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Dear Athletes, Coaches, Sponsors, and Fans,

On behalf of the Alaska School Activities Association Board of Directors, welcome to the ASAA First National Cup DII Hockey State Championships! We are excited to gather for this pinnacle event, where Alaska's finest high school teams compete for state titles. Today is the culmination of months of dedication, teamwork, and determination, and we are honored to celebrate the achievements of these student-athletes. Sports and activities teach resilience, leadership, and the power of unity, values that will carry you far beyond the rink.

To the athletes, this is your moment to shine, and we commend you for the hard work, discipline, and passion you've demonstrated throughout the season. Whether this is your first time at the state championships or you're returning for another shot at victory, know that you have made your communities proud. To our corporate sponsors, we express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support of ASAA and our student-athletes.

Your contributions are vital to making these championships possible and to helping us provide enriching experiences for young athletes across the state. To the coaches, families, and fans, thank you for your endless support, guidance, and enthusiasm. You are an integral part of the journey, and your encouragement fuels the success of these teams. The energy and excitement you bring to the stands make this event truly special.

Good luck to all teams—let's enjoy three fantastic days of State Hockey!

Billy Strickland  
ASAA Executive Director

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# HISTORY OF ASAA

ASAA's roots predate statehood. In the early 1950s, school leaders in the Territory of Alaska recognized the need to separate the high school basketball program from the local town business leagues. William Zahradnicek of Palmer, and W.W. Lahnum and Gordon Guffey of Anchorage, joined forces to organize the Western Alaska High School Activities Association. Sterling Sears of Juneau, Les Wingard, J.E. Danielson of Ketchikan were moving ahead at the same time to form the Southeast Alaska Activities Association with a mandate to ensure educational leadership.

In 1956, the Territorial Department of Education Superintendents Advisory Commission determined the need for an organization that could establish common rules and regulations to guide the activities of the two associations. In the Fall of 1957, the commission approved the Constitution and Bylaws of the Alaska High School Activities Association (ASAA). Officers representing the two divisions were elected. The first Board of Control consisted of William Zahradnicek, Palmer, as Chairman, J.E. Danielson, Ketchikan, Secretary-Treasurer; and members George McMillan, Juneau, Joe Montgomery, Anchorage, and Sterling Sears, Juneau.

This informal arrangement worked very well until the early 1970s, when the State Legislature added a section to the Educational Statutes placing the Association under the Department of Education. School populations and the number of participating schools were increasing. After many meetings, the two original associations became five distinct Regions based on school size and geographic location. One year later, in 1976, Regions increased to six. The new Board of Control consisted of one member from each Region, a representative of the Association of Alaska School Boards, and a representative of the Superintendents Association. In 1978, the board added a representative of the Alaska Association of Student Governments.

Due to the increasing number of schools participating in boys and girls basketball, the need for additional statewide culminating events became evident. This required the formation of a classification system that spanned all of the Regions. This task fell to a committee composed of representatives from all six Regions. It was known as the "Black and Blue" Ribbon Study Commission because of the difficulties faced in satisfying the needs of each Region. In June 1981, the Board of Control adopted the Commission's recommendation to establish four classifications based on school enrollment with some overlap in the two smallest classes due to geographic location. The first statewide event for the smaller classes was an invitational basketball tournament held in Anchorage in 1983-84.

In 1986, the Department of Education eliminated funding for ASAA. The Board of Control voted to incorporate as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, beginning July 1, 1987. Because of ongoing jurisdictional issues between the Association and the State of Alaska, both entities sought a legal resolution. This resulted in the 1995 repeal of the Legislative Statute that had placed ASAA under the Department of Education.

In 2007, in order to ensure consistent tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances policies by member schools and districts, the Board of Directors adopted the "Play for Keeps-Win for Life" program for all student participants. In 2011, the Alaska Legislature passed House Bill 15, (amended in 2012 under Senate Bill 119), that sets standards for concussion awareness, education, treatment and return to participation protocols. ASAA developed recommended policies and procedures to assist in the implementation of the law. In 2013, the Alaska Legislature passed Senate Bill 41 that addressed interscholastic participation by "alternative education program students." ASAA developed bylaws and policies to assist schools, students and families in the implementation of the statute.

