

POWDER VALLEY VOLLEYBALL



Powder Valley's Sky Nesser, left, and Ayla Bingham combine for a block against Echo in the championship match at the District 7 tournament on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022, in the Baker High School gym.

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Badgers sweep their way into second round of the playoffs

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Powder Valley volleyball fans will have another chance to cheer in their home gym after the Badgers swept Perrydale on Wednesday, Oct. 26 to advance to the second round of the Class 1A state playoffs.

Powder Valley will play host to South Wasco County on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 4 p.m. The winner advances to the eight-team state tournament Nov. 4-5 at Ridgeview High School in Redmond.

"The girls are really excited — they set that goal early on of playing (in the state tournament)," Powder Valley coach Marji Lind said. "Saturday is the final step, the one they've waited for."

The Badgers dominated from the start on Wednesday against Perrydale, which is near Amity, west of Salem.

Powder Valley won the first set 25-4.

The Pirates played tougher in the second and third sets, but they never really threatened as Powder won 25-12, 25-15.

Lind said the Badgers played consistently at a high

level against Perrydale, a trend she's seen in the latter part of the season after Powder struggled at times earlier in the season with what she called the "roller coaster," playing well in one set but making a lot of errors in the next. Having a second straight match on their home gym is a major benefit for the Badgers, Lind said.

"Travel always takes it out of you no matter how well you prepare," she said. "We are super fortunate and excited that we get to stay home and have our crowd with us, which is always great."

The Badgers, who improved to 23-7 on the season with the win over Perrydale, haven't played South Wasco County this year. The Redsides are 23-6, and they advanced by sweeping Southwest Christian on Wednesday, 25-11, 25-20, 25-11. Like Powder, South Wasco went undefeated in its league schedule.

The two teams had five common opponents this season — Joseph, Echo, Stanfield, Weston-McEwen and Open Door Christian Academy. Powder Valley had a 9-1 record against those five teams.

South Wasco County went 1-4 against that quintet.

The results: Joseph

- Powder Valley won all four matches, 2-1, 3-1, 3-1 and 3-2
- South Wasco County won, 3-0

Echo

- Powder Valley went 2-1, winning 3-0 and 3-1, and losing 2-0.
- South Wasco County lost, 3-0

Stanfield

- Powder Valley won 3-0
- South Wasco County lost 3-1

Weston-McEwen

- Powder Valley won 3-2
- South Wasco County lost 3-2

Open Door Christian Academy

- Powder Valley won 2-0
- South Wasco County lost 3-2

BAKER CROSS-COUNTRY AT DISTRICT



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Baker's Daniel Brown won the boys JV race at the Crosby Invitational on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022, at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario. He also placed first in the district varsity meet, on the same course, on Friday, Oct. 28.

Girls and boys advance to state

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ONTARIO — Both the Baker girls and boys cross-country teams qualified for the Class 4A state meet with their performances at the district meet Friday, Oct. 28 at Treasure Valley Community College.

The top two teams in the four-team league advanced to the state meet Nov. 5 at Eugene.

In the boys district race, Baker sophomore Daniel Brown finished first overall, senior Thaddeus Pepera was fourth, senior Angel DeArcos was sixth, and senior Jordan Mills was seventh. The Baker boys were first in the team standings in unofficial results, Baker coach Suzy Cole said.

The Baker girls placed second at the district meet, led by sophomore Sofie Kaaen's fourth-place finish. Freshman Gwen Rasmussen placed seventh.

Complete official results weren't available by press time Friday afternoon, but will be published in the Tuesday, Nov. 1 issue of the Baker City Herald



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