

1A OLD OREGON LEAGUE

With the returning league Player of the Year (guard Mary Stewart), the Golden Eagles are again favored to win the Old Oregon League for a second straight season. However, Powder Valley also received a first-place vote in the preseason coaches poll, and several other teams appear to be improved this season.

Projected Finish

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

(Rankings based on coach and media votes)

2015-16 Final Standings

| OOL | Conf. | Ovr. |
|----------------|-------|-------|
| Nixyaawii* | 11-1 | 26-3 |
| Powder Valley* | 10-2 | 17-9 |
| Helix* | 8-4 | 18-10 |
| Echo | 6-7 | 13-14 |
| Joseph | 6-7 | 10-12 |
| Pine Eagle | 2-10 | 3-19 |
| Wallowa | 0-12 | 1-21 |

*made postseason

1A BIG SKY LEAGUE

The Condon/Wheeler Knights have won a league title in each of the four seasons since Jessica Logan's graduation in 2012. She's back on the sideline as the head coach this season as the Knights go for their fifth BSL title in a row.

Projected Finish

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

(Rankings based on coach and media votes)

2015-16 Final Standings

| BSL | Conf. | Ovr. |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| Condon/Wheeler* | 13-1 | 26-4 |
| Ione* | 11-3 | 15-10 |
| Arlington* | 9-5 | 19-11 |
| Horizon Christian | 8-6 | 11-14 |
| South Wasco | 6-8 | 11-13 |
| Dufur | 5-9 | 6-18 |
| Sherman | 3-11 | 3-19 |
| Mitchell/Spray | 1-13 | 4-19 |

*made postseason

Nixyaawii Golden Eagles

Head coach: Jeremy Maddern, 11th year
Assistant coaches: Aaron Noisley, 1st year; Jessica Simpson, 1st year.

Returning starters: Mary Stewart (OOL POY), G, jr.; Sunshine Fuentes (All-OOL 1st team), C, sr.; Kaitlynn Melton, F, jr.

Other returners: Stacy Fitzpatrick, W, sr.; EllaMae Looney, G, jr.; Alyssa Tanasket, G, so.

Newcomers: Tristalynn Melton, W, fr.; Susie Patrick, G, fr.; Tyanna Broncheau, G, fr.; Kylie Mountainchief, P, fr.

On offense: The Golden Eagles will primarily run a motion.

On defense: The Golden Eagles will switch between man-to-man and several different zones.

Maddern's expectations: Maddern expects the Golden Eagles to be in the mix for a state title at season's end, and the OSAA's 1A coaches agreed by ranking them No. 3 in their preseason poll.

2015-16 finish: 26-3, 11-1 (Advanced to the state third-place game where they beat Hosanna Christian 53-39.)

2016-17 Schedule

| | | |
|---------|---------------------------|---------|
| Dec. 2 | vs. Days Creek | W 64-32 |
| Dec. 3 | at Country Christian | W 54-51 |
| Dec. 12 | vs. Stanfield | 6 p.m. |
| Dec. 16 | at Wallowa* | 6 p.m. |
| Dec. 17 | vs. Cove* | 4 p.m. |
| Dec. 20 | at Lapwai Invite | TBD |
| Dec. 21 | at Lapwai Invite | TBD |
| Dec. 29 | vs. South Wasco (at Echo) | 6 p.m. |
| Dec. 30 | vs. Dufur (at Echo) | 3 p.m. |
| Jan. 5 | vs. Echo* | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 6 | at Powder Valley* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 13 | at Helix* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 14 | at Pine Eagle* | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 20 | vs. Joseph* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 21 | vs. Wallowa* | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 27 | at Cove* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 28 | at Powder Valley* | 4 p.m. |
| Feb. 2 | at Echo* | 6 p.m. |
| Feb. 4 | vs. Helix* | 4 p.m. |
| Feb. 10 | vs. Pine Eagle* | 6 p.m. |
| Feb. 11 | at Joseph* | 4 p.m. |