Currently, the Alaska School Activities Association serves over 200 schools and 26,000 student participants. These student participants are active in 22 athletic activities and 6 academic activities culminating in 54 State Championship events! Without the support of the schools, students, coaches/advisors, parents, and fans ASAA couldn't be as successful as it has been since 1956. **THANK YOU!**



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4:00PM - QUARTERFINAL

6:30PM - QUARTERFINAL

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

11:00AM - CONSOLATION

1:30PM - CONSOLATION

4:00PM - SEMIFINAL

6:30PM - SEMIFINAL

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

12:00PM - 4TH/6TH PLACE

2:30PM - 3RD/5TH PLACE

5:00PM - DII CHAMPIONSHIP

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**#1 SOLDOTNA**

Thursday  
February 6  
**6:30 PM**

Friday  
Feb. 7  
1:30pm

**#8 DELTA**

Friday  
Feb. 7  
6:30pm

**#4 NORTH POLE**

Thursday  
February 6  
**4:00 PM**

4th/6th Place  
Saturday  
Feb. 8  
12:00pm

**#5 KENAI-CENTRAL**

DII  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
Saturday  
Feb. 8  
5:00pm

**#3 HOUSTON**

Thursday  
February 6  
**11:00 AM**

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**#6 JUNEAU-DOUGLAS**

Friday  
Feb. 7  
11:00am

Friday  
Feb. 7  
4:00pm

**#2 PALMER**

Thursday  
February 6  
**1:30 PM**



3rd/5th Place  
Sat, Feb. 8  
2:30pm

**#7 TRI-VALLEY**



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1	Brady Bevard	11
2	Gavin Smith	11
4	Anthony Lansing	11
5	Clara Creviston	10
6	Gunner Harker	9
7	Michael Grapengeter	9
8	Asher Misqueu	9
10	Tanner Brant	12
11	Grace White	12
12	Hunter Meyer	9
17	John Lyons	11
19	Saxon Sloan	9
20	Isabella Baker	9
22	Mason Williamson	9
23	Anthony White	11
24	Quinlin Pinkelman	9

Head Coach	Justin Smith
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# HOUSTON HAWKS



## AURORA CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

#	NAME	POSITION	GRADE
3	LaVonna Hayes	Forward	10
5	Carter Cook	Forward	10
6	Daniel Matveev	Forward	12
9	Sophie Duprat	Defense	11
10	Memphis Elliott	Forward	11
11	Domnin efimov	Defense	12
12	Daniel Kuzmin	Defense	10
13	Andrey Efimov	Forward	9
14	Michael Bogomolov	Forward	10
20	Zasim Konev	Forward	10
25	Ashton Vandersloot	Goalie	10
27	Anthony Ivanov	Forward	9
45	John Natekin	Forward	10
52	Alexa Mills	Forward	11
56	Thomas Wilson	Defense	9
68	Kian McDonnell	Defense	9
72	Dylan Shaffer	Goalie	11
82	Owen Hunter	Defense	11
88	Jacob Mohar	Forward	11

