

# Sports

## POWDER VALLEY BOYS BASKETBALL

### Badgers rebound from semifinal loss to beat Elgin

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What a difference a day makes. Powder Valley played two different games Friday and Saturday at the District 7-1A boys basketball tournament at Baker High School. Saturday, the Badgers pulled away in the second quarter to top Elgin 72-55 in the third-place game. Friday, Powder Valley struggled throughout a 58-39 loss to Joseph in the semifinal round. Against Elgin, the Badgers opened the second period on an 8-0 run to build a 26-16 lead with 6:36 left in the half. A pair of 6-0 runs later in the quarter helped boost Powder's lead to 40-27 at halftime. Roper Bingham led Powder with 19 points. Dominick Grende added 18 and Reece Dixon 14. Tristan Simpson led Elgin with 16 points. Against Joseph, Powder Valley trailed 23-6 after one period, and 38-16 at halftime. Joseph shot 63 percent in the first half, and 70 percent from 3-point range. Tyler Homan led Joseph with 18 points. Bingham led Powder with 13.

#### Friday game

**JOSEPH (58)**  
Murray 4 2-3 14, Kilgore 2 2-4 6, Ferre 1 3-4 6, Homan 6 4-4 18, Grote 1 1-2 3, Roberts 0 0-2 0, Hite, Miller 3 0-1 6, Wandschneider 2 1-2 5, Littlepage, Nelson, C. Homan, Rogers. Totals 19 13-22 58.  
**POWDER VALLEY (39)**  
Bentes 0 2-3 2, Bingham 5 3-5 13, Grende 4 0-0 11, Dixon 2 0-0 6, Nesser 1 2-2 4, McCall, Carille, Ash, Krieger 0 1-2 1, Olson, Martin, Stephens 0 2-2 2. Totals 12 10-14 39.  
**Joseph** 23 15 9 11 — 58  
**Powder Valley** 6 10 13 10 — 39  
**Three-point baskets** — Murray 4, Ferre, Homan 2, Grende 3, Dixon 2. **Fouled out** — none. **Total fouls** — Joseph 11, Powder Valley 17. **Technical** — none.

#### Saturday game

**ELGIN (55)**  
McKay 4 3-6 11, Simpson 4 8-13 16, Caldwell, McClure 5 0-0 12, Adams 2 0-2 4, Hallgarth 0 2-2 2, Palmer 0 0-1 0, Remington 2 1-1 5, Meyers 1 0-0 3, Williams 1 0-0 2, Ousley. Totals 19 14-25 55.  
**POWDER VALLEY (72)**  
Bentes 1 0-0 2, Bingham 6 7-8 19, Grende 5 3-4 18, Dixon 6 1-2 14, Nesser 4 1-2 9, Carille, Ash, Krieger 1 2-3 4, Martin, Stephens 2 1-4 6. Totals 25 15-23 72.  
**Elgin** 16 11 14 14 — 55  
**Powder Valley** 21 19 20 12 — 72  
**Three-point baskets** — McClure 2, Meyers, Grende 5, Dixon, Stephens. **Fouled out** — Adams. **Total fouls** — Elgin 18, Powder Valley 20. **Technical** — none.

### Nixyaawii boys, Joseph girls win semifinal games

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Joseph and Nixyaawii won semifinal games Friday at the District 7-1A basketball tournaments at Baker High School. Joseph defeated Cove 51-20 in girls action. Nixyaawii topped Elgin 76-49 in boys play. Joseph scored more points (21) in the first quarter than Cove did in the entire game. The Eagles then shut Cove out in the fourth quarter. Sabrina Albee led Joseph with 27 points, nine rebounds and five steals. Elli Hines-Dunlap led Cove with eight points.

**COVE (20)**  
Moore 2 0-0 4, Duby, Kendall, Farrell, Frisch 0 1-2 1, Porter, Harvey, Hines-Dunlap 3 2-8 16, Swalberg, Folsom 1 0-0 2, Perry 2 1-3 5. Totals 8 4-7 20.  
**JOSEPH (51)**  
Hite 2 0-0 5, Miller 3 0-0 6, Nelson 4 2-2 13, Crenshaw, Albee 10 3-4 27, Coughlan, Bateman, Moore, Hickman, Gorham, Barstad. Totals 19 5-6 51.  
**Cove** 5 6 9 0 — 20  
**Joseph** 21 11 12 7 — 51  
**Three-point baskets** — Hite, Nelson 3, Albee 4. **Fouled out** — none. **Total fouls** — Cove 5, Joseph 7. **Technical** — none.

Nixyaawii led Elgin by 10 points after one quarter and by 20 at halftime. Mick Schimmel led the Golden Eagles with 21 points and 10 rebounds. Quannah Picard added 20 points.

**ELGIN (49)**  
McKay 5 0-0 12, Simpson 1 3-4 5, Caldwell 4 0-0 8, McClure 6 0-2 15, Adams, Hallgarth 0 1-2 1, Palmer 1 0-0 3, Remington 2 0-0 5, Williams. Totals 19 4-8 49.  
**NIXYAAWII (76)**  
Burns 3 0-0 7, Picard 8 1-1 20, Schimmel 10 0-0 21, Barkley 4 0-0 11, Sigo, Bronson 1 0-0 2, Rodriguez, Ashley, M. Moses 1 0-0 3, Ortega 1 0-0 2, Ma. Moses 5 0-2 10. Totals 33 1-3 76.  
**Elgin** 12 14 13 10 — 49  
**Nixyaawii** 22 24 17 13 — 76  
**Three-point baskets** — McKay 2, McClure 3, Palmer, Remington, Burns, Picard 3, Schimmel, Barkley 3, M. Moses. **Fouled out** — none. **Total fouls** — Elgin 9, Nixyaawii 8. **Technical** — none.