*-denotes league game

Condon/Wheeler Knights

2016-17 Schedule

| | | |
|---------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Dec. 2 | vs. Monument/Dayville | L 44-24 |
| Dec. 3 | vs. Echo | L 42-30 |
| Dec. 6 | at Heppner | 7 p.m. |
| Dec. 9 | vs. McKenzie (at Condon) | 6 p.m. |
| Dec. 10 | vs. Prarie City (at Condon) | 2 p.m. |
| Dec. 16 | vs. Enterprise (at Pilot Rock) | 4:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 17 | at Pilot Rock | 4 p.m. |
| Dec. 28 | vs. Elkton (at McKenzie) | 11 a.m. |
| Dec. 29 | 1A Hoops Classic (at McKenzie) | TBD |
| Dec. 30 | 1A Hoops Classic (at McKenzie) | TBD |
| Jan. 6 | vs. Ione* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 7 | at Horizon Christian* | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 10 | vs. Arlington* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 13 | at South Wasco* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 14 | vs. Mitchell/Spray* | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 20 | at Dufur* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 21 | vs. Sherman* | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 27 | vs. Horizon Christian* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 28 | at Ione* | 4 p.m. |
| Feb. 3 | at Mitchell/Spray* | 6 p.m. |
| Feb. 4 | vs. South Wasco* | 4 p.m. |
| Feb. 7 | at Arlington* | 6 p.m. |
| Feb. 10 | vs. Dufur* | 6 p.m. |
| Feb. 11 | at Sherman* | 4 p.m. |

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Head coach: Jessica Logan, 1st year

Returning starters: Annika Rietmann (All-BSL 1st team), P, jr.; Brooke Dyer (All-BSL HM), G, sr.; Justine Homer, G, sr.

Other returners: Ashley Terland, F, sr.; Becky Jaeger, G, sr.; Autuhm Johnson, P, sr.; Alyssa Carnine, G, jr.; Katie Jaeger, G, so.; Kathryn Ramsey, G, so.

Newcomers: Kayla Moore, G, fr.; Taylor Wright, G, fr.; Laura Clark, F, fr.

2015-16 finish: 25-4, 13-1 BSL (The Knights went into the state's final bracket on a 16-game winning streak but went 0-2 once reaching Baker High School. Their season ended short of the trophy round with a 48-42 loss to Rogue Valley Adventist.)

Echo Cougars

2016-17 Schedule

| | | |
|---------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Dec. 2 | vs. Pilot Rock | L 34-23 |
| Dec. 3 | at Condon/Wheeler | W 42-30 |
| Dec. 8 | vs. Union (at Umatilla) | 7 p.m. |
| Dec. 9 | Columbia River Clash (at Umatilla) | TBD |
| Dec. 10 | Columbia River Clash (at Umatilla) | TBD |
| Dec. 13 | vs. Ione | 6 p.m. |
| Dec. 16 | vs. Helix* | 6 p.m. |
| Dec. 17 | at Pine Eagle* | 4 p.m. |
| Dec. 19 | at Heppner | 7:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 29 | vs. Dufur | 3 p.m. |
| Dec. 30 | vs. South Wasco | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 5 | at Nixyaawii* | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 6 | vs. Joseph* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 13 | vs. Powder Valley* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 14 | at Wallowa* | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 20 | vs. Cove* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 21 | at Helix* | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 27 | vs. Pine Eagle* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 28 | at Joseph* | 4 p.m. |
| Feb. 2 | vs. Nixyaawii* | 6 p.m. |
| Feb. 4 | at Powder Valley* | 4 p.m. |
| Feb. 10 | vs. Wallowa* | 6 p.m. |
| Feb. 11 | at Cove* | 4 p.m. |

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Head coach: Michael Swanson, 2nd year

Assistant coach: Madeline Laan, 1st year

Returning starters:

Hannah McCarty (All-OOL 2nd team), W/P, sr.; Taylor Swaggart, G/W, jr.

Other returners: Devyn Tarvin, W, sr.; Beth Milbrodt, P, sr.

Newcomers: Marti Huff (transfer from Hermiston), P, jr.; Lexi Cox, F, so.; Rachel McCarty, G, fr.

On offense: The Cougars will run a variation of the motion.

On defense: Echo will look to match up with opponents man-to-man.

Swanson's expectations: "We expect to be in the top four of the Old Oregon League."

2015-16 finish: 13-14, 6-7 (The Cougars' season ended short of a state berth with a 45-42 loss to Helix in the district tournament.)