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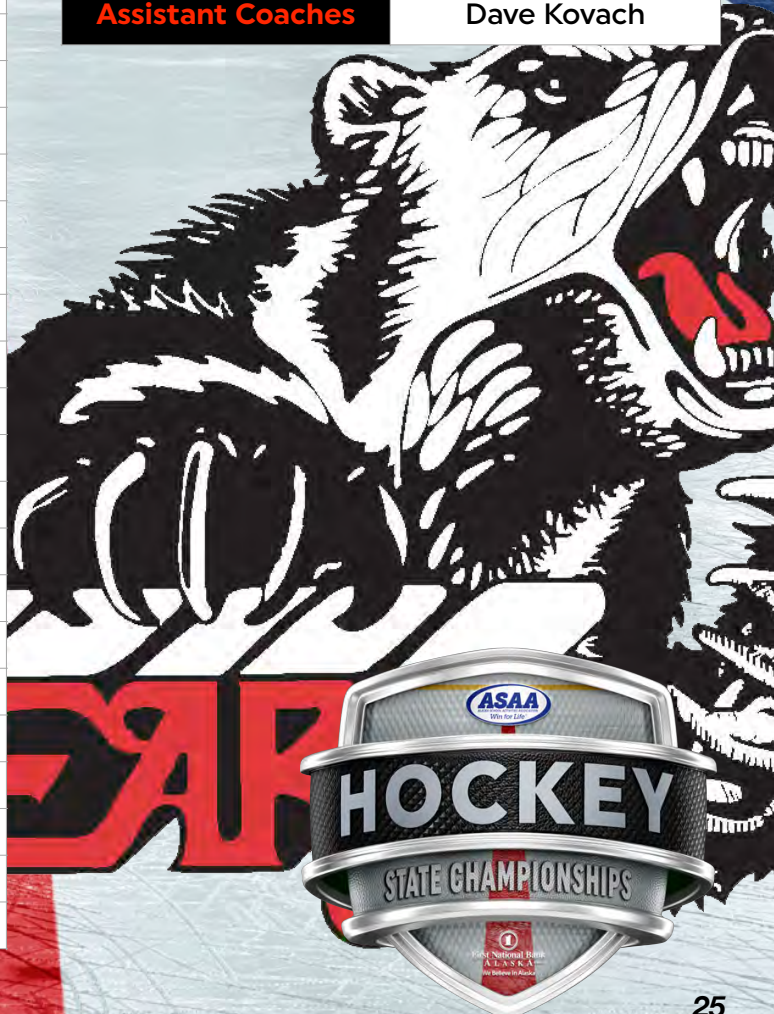
# JUNEAU-DOUGLAS CRIMSON BEARS



## NORTHERN LIGHTS CONFERENCE | AT-LARGE SELECTION

#	NAME	GRADE
1	Caleb Friend	12
4	Lucas Bovitz	12
6	Carter Miller	12
7	Paxton Mertl	11
12	Emerson Newell	11
14	Summit Bos	9
16	Ike Puustinen	12
18	Elias Schane	11
22	Matthew Plang	12
24	Isaac Phelps	11
26	Loren Platt	12
30	Taylor Petrie	10
34	Tricen Headings	10
35	Dylan Sowa	12
36	Elliot Welch	11
37	Emilio Holbrook	12
39	Ryker Nelson	9
49	Bryden Roberts	10
	Drew Cadigan McAdoo	10
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## NORTHERN LIGHTS CONFERENCE 2ND PLACE

#	NAME	GRADE
1	Seanna Swanson	12
3	Logan Mese	12
6	Braden Smith	12
8	Everett Chamberlain	12
9	Alexander Martinez	12
10	Cameron Parrish	12
11	Gavin Liles	12
12	Lily Langham	10
13	William Howard	11
14	Cameron Schwin	11
16	Ryder Gagnon	10
18	Sawyer Vann	12
19	Brett Goldsby	9
22	Mason Butler	11
23	Cameron cowie	10
24	Avery Martin	12
25	Alexis Taylor	12
27	Noah Hallam	11
28	Cole Langham	12
29	Isaac Potton	11
30	Levi Crawford	12
31	Evyn Witt	11

<b>Head Coach</b>	Steve Hallam
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Reference these 10 tips before each season and implement the #WeSeeYou culture within your athletic department. You can also distribute them to teachers, principals, superintendents and other school staff.

### 1. UNDERSTAND THE REAL DEFINITION OF MENTAL HEALTH.

"Mental health is a state of mental well-being that enables people to cope with the stresses of life, realize their abilities, learn well and work well, and contribute to their community," per the World Health Organization. It's a spectrum that is less often about extremes or crises and more often about coping with everyday challenges—most of us live in the middle.

### 2. ACKNOWLEDGE AND CONNECT WITH ALL STUDENTS.

All students—not just the ones who help win championships—want to feel seen by someone who matters to them, like a coach, athletic director or teacher.

### 3. KEEP IN MIND THAT STUDENTS ARE SEEING LIFE THROUGH A HIGHLIGHT REEL.

Teenagers are "seen" a lot on social media, but are they seen for who they truly are? Be the person who wants to know and support the real them.

### 4. CREATE A CULTURE WHERE EVERYONE IS LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER.

It is not one sole person's responsibility to check in and see how everyone on the team is doing. We can all play a part in noticing, acknowledging and offering support to one another.

### 5. REMEMBER YOUR INFLUENCE IS GREATER THAN YOU OFTEN REALIZE.

Far beyond their athletic potential, you can make subtle differences in your students' lives by paying attention to their behavior and who they are as people.

