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## *Glencoe High School wins BPA science bowl*

### *Brain-to-brain competition yields one champion, many winners*

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**Portland, Ore.** – Glencoe High School Team B finished first in the Bonneville Power Administration 2000 Regional High School Science Bowl, Saturday, Feb. 26. The Glencoe team beat 63 other teams of academically elite high school students from Washington and Oregon. Glencoe will advance to the National Science Bowl<sup>®</sup> competition sponsored by the Department of Energy May 5-8 in Chevy Chase, Md.

BPA's regional science bowls are one-day academic team competitions that recognize students' knowledge of science, math, computer-related technology and current events. Two bowls are held annually, one for middle schools and one for high schools. The competitions, which are modeled after television quiz shows, also are designed to encourage more participation in mathematics and science courses and careers, especially among populations underrepresented in these fields.

Kentridge High School of Kent, Wash., took second place; Redmond High School of Redmond, Wash., took third; and Medford's North Medford High School took fourth place in Saturday's event.

Competition between the teams was intense. The Glencoe team went undefeated until meeting Kentridge in the championship round. Glencoe lost the first match but came back to triumph over Kentridge 94-82 in the second match.

"For most of these kids, peer recognition for their academic ability is almost non-existent," said Derrol Johns, BPA's science bowl coordinator. "This competition is one of few opportunities for these academically gifted students to be recognized on par with athletically gifted students. It's great to see their excitement and enthusiasm."

The Glencoe Team B included Travis Willse, 18; Madeline Steele, 18; Andrea Schmidt, 18; and Jo Hoppes, 17. Willse and Matt Rogers, who played on another Glencoe team, both were named Science Bowl All Stars.

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