Arlington Honkers

Head coach: Joe Patnode, 4th year

Assistant coach: Kayla Grubaugh, 1st year

Returning starters:

Megan Hauner (All-BSL 1st team), PF, sr.; Joely Patnode (All-BSL 2nd team), PG, sr.; Rileigh McClure (All-BSL HM), G, sr.; Shelby Collins, F, sr.; Hannah Davidson, G, jr.

Other returners: Sadie Weatherford, F, sr.; Emily Kirby, G, jr.; Sara Grady, F, so.

On offense: The Honkers will look to get out fast in transition and push an up-tempo style of play.

On defense: With plenty of athletes, Arlington will stick with a man-to-man.

Patnode's expectations: "Win."

2015-16 finish: 19-11, 9-5 BSL (Placed third at districts with 46-21 win over Horizon Christian; lost at Country Christian 76-37 in second round.)

2016-17 Schedule

| | | |
|---------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Nov. 30 | at Helix | L 49-33 |
| Dec. 2 | vs. Delphian | W 59-1 |
| Dec. 3 | vs. TBD | TBD |
| Dec. 8 | vs. Pilot Rock (at Umatilla) | 2 p.m. |
| Dec. 9 | Columbia River Clash (at Umatilla) | TBD |
| Dec. 10 | Columbia River Clash (at Umatilla) | TBD |
| Dec. 15 | vs. The Dalles JV | 5:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 28 | at Country Christian | 3 p.m. |
| Dec. 29 | vs. Jordan Valley (at C.C.) | TBD |
| Jan. 6 | vs. Mitchell/Spray* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 7 | at South Wasco* | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 10 | at Condon/Wheeler* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 13 | vs. Ione* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 14 | at Horizon Christian* | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 20 | at Sherman* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 21 | at Dufur* | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 27 | vs. South Wasco* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 28 | at Mitchell/Spray* | 4 p.m. |
| Feb. 3 | vs. Horizon Christian* | 6 p.m. |
| Feb. 4 | at Ione* | 4 p.m. |
| Feb. 7 | vs. Condon/Wheeler* | 6 p.m. |
| Feb. 10 | vs. Sherman* | 6 p.m. |
| Feb. 11 | vs. Dufur* | 4 p.m. |

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Helix Grizzlies

Head coach: Kirk Flerchinger, 4th year

Assistant coach: Jim Smith, 4th year

Returning starters:

Macey Tullis (All-OOL 1st team), G, sr.; Sadie Wilson (All-OOL 2nd team), F, jr.; Charmayne Bennett, G, jr.; Emma Fehrenbacher, G, jr.

Other returners: Kailey Mize, F, jr.; Bethany Newton, G, sr.

Newcomers: Arianna Krol, F, soph.; Hannah Christman, G, soph.

On offense: The Grizzlies like to spread the floor.

On defense: Helix deploys both man-to-man and zone defense schemes.

Flerchinger's expectations: "Our goals as a team are to be competitive and play as one unit. If that happens we are going to be a tough team to beat this year."

2015-16 finish: 18-10, 8-4 OOL (Placed third at districts with 45-42 win over Echo; lost in second round of state at Rogue Valley Adventist 48-25.)

2016-17 Schedule

| | | |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Nov. 30 | vs. Arlington | W 49-33 |
| Dec. 3 | at Bickleton (WA) | W 67-22 |
| Dec. 6 | vs. Pilot Rock | 3 p.m. |
| Dec. 9 | at College Place (WA) | 6 p.m. |
| Dec. 10 | vs. Riverside | 2:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 16 | at Echo* | 6 p.m. |
| Dec. 17 | vs. Wallowa* | 4 p.m. |
| Dec. 20 | at Ione | 6 p.m. |
| Dec. 28-29 | Helix Holiday Classic | 1 p.m. |
| Jan. 6 | at Cove* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 7 | at Powder Valley* | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 13 | vs. Nixyaawii* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 14 | vs. Joseph* | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 20 | at Pine Eagle* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 21 | vs. Echo* | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 27 | at Wallowa* | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 28 | vs. Cove* | 4 p.m. |
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| Feb. 4 | at Nixyaawii* | 4 p.m. |
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| Feb. 11 | vs. Pine Eagle* | 4 p.m. |

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