### 6. DON'T FORGET WE ALL HAVE DIFFERENT CAPACITIES FOR STRESS.

And it can change day to day. Rather than judging the validity of someone else's stressor, consider how many stressors they are juggling at one time and empathize that they may have one too many to handle at once.

### 7. DETERMINE IF STUDENTS ARE "SORE" OR IF THEY ARE "INJURED."

Like with physical endurance, coping with stress can feel exhausting. But it's important to notice the difference between being "sore" (feeling anxious or down) and being "injured" (a mental health crisis). Help your students work through their "soreness" by developing coping skills to build stamina.

### 8. OFFER SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE.

While most high school students might not experience a mental health crisis, they are still faced with adversities they have never dealt with before. Remember it's not your job to diagnose or treat; it's your job to offer support and guidance and teach them how to be resilient.

### 9. ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO GET MORE SLEEP.

A consistent lack of sleep is directly correlated with lacking the ability to cope with stress properly.

### 10. CONTINUE SEEKING RESOURCES.

Again, the mental well-being of students is not one sole person's responsibility. Surround yourself with resources to reference and a network of support to turn to.

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#	NAME	GRADE
9	Kagen Kramer	12
10	Owen Nayokpuk	12
11	Jacob Weber	11
12	Landon Paolino	11
13	Max Earl	10
14	Cody Bristor	10
15	Sam Lannet	11
18	Channing Carlin	10
20	Tripp Wood	10
21	caiden olson	12
22	Parker Juszczak	12
23	Ryan Weber	9
29	Daniel Rowley	10
37	Hunter Simons	11
42	Colbi Lindsoe	9
55	Dylan Earl	12
70	Kieran Olson	10
91	Cavan Malone	11
97	Barrett Ricca	10

<b>Head Coach</b>	Jesse Lindsoe
<b>Assistant Coaches</b>	
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#	NAME	POSITION	GRADE
1	Emily Christman	Goalie	11
4	Chase Ringler	Forward	11
7	Elijah Von Gunten	Forward	12
10	Liam Hilscher	Forward	12
11	Jacob Logan	Forward	12
12	Bryce Horacek	Forward	12
16	Kellen Kinneen	Forward	12
21	Brandon Horacek	Defense	12
29	Tavian Mukaabya	Forward	10
35	Kai Curl	Goalie	10
40	Riley Swanson	Defense	9
49	Nicholas McQuillin	Forward	12
54	Peyton Neumann	Forward	12
65	Cooper Frank	Forward	12
66	Dominik Maya	Defense	10
76	Zander Anderson	Defense	11
82	Zidane Dietz	Defense	12
88	Kinan Greco	Forward	12
91	Colin Bigelow	Forward	12
93	Kaleb Von Gunten	Defense	10

Head Coach	Rusty Belanger
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Student Managers	Avery Engelbrecht
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## NORTHERN LIGHTS CONFERENCE 3RD PLACE

#	NAME	GRADE
2	Brooklyn Larsen	12
3	Draiden Mullican	10
4	Zackary Zurfluh	12
5	Spencer Dahlman	11
6	Mason Bock	11
7	Noah Crabtree	9
9	Peyton Williams	12
10	Daniel Heath	12
11	Ryker Parnell	10
13	Chase Willis	11
14	Castin Garcia	10
16	Luke Larsen	9
17	Sylis Hughes	9
18	Nathan Hawkins	12
19	Marshall DeRaeve	12
20	Peter Perez-Bailon	11
22	Paul Wertanen	9
25	Billy Drath	9
26	Fynley Holkko	9
27	Keegan Myrick	9
28	Eli Settlemyer	10
30	Brycen Clyde	11
35	Nathanael Boatright	12

