starters: Austin Carter (All-BSL HM), F, sr.; Colton Hollis, G, sr.; Donald McElligott, G, sr. Wyatt McNary, C, jr.
Other returners: Danny Doherty, G, sr.; Tyson Epperson, C, jr.; Tyler Carter, F, so.; Logan Burright, F, so.
Newcomers: Junior Verduzco, G, so.; Hector Aguilar, G, sr.; Henry Padberg, G, sr.
On offense: The Cardinals look to run a high-low attack.
On defense: Depending on the match-up, the Cardinals will employ multiple zones and man-to-man throughout the season.
Heideman's expectations: "To earn a district play-off position."
2015-16 finish: 4-19, 3-11 BSL (The Cardinals lost to Dufur 45-30 in the first round of the district tournament.)

2016-17 Schedule

Dec. 2	vs. Weston-McEwen	L 77-42
Dec. 3	vs. Irrigon	L 72-34
Dec. 9	vs. Prarie City (at Condon)	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	vs. McKenzie (at Condon)	12:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	at Echo	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Stanfield Tourney	TBD
Dec. 17	at Stanfield Tourney	TBD
Dec. 20	vs. Helix	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 29	at Riverside	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Condon/Wheeler*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	vs. Sherman*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Arlington*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	vs. Dufur*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	at Mitchell/Spray*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	vs. South Wasco*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	at Horizon Christian*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Sherman*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	vs. Condon/Wheeler*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Dufur*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	vs. Arlington*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	vs. Mitchell/Spray*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	at South Wasco*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	vs. Horizon Christian*	5:30 p.m.

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2016-17 Schedule

Nov. 30	vs. Arlington	L 42-25
Dec. 3	at Bickleton (WA)	L 46-70
Dec. 6	vs. Pilot Rock	3 p.m.
Dec. 9	at College Place (WA)	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	vs. Walla Walla (WA)	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Echo*	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	vs. Wallowa*	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 20	at Ione*	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 28	Helix Holiday Classic	1 p.m.
Dec. 29	Helix Holiday Classic	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Cove*	7 p.m.
Jan. 7	at Powder Valley*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	vs. Nixyaawii*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	vs. Joseph*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Pine Eagle*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	vs. Echo*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Wallowa*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	vs. Cove*	7 p.m.
Feb. 3	vs. Powder Valley*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Nixyaawii*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Joseph*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	vs. Pine Eagle*	5:30 p.m.

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Helix Grizzlies

Head coach: Ben Maney, 4th year
Assistant coach: Zach Orem, 3rd year
Returning starters: Justin Williams (All-OOL HM), C, sr.; Jon Shaw, F, sr.; Tylor Fehrenbacher, G, sr.; Grant Christman, F, sr.
Other returners: Caiden Marks, G, sr.; Gavin Newton, G, so.
Newcomers: Sam Carlson, F, so.; Allan Holden, G, sr.; D'Atagnan Carlson, G, fr.
Maney's expectations: "Our goal this season is to continue our step forward with Grizzly basketball, consistently compete throughout the whole season and earn another ticket to districts come district time."
2015-16 finish: 4-21, 1-11 OOL (Helix's lone league win was enough to secure the team's first district tournament berth in 15 seasons. They lost there in the second round 69-43 to Joseph.)



Echo Cougars

Head coach: Krieg Mueller, 1st year
Assistant coaches: Phil Marcum, 1st year; Curtis Bodewig, 1st year
Returning starter: Ty Mulder, F, jr.
Other returners: Klay Jensen, G, sr.; Noah Scott, G, so.; Chris Medrano, F, sr.; Hank Gehrke, G, sr.; Devan Craig, G, so.; Zack Gehrke, G, jr.
Newcomer: Morgan Marcum, F, jr.
On offense: The Cougars will adhere to the principles of the motion offense.
On defense: Look for the Cougars to keep the pressure high with an aggressive man-to-man.
Mueller's expectations: "Be in contention for district title."
2015-16 finish: 9-17, 6-6 OOL (The Cougars' season ended with a fourth-place finish at districts after a 65-49 loss to Powder Valley.)

2016-17 Schedule

Dec. 2	vs. Pilot Rock	L 52-35
Dec. 3	vs. Condon/Wheeler	L 49-51
Dec. 8	vs. Union (at Umatilla)	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	Columbia River Clash (at Umatilla)	TBD
Dec. 10	Columbia River Clash (at Umatilla)	TBD
Dec. 13	vs. Ione	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	vs. Helix*	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	at Pine Eagle*	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Heppner	6 p.m.
Dec. 29	vs. Dufur	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 30	vs. South Wasco	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	at Nixyaawii*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	vs. Joseph*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	vs. Powder Valley*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	at Wallowa*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	vs. Cove*	7 p.m.
Jan. 21	at Helix*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	vs. Pine Eagle*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Joseph*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	vs. Nixyaawii*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Powder Valley*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	vs. Wallowa*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Cove*	7 p.m.

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