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**The 1A High Desert League girls All-Tournament First Team includes, from left, Crane Mustangs Shelie Doman and Riley Davis, Jordan Valley Mustangs Kiana Quintero, Regann Skinner and Taylor Warn and Crane Mustang Kelsie Siegner.**



**Named to the 1A High Desert League All-Tournament Second Team are, from left, Prairie City Panthers Cole Deiter and Levi Burke, Crane Mustang Jacob Dunn, Jordan Valley Mustang Zeke Quintero and Crane Mustang Chase Joyce.**



**The All-Tournament Second Team of the High Desert League, includes, from left, Prairie City Panther Samantha Workman, Dayville/Monument Tigers Faythe Schafer and Kyla Emerson and Adrian Antelope Sadie Spielmon.**

## 1A High Desert League tournament awards

Blue Mountain Eagle

The Prairie City Panther boys basketball team won the District 8-1A High Desert League Tournament championship title with the Crane Mustangs taking second place and the Jordan Valley Mustangs third.

The Jordan Valley Mustang girls won the District 8 championship with Crane taking second and the Adrian Antelopes third.

Named to the boys All-Tournament First Team were Prairie City senior Levi Burke, Prairie City junior Cole Deiter, Jordan Valley senior Zeke Quintero, Crane junior Chase Joyce and Crane senior Jacob Dunn.

The boys All-Tournament Second Team includes Prairie City senior Syd Holman, Prairie City sopho-

more Jojari Field, Jordan Valley junior Cort Skinner, Crane senior Brian Clark and Adrian freshmen Gavin Bayes and Conley Martin.

Named to the girls All-Tournament First Team were Jordan Valley seniors Regann Skinner and Taylor Warn, Jordan Valley sophomore Kiana Quintero, Crane freshman Kelsie Siegner and Crane sophomores Shelie Doman and Riley Davis.

The girls All-Tournament Second Team includes Prairie City sophomore Samantha Workman, Dayville/Monument seniors Faythe Schafer and Kyla Emerson and Adrian senior Sadey Spielmon.

The Dayville/Monument Tigers boys and girls teams each won the All-Tournament Sportsmanship Award.



**Winning the Sportsmanship Awards at the Feb. 14-16 1A High Desert League Tournament are the Dayville/Monument Tigers boys and girls teams. In the photo: from left, front row, JT Hand, Gabe Walker-Hopkins, Donovan Schafer and Mark Thomas; back row, Katie Barker, Hallie Rhoda, Denali Twehues, Kyla Emerson, Aubrey Bowlus, Courtney Nichols and Faythe Schafer.**



**Named to the 1A High Desert League All-Tournament Second Team are, from left, Jordan Valley Mustang Cort Skinner, Crane Mustang Brian Clark and Prairie City Panthers Jojari Field and Syd Holman. Adrian Antelope Gavin Conley, not pictured, was also named to the Second Team.**

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Burke led both teams in scoring with 15 points and had 12 rebounds and four blocks. He was named Player of the Game for Prairie City.

Keenan Coles was Player of the Game for Sherman with 13 points and eight rebounds.

### Semifinal

The Prairie City Panthers knew Friday's semifinal battle with Nixyaawii, seeded No. 5, would be a tough one, but it's likely no one anticipated the Golden Eagles' sizzling start, which led to Nixyaawii's 71-49 victory.

In the first three minutes of the contest, the Golden Eagles exploded with 3-pointers from sophomore Tyasin Burns, senior Dazon Sigo and two from junior Quannah Picard.

Meanwhile, nothing was falling for Prairie City, until senior Levi Burke sank one beyond the arc at the half-way mark, the score 12-3.

The Golden Eagles, led by head coach Shane Rivera, added 13 more points in the quarter.

For the Panthers, Holman hit 1-of-2 at the free-throw line, Burke added another 3-pointer off an assist from Field who also landed a 3-point shot.

Nixyaawii had a 25-10 lead going into the second, but there was no backing down from either team.

Scoring went back and forth, with Burke tallying twice in the paint early, followed by a 3-pointer off an assist from McKinley.

The high-intensity play continued as Nixyaawii junior Mick Schimmel scored 2. Burke nabbed a steal from Schimmel and a short while later blocked Schimmel, but Prairie City was unable to convert on the turnovers.

Going into halftime, the Panthers trailed 39-21.

The Golden Eagles outscored the Panthers 16-14 in both the third and fourth quarters.

In the final two minutes, subs saw action on the court, and Prairie City junior Opie McDaniel and sophomore Brandon Horrell both scored 3-point shots. Nixyaawii sophomores Luis Ortega and Reuben Bronson also added one 3-pointer each.

The Golden Eagles hit 27-of-68 field goals. From the 3-point range, Nixyaawii hit 10-of-27. They had 40 rebounds, nine assists and 11 steals.

The Panthers shot 16-of-56 with 8-of-29 from the 3-point range. Prairie City also had 40 rebounds with four assists and three steals.

Burke was named Player of the Game for Prairie City with 25 points, including three 3-pointers and 4-of-7 free throws. He had nine rebounds, three blocks and one steal.