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# TRI-VALLEY WARRIORS



## AURORA CONFERENCE 3RD PLACE

#	NAME	GRADE
4	Hiram Stone	9
8	Kael Evans	9
10	Cordell Randall	12
11	Colten Guhrt	11
13	Silas Hamm	10
15	Samuel Kimmel	10
17	Haylie Wahlin	10
19	Quincy Hjorth	10
27	Matthew Bohanan	12
35	Elijah Graham	12
44	Taylor Eddington	11
52	Michael Renshaw	12
59	Christopher Bohanan	10
74	Owen Juszczak	11
77	Eugene Haugen	9
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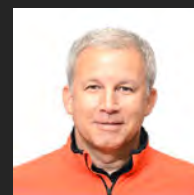
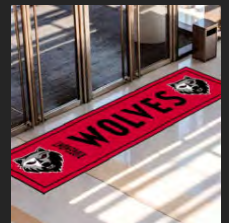
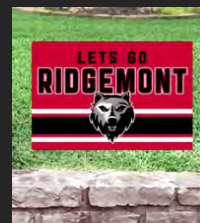




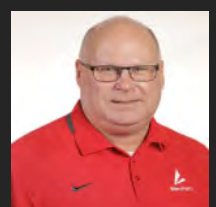
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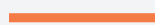


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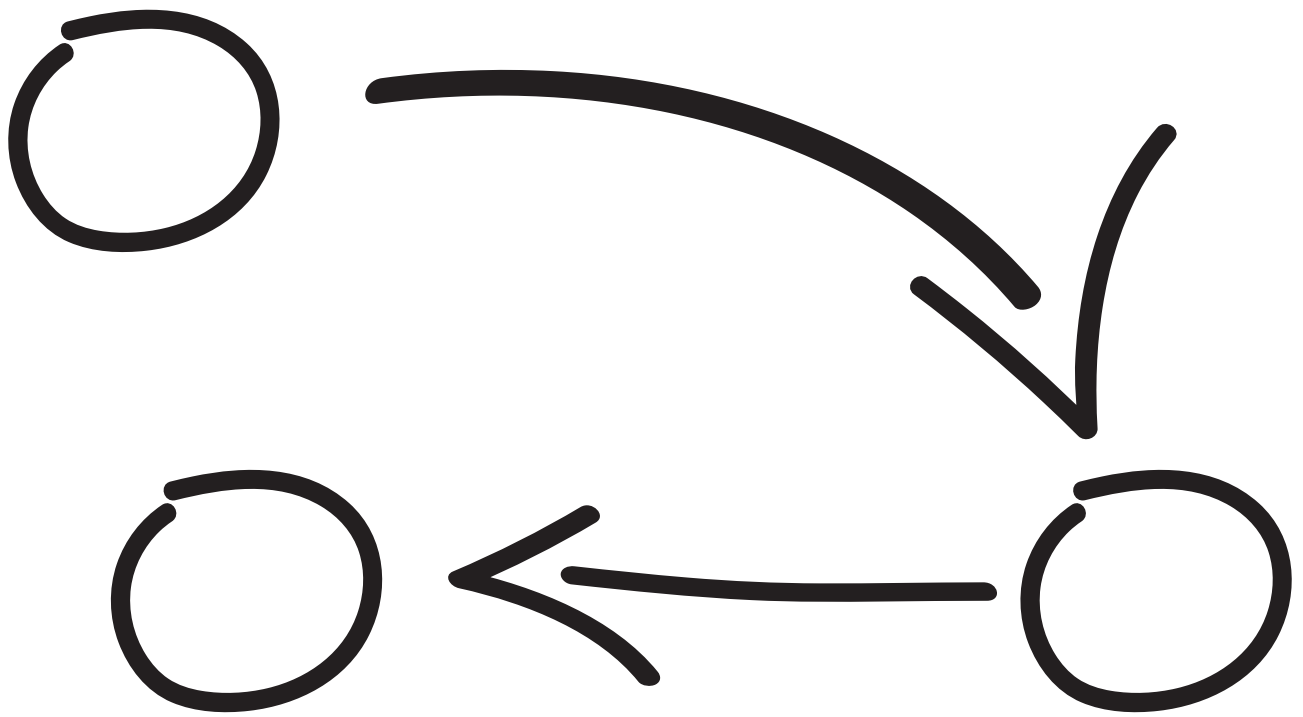
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### FINAL STANDINGS

Champion	Houston
Runner-up	Soldotna
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Palmer
4 <sup>th</sup>	Juneau-Douglas
5 <sup>th</sup>	Kenai
6 <sup>th</sup>	North Pole
7 <sup>th</sup>	Kodiak
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tri-Valley

