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Hawkers finish second in Helena speech and debate tourney

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The Bozeman High Hawkets speech and debate team's string of first-place wins was broken this weekend when the team finished second for the first time this season in the Helena Sweepstakes tournament.

Rival Flathead High won first place with 186 points to Bozeman's 156, while Glacier High came in third with 135.5 points.

"Flathead had a phenomenal tournament and definitely deserved the win," Hawkets head coach Adam Thane wrote.

Bright spots for Bozeman were the speech competitors, who improved their points quite a bit, Thane said, and debaters won three of the top four spots in public forum debate.

Coming in second, the Hawkets felt both disappointed and motivated, he said, adding he hopes they'll use it for motivation.

Here are results for Bozeman students:

- Varsity policy debate: Nic Kuntz and Daniel Waterman, third; Jackson Raecke and Ryan Geissler, sixth; Easton Kelley and Lorelei Michael, seventh.
- Novice Lincoln Douglas: Siena Popiel, first; Nina Bennett, second.
- Varsity Lincoln Douglas: Kamila Ponce, fourth; Audrey Miller, seventh.
- Public forum debate: Emily Alegria and Daniel Gao, second; Katie Gregoire and Michelle O'Shea, third; Kaitlyn Krusheski and Mason Scurry, fourth.

- Extemporaneous speaking: Parker Summerhill, fourth.
- Dramatic interpretation: Kiki McMahon, first; Olivia Bulis, fourth.
- Memorized public address: Christly Bright, fourth; Olivia Smith, seventh.
- Original oratory: Reeba Walters, eighth.
- Informative speaking: Macy Thompson, second; Logan Yates, sixth; Scarlytt Long, seventh.
- Program oral interpretation: Christly Bright, first.

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