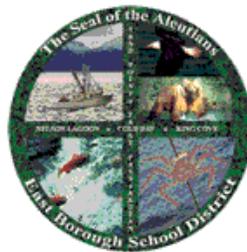
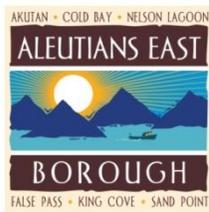


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Sand Point Eagles Take Home Trophy in Tight Championship Game against King Cove T-Jacks

Final Score in Peter Pan Tip Off Championship Game: 47 to 45

Two evenly matched teams, the Sand Point Eagles and the King Cove T-Jacks, went toe-to-toe in the Peter Pan Tip Off earlier this month (Feb. 5th), keeping spectators on the edge of the seats until the last several seconds of the game.

“Man, it doesn’t get any closer than this,” said KSDP Announcer Austin Roof, during the fourth quarter. “This is like an exact replay of last year at the Trident Tip-off, just back and forth, back and forth.”

Sand Point grabbed the lead at the start of the game, by only by a couple of points. However, King Cove was constantly nipping at the Eagles' heels. By the end of the first quarter, the score was 12 to 11, with Sand Point just barely hanging onto the lead. At one point, the Eagles jumped ahead by nine points during the first half, but the T-Jacks worked hard to try and close the gap.

Going into the second half, Sand Point had a 5-point lead over the T-jacks (26 to 21).



Ryder Gundersen of the Eagles driving past his defenders, Graydon Severian and Connor Samuelson of the T-Jacks. Photo by Marlene Mack.

“Colten Mack, our captain and number one guard, is an extremely gifted ball handler,” said Sand Point Eagles Coach Toby Sargent. “He’s one of the best dribblers I’ve ever seen. He controlled the pace of the game. Freshman Karl Smith, a 6’1 freshman, shot very, very well from behind the 3-point line.”

During the second half, things started to turn around for King Cove.

“They caught up and some balls went their way,” said Eagles Coach Sargent.



T-Jacks Point Guard Robert Christiansen being met by a tight Sand Point defense. Photo by Marlene Mack.

“King Cove definitely has a little bit more grip on the game than they did in the first half,” Roof announced.

The T-Jacks pulled ahead with a 2-point lead.

“Sand Point got the lead taken away from them for the first time in the whole game,” said Roof. “King

Cove has slowly but

surely chipped away at the lead and took it just now by a long 3-pointer by Ian Samuelson.”

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, King Cove maintained the lead, with a score of 34 to 32, but it wouldn't be long before things would go the other way again. Minutes later, Sand Point gained a couple of points and tied it up with a score of 34 to 34. Then the Eagles took their lead back, powering ahead by 7 points with just a few minutes left on the clock. Moments later, the game tightened up again, as King Cove worked hard to catch up. With 44 seconds left on the clock, Ian Samuelson took a long shot for 3 points.

“Drains it!” announced Roof.

At this point, the game was tied.



Karl Smith of the Eagles with a shot over Robert Christiansen of the T-Jacks. Photo by Marlene Mack.

“Oh, my gosh! This is just a replay of last year,” said Roof. “What a matchup between these two teams! It was just neck and neck the whole way.”

“It was a very intense, fast-paced and just a nail-biter of a game,” said Amy Mack, AEBSA Activities Director.

The two teams went at each other, but Sand Point took the lead back, ahead by two points.

“This last game, it wasn't them,” said King Cove T-Jacks Coach Randel Newman. “Our boys did fantastic, but the Eagles slowed us down, which hasn't happened to us this season. Sand Point played a really good game.”

Evan Wilson of the Eagles had the winning shot with six seconds left in the game. The score was 47 to 45. Spectators from Sand Point erupted into cheers.

“The crowd exploded,” said Eagles Coach Sargent. “It was fantastic! Colten Mack jumped up. I grabbed him and gave him big hugs. Everybody was pretty happy. I think Evan was on the verge of tears. Everybody played really hard on both sides of the court. Everybody did a great job.”

Rookies Win the Championship Game against the Lady Eagles in the Peter Pan Tip Off

Final Score: 48 to 42

The King Cove Rookies won the championship game against the Sand Point Lady Eagles earlier this month in the Peter Pan Tip Off, but it was a hard fight until the finish.

“It was a nail-biter all the way to the end,” said KSDP announcer Austin Roof.



Dantezza Pangilinan of the Lady Eagles with a rebound over McKenna Gould and Marylee Yatchmeneff of the Rookies. Photo by Marlene Mack.

The Lady Eagles gained a quick lead early on. The score was 6 to 2, with just under four minutes on the clock during the first quarter.

“Both of these teams have a fire in them when they play each other,” said Roof.

Both teams were well aware that the stakes were high.

“If the Lady Eagles win this game, they can throw it in for a 3-way tie between King Cove, New Halen and Sand Point. The deciding factor will be a free throw

percentage decided by the coaches,” Roof explained. “If King Cove wins this one, they have a clean road to victory and take home the glory.”

As time went on, King Cove started to close the gap. With two minutes left on the clock in the first quarter, the score was 8 to 7, in Sand Point’s favor.

By the end of the first quarter, Sand Point edged up to 9 points with King Cove trailing behind by two.

“The Rookies haven’t taken the lead yet,” said co-announcer Amy Mack.

Things started to turn around during the beginning of the second quarter, as the score was tied.



Emmaly Brandell of the Rookies draws the foul with the 3-point shot over Brittany Gardner of the Lady Eagles. Photo by Marlene Mack.

But then Sand Point jumped ahead by a couple of points. Minutes later, King Cove tied it up again. The excitement continued to build as the two teams kept up a dance of back and forth.

“They’ve been trading the lead for the last couple minutes,” said Roof. “It’s been very tight.”

As the buzzer went off at the end of the first half, King Cove led by just

two points.

Towards the end of the second quarter, King Cove pulled ahead. The score was 32 to 22.

“A ten-point lead by King Cove. That was a fast run they made,” said Roof. “This has been a fast-paced game. Both teams are fighting really hard for the win.”

Things started to turn around in a big way for the Lady Eagles during the third quarter.

“Sand Point came back from a 14 point deficit. Great playing from both teams,” Roof announced. “King Cove went off to a storming lead to begin the



Senior Shannel Newman of the Rookies with the drive past Brittany Gardner of the Lady Eagles. Photo by Marlene Mack.

3rd quarter, but Sand Point wouldn't give up."

"Just to be able to come back after being that much down and to make a good game out of it was really exciting," said Sand Point Lady Eagles Coach Emil Mobeck.

By the end of the third quarter, King Cove led by just four points, with a score of 38 to 34.

"This has been a very physical game," said Roof. "King Cove has been fighting to hold onto the lead, but just barely."

With five minutes left in the game, only two points separated the Rookies and the Lady Eagles. As the minutes ticked by, the two teams kept spectators guessing what would happen. Then, with less than a minute and a half to go in the game, King Cove led by eight points. The Lady Eagles edged up by two more points moments later. When the buzzer went off, the score was 48 to 42.

"And the winner of the 2016 Peter Pan Tip Off goes to the Rookies from King Cove!" Roof said.

"Whenever you have two teams that know each other really well, the games are always really tight," said King Cove Rookies Coach Paul Barker.

"All in all, it was a good tournament," said Lady Eagles Coach Mobeck. We ended up taking third place."

"The girls did a really good job of working together," said Barker. "That's critical when the other team is down and you have a little bit of a lead. It was a lot of fun, and the girls had a blast during the entire tournament. We were just lucky enough to get the win, and their hard work paid off in the end."



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