Schimmel was Player of the Game for Nixyaawii with 10 points, one 3-pointer,

### PRAIRIE CITY VS. SHERMAN

Jojari Field: 4 points, 2-6, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals  
 Levi Burke: 15 points, 7-17 (1-2 free throws), 12 rebounds, 4 blocks, 1 steal  
 Lucas McKinley: 12 points, 4-12 (two 3-pointers, 1-2 free throws), 2 rebounds  
 Syd Holman: 8 points, 2-6 (4-4 free throws), 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals  
 Cole Deiter: 11 points, 4-7 (3-4 free throws), 5 rebounds, 2 blocks  
 Marcus Judd: 1 rebound  
 Declan Zweygardt: 2 points, 1-1

### PRAIRIE CITY VS. NIXYAAWII

Jojari Field: 11 points (two 3-pointers, 3-4 free throws), 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal  
 Levi Burke: 25 points (three 3-pointers, 4-7 free throws), 9 rebounds, 3 blocks, 1 steal  
 Lucas McKinley: 3 rebounds, 1 assist  
 Syd Holman: 4 points (one 3-pointer, 1-2 free throws), 8 rebounds, 1 assist  
 Cole Deiter: 2 points, 11 rebounds  
 Opie McDaniel: 3 points (one 3-pointer)  
 Jayden Winegar: 1 point (1-2 free throws), 1 rebound, 1 steal  
 Brandon Horrell: 3 points (one 3-pointer)  
 Declan Zweygardt: 2 rebounds

### PRAIRIE CITY VS. DAYS CREEK

Jojari Field: 8 points (two 3-pointers), 6 rebounds, 7 assists, 2 steals  
 Levi Burke: 18 points (one 3-pointer, 1-2 free throws), 9 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 blocks  
 Lucas McKinley: 17 points (five 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 2 assists  
 Syd Holman: 2 points, 1 assist, 1 block  
 Cole Deiter: 8 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 block, 4 steals  
 Declan Zweygardt  
 Brandon Horrell

1-of-2 free throws, three assists and one steal.

Workman said Nixyaawii was a challenge.

"They jumped out on top quickly," he said. "From the middle of the first quarter on, we stayed with them but couldn't get caught up the way they were shooting the ball. They just played basketball — moving the ball, shooting — they did everything well."

Nixyaawii went on to beat Trinity Lutheran for the championship title.

### Third/fifth place game

The Panthers were neck and neck with the No. 7-seed Days Creek Wolves for

much of Saturday's game, vying for third place in the tournament, but the Wolves pulled ahead at the free-throw line in the final minute for the 56-53 win.

Free throws made all the difference for Days Creek.

The Panthers were 50 percent on free throws with only two attempts, while the Wolves shot 14-of-18 free throws.

"Both teams fought and fought," Workman said. "We played man-to-man defense — both teams played great defense."

The teams came out on fire from the start, with three lead changes and four ties in the first quarter.

Prairie City had possession from the tip, but it was Days Creek's Blake Ellis who scored first with a 3-pointer. McKinley tied it just 14 seconds later, landing a 3-point shot.

McKinley sank 5-of-11 shots from beyond the arc in the game.

Burke also landed a 3-pointer with an assist by Field, and added 2 off an assist from McKinley.

With 13 seconds left in the first, the Panthers trailing 12-9, Burke came down with a rebound, and McKinley again scored 3, this time off an assist from Deiter to tie the score 12-12.

Prairie City held the lead most of the way through the second with Burke, McKinley, Field and Deiter combining for 11 points. Field and Deiter each had a steal, and Burke blocked a Days Creek shot.

The Panthers were ahead 23-21 going into halftime, a noisy crowd of fans cheering for their teams.

Prairie City built up a 9-point lead halfway through the third with Burke scoring 2 on a second-chance opportunity and Syd Holman grabbing a defensive rebound assisting Field on a 3-point shot. Field also had a steal, and Deiter added 2. When the ball came into Burke's hands again, he dunked a shot.

Days Creek also came up

with some good moves in the third with Cade Martin and Caleb Kruzic scoring one 3-point shot each and Rocco Muir also landing two shots outside the arc. The Wolves moved ahead 38-37 going into the final eight minutes.

McKinley brought the lead back to Prairie City, when he hit a 3-pointer off an assist from Field in the first 3 seconds.

Days Creek took back the lead, 43-40. Then Deiter stole the ball with Holman dunking it off an assist from Burke to make it 43-42.

The Wolves jumped ahead by 5 when Martin and Kruzic shot perfectly from the free-throw line.

With 1:15 left in regulation, McKinley hit a timely 3-pointer to tie it 51-51.

After Cade went 1-of-1 at the free-throw line, Deiter got a 1-point lead for Prairie City on a jump shot off an assist from Burke with 44 seconds left.

Ellis and Kruzic sealed it for Days Creek, each shooting 2-of-2 on free throws for the 3-point win.

Burke was named Player of the Game for Prairie City with 18 points, nine rebounds, four assists and two blocks.

Kruzic was Player of the Game for Days Creek with 14 points, including 6-6 from the free-throw line, three rebounds and one steal.

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