### GAME SCORES

Houston v Tri-Valley	10-0
Juneau v Kenai	2-4
Soldotna v North Pole	4-2
Palmer v Kodiak	12-0
Tri-Valley v Juneau	0-7
North Pole v Kodiak	6-2
Houston v Kenai	9-1
Soldotna v Palmer	4-3
Juneau v North Pole	5-1
Kenai v Palmer	2-7
<i>Championship</i>	
Houston v Soldotna	7-0

### AWARDS

Sportsmanship Award: Juneau-Douglas  
 Academic Award: Palmer (3.69)

### ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Afanasy Efimov	Houston
Andrew Arthur	Soldotna
Ari Burnside	Houston
Brody Richard	Houston
Caden Johns	Juneau
Carter Borkovec	North Pole
Daniel Matveev	Houston
Elijah Von Gunten	Palmer
Jace Appelhans	Soldotna
Logan Mese	Kenai
Marshall DeRaeve	Soldotna
Zidane Dietz	Palmer

### PLAYERS OF THE GAME

Houston	Brody Richard
Brayden Spain	
Afanasy Efimov	
Juneau-Douglas	Xavier Melancon
Caden Johns	
Ian Moller	
Kenai Central	Logan Mese
Gavin Lifes	
Avery Martin	
Kodiak	Rowan Wyszowski
Theron Glover	
North Pole	Sam Lannet
Carter Borkovec	
Blayne Juszczak	
Palmer	Elijah Von Gunten (2)
Zidane Dietz	
Soldotna	Marshall DeRaeve
Andrew Arthur	
Jace Appelhans	
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### FINAL STANDINGS

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Runner-up	Dimond
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wasilla
4 <sup>th</sup>	Colony
5 <sup>th</sup>	South Anchorage
6 <sup>th</sup>	Chugiak
7 <sup>th</sup>	Service
7 <sup>th</sup>	West Valley

### GAME SCORES

West v West Valley	6-1
South v Chugiak	5-1
Colony v Dimond	2-3
Wasilla v Service	8-0
West Valley v Chugiak	2-5
Colony v Service	2-1
West v South	2-1
Dimond v Wasilla	5-3
Chugiak v Colony	4-5
South v Wasilla	0-2
<i>Championship</i>	
West V Dimond	3-2

### AWARDS

Sportsmanship Award: Wasilla  
Academic Award: West (3.39)

### ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Aidan Finch	Colony
Andrew Sturgeon	Dimond
Austin Keim	West
Cole Schmidt	South
Evan Fitzgerald	West
Fischer Sims	Chugiak
Gunnar Bergo	West
Henry Shelton	West
Jason McKenna	Dimond
Joe Christiansen	Dimond
Mason Holler	Wasilla
Sterling Myers	Wasilla

### PLAYERS OF THE GAME

Chugiak	
Fischer Sims	Blake Yawit
Edmond Theis	
Colony	
Adam Finch	Jamon Obryan
Logan Lofland	
Dimond	
Andrew Sturgeon	Joe Christiansen
Tyson Jones	
Service	
Orion Hunter	Cameron Anderson
South Anchorage	
Thomas Tunney	Gordan Jennings
Keiveri Flannery Schutt	
Wasilla	
Jordan Pfile	Grant Barksdale
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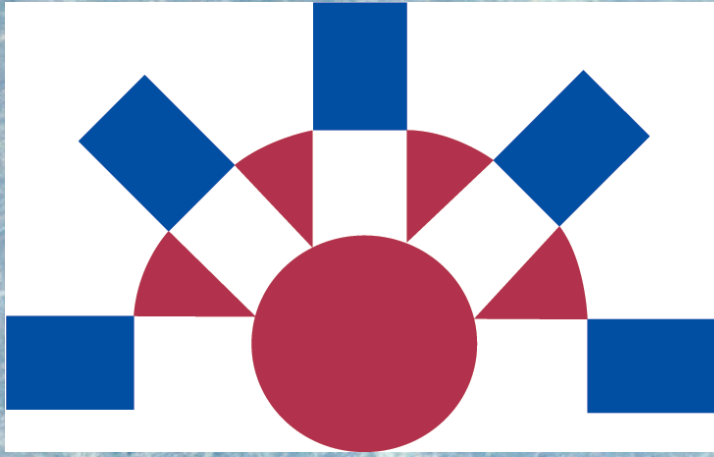
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