## DISTRICT 7-1A BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



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Joseph's Trey Wandschneider, second from left, and Chase Miller, 2, scramble for a loose ball in the key against Nixyaawii's Mick Schimmel, center, and Magi Moses at far left.

### Nixyaawii holds off Joseph for crown

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Nixyaawii scored the first 13 points in the fourth quarter Saturday to break open a close game with Joseph and go on to a 54-42 win in the District 7-1A boys basketball tournament championship game at Baker High School.

Nixyaawii led by just one point after each of the first three quarters. The Golden Eagles then scored 13 straight points — led by six from Mick Schimmel — to take a 46-32 lead midway through the fourth quarter. The teams played through

12 lead changes and four ties through three quarters. The largest lead by either team was four points. Schimmel led Nixyaawii with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Chase Murray and Mason Ferre each scored 12 points for Joseph.

**JOSEPH (42)**  
Murray 4 2-2 12, Kilgore, Ferre 4 0-0 12, Homan 2 1-2 5, Grote 1 0-0 2, Miller 2 2-4 6, Collier, Wandschneider 2 1-3 5. Totals 15 6-11 42.  
**NIXYAAWII (54)**  
Burns 4 0-0 9, Picard 2 0-0 6, Schimmel 9 1-2 20, Barkley, Sigo 3 0-0 7, Bronson, Mo. Moses 1 1-2 4, Ma. Moses 4 0-2 8. Totals 23 2-6 54.  
**Joseph** 10 11 11 10 — 42  
**Nixyaawii** 11 11 11 21 — 54  
**Three-point baskets** — Murray 2, Ferre 4, Burns, Picard 2, Schimmel, Sigo, Mo. Moses. **Fouled out** — none. **Total fouls** — Joseph 5, Nixyaawii 7. **Technical** — none.

## DISTRICT 7-1A GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Wallowa girls top Cove for third place

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Wallowa led from start to finish, defeating Cove 51-38 Saturday in the third-place game at the District 7-1A girls basketball tournament at Baker High School.

Jamie Johnston led the Cougars with 27 points, 12 rebounds and seven steals. Shanna Rae Tillery added 12 points and five steals. Maggie Frisch topped Cove with 16 points and 12 rebounds.

**COVE (38)**  
Moore 1 0-0 2, Duby 2 2-3 7, Kendall 3 0-1 6, Farrell 3 0-0 7, Frisch 5 6-8 16, Hines-Dunlap 0 0-2 0, Swalberg, Folsom, Perry 0 0-1 0. Totals 14 8-15 38.  
**WALLOWA (51)**  
Tillery 5 1-1 12, Hook 2 2-3 6, Young 1 2-2 4, Johnston 10 7-8 27, Ferre, Hafer, Brockamp 1 0-0 2, Pendarvis. Totals 19 12-14 51.  
**Cove** 6 12 9 11 — 38  
**Wallowa** 15 13 11 12 — 51  
**Three-point baskets** — Duby, Farrell, Tillery. **Fouled out** — Ferre. **Total fouls** — Cove 13, Wallowa 19. **Technical** — none.

### Hamlin wins his second Daytona 500

By Jenna Fryer  
AP Auto Racing Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Denny Hamlin came to the Daytona 500 determined to honor his late car owner with a victory. He delivered with a storybook tribute to Joe Gibbs Racing. Hamlin won NASCAR's biggest race for the second time in four years Sunday, leading JGR in a 1-2-3 sweep of the podium in overtime. The race and the season have been dedicated to J.D. Gibbs, Joe Gibbs' eldest son who died last month after battling a degenerative neurological disease. J.D. Gibbs helped his father start the race team, ran it while Joe Gibbs was coaching the Washington

Redskins, was a tire changer on the team's first Daytona 500 victory and the one who discovered Hamlin during a test session at Hickory Motor Speedway in North Carolina. Hamlin was hired to drive the No. 11 — the number J.D. Gibbs used when he played football — and J.D. Gibbs' name is on the Toyota. When Hamlin stopped his car along the frontstretch to collect the checkered flag, he immediately credited J.D. Gibbs. "The whole family, they did so much for me over the course of my career, and this one is for J.D.," Hamlin said.

"We are desperately going to miss him the rest of our lives. His legacy still lives on through Joe Gibbs Racing and proud to do this for them." Hamlin was met in victory lane by the entire Gibbs family, including J.D.'s widow and four sons. "He meant a lot to me and it's hard for me not getting choked up because I've been choked up about 100 times about it," Hamlin said. "Just to have Melissa (Gibbs) and all the kids here, it's just crazy." Joe Gibbs, the Hall of Fame

NFL coach with three Super Bowl victories, ranked the tribute win to his son first in his career accomplishments. J.D. Gibbs encouraged his father to move the team from a crowded-Chevrolet camp to become Toyota's flagship team in 2008 and the Daytona 500 victory was the 100th for JGR in a Camry. "It is the most emotional and biggest win I've ever had in my life, in anything," Gibbs said. "It was the most important night in my occupational life. I know J.D. and everybody in my family was emotional."

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