

## **Best in class: Top schools stock trophy cases with amazing years**

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The 2006-07 high school sports season was filled with parity from top to bottom in all classifications, so it's no great surprise that the 28th annual Deseret Morning News All-Sports awards featured some tight races and fresh faces.

While Dixie and Millard both won for the first time in school history, Mountain Crest ended an eight-year hiatus with a half-point victory in 4A, while Bingham won for the third time in school history and the first since 2002.

For the second straight year, but only the second time in the past nine years, there was only one repeat winner as Panguitch captured the 1A title.

Of the five winners, none won by a larger margin than 9.5 points.

The award denotes the top overall athletic programs in each of the five classifications.

Schools earn All-Sports points for placing in the top eight positions at state. Ten points are awarded for first, eight for second, six for third, five for fourth, four for fifth, three for sixth, two for seventh and one for eighth. Points are divided when teams tie.

Teams earn points in football, cross country, golf, basketball, wrestling, swimming, baseball, track, soccer, tennis, volleyball and softball.

Every school in Class 5A and 4A scored at least one point, while every school but three in 3A and 2A recorded a point.

Brighton, which finished fifth this year, holds the record with 11 consecutive awards from 1980-1991. Juan Diego holds the record for most award points in a season with 112.

Here's a look at each classification.

**CLASS 5A:** Bingham is the king of 5A for the first time since 2001-02 after amassing 70 points, just enough to edge second-place Lone Peak, which finished with 64.5 points.

Bingham's only two state titles were in football and girls basketball, but it finished in the top eight in 12 of 18 sports to lead the way in 5A.

It was Bingham's boys teams that dominated the most, finishing with 45.5 points compared to just 24.5 points for the girls.

The top girls school this year was Skyline, which finished with 34 points, which combined with the boys' 25.5 total helped last year's 5A champ finish third with 60.5 points.

Davis finished fourth thanks to state titles in boys cross country and track, while Brighton finished fifth with state titles in volleyball and boys tennis.

**CLASS 4A:** Mountain Crest captured the 4A title by the narrowest of margins, edging Orem 74.5 to 74.

The Mustangs only won two state titles, wrestling and girls cross country, but the boys had runner-up finishes in cross country, swimming and baseball.

The baseball team is what vaulted Mountain Crest to the title. In the second to last day of the 2006-07 prep season, it knocked off Provo to advance to the championship game in the 4A baseball tournament. Those extra two points were enough to vault Mountain Crest narrowly past Orem, last year's champ.

Mountain Crest's boys finished with 45 points to lead all schools, while Orem's girls led all schools with 36.5 points. The Tigers' second-place finish was made possible by state titles in boys swimming, girls track and a co-title in girls tennis.

Timpview finished third with 71.5 points with three state titles, and Box Elder finished fourth well behind at 47.5 points.

**CLASS 3A:** Judge Memorial's four-year dominance in 3A came to an end this year, Dixie made sure of that with the best overall athletic performance in the state.

The Flyer boys wracked up 43 points while the girls added 32 — tops in both categories — as Dixie finished with 75 points, well ahead of second-place Judge's 65.5 points.

Judge's three state titles in boys and girls track and girls swimming were one more than Dixie's titles in golf and girls soccer, but the Flyers finished in the top five in numerous other sports.

Park City, which lost last year's 3A award by a half a point, finished third with 62 points, just two more than fourth-place Logan's 60 points.

**CLASS 2A:** Even though Millard's only state championship this year was in wrestling, that was just enough to help the Eagles beat numerous rivals for its first-ever 2A all-sports award.

Millard's 55.5 points edged Rowland Hall (53), Waterford (52), North Sevier (52) and Richfield (50).

Millard's boys led all 2A schools with 38 points, but North Sevier's girls dominated with 37.5 points thanks to state titles in cross country and track, and second-place finishes in volleyball and basketball.

**CLASS 1A:** Panguitch rolled to the school's second straight All-Sports award with state championships in boys cross country and boys track to finish with 51.5 points.

Rich finished second with 43.5 points, followed closely by St. Joseph in third with 42 points.