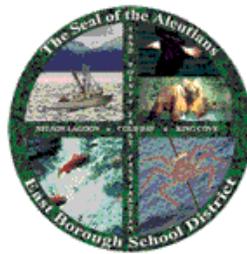
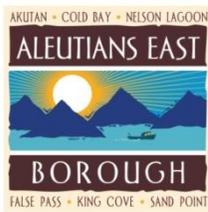


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King Cove T-Jacks Sweep the 2016 Sockeye Classic Championship Game with a Score of 64 to 39

The King Cove T-Jacks played aggressively in the 2016 Sockeye Classic Tournament in Naknek, and it paid off in a big way for them. After winning three games last weekend, they were propelled into the championship game on January 23rd, squaring off against the Bristol Bay Angeles. Still, they were feeling a little less than confident at first. T-Jacks Coach Randel Newman said the King Cove boys went into the game feeling a little nervous. However, they managed to shake off their pre-game jitters very quickly.

“They played great team basketball,” T-Jacks Coach Newman said. “They were aggressive and played really well.”

By the end of the first quarter, the T-Jacks were up by 9 points.

“Both teams were playing very intensely,” said Newman. “I think we just kind of surprised them with the way we played basketball.”

By half-time, the score was 36 to 17. Bristol Bay was trailing King Cove by a wide 19 point margin, and it was clear the T-Jacks were a force to be reckoned with.

“King Cove is firing on all cylinders,” KAKN Radio Announcer Wesley Foster said during the game. “That’s 375 horsepower right there, and they’re not even in the same conference. They’re a smaller school conference.”

T-Jacks point guard Ian Samuelson was leading in the scoring department, with 15 points by half-time.

“My big matchup this evening is Ian Samuelson against anybody,” Foster announced. “I would not want to be the defender against Ian Samuelson.”

Early on in the game, Foster wondered if Samuelson was a junior or a senior. After checking the program, he learned he was a junior.

“Bristol Bay’s got problems for another year,” he announced.

By the end of the third quarter, the score was 51 to 23.

“I think the T-Jacks would win four against five,” Foster commented. “That’s how good they are tonight.”

“They just kept going,” said Newman. The biggest lead they had in the game was 33 points.”

Samuelson ended up contributing 34 points altogether in the championship game.

“That’s more than half of our team’s points,” said Newman.

“I was just playing,” said a humble Samuelson. “I was just going with the flow.”

Newman said Robert Christiansen, a guard, also played very well, scoring 14 points in the game. Conner Samuelson also shined in the championship game.

“His defense is very well-known up there,” Newman said. “That’s pretty much his game. He gets a lot of steals and rebounds. Their defense, as a team, was fantastic. That’s really what separated them from Bristol Bay. They all played amazingly well!”

So amazing that they ended up walking away with the trophy, ending the game with a score of 64 to 39.



The King Cove T-Jacks hold their trophy while celebrating their recent victory in the 2016 Sockeye Classic Championship game against the Bristol Bay Angels on Jan. 23rd. Pictured from left to right: Robert Christiansen, Graydon Severian, Levi Larsen, Ian Samuelson, Jason Duerte, Conner Samuelson, Dylan Larsen and Gary Gould. Photo courtesy: Shannon Johnson.

“Our team has great depth, and we just pressured them for four quarters,” Newman said. “Fortunately, we came out with a win. Everyone was really excited. They’re starting to realize their potential as a team. We were very happy.”

Christensen said the Bristol Bay Angels were a great team to play against, and the game was challenging.

“Everything happened so fast,” he said. “They were good.”

“It was very exciting,” said Samuelson. “It was a very fast-paced game.”

“I think we just wore them down,” said Newman. “We were very aggressive, and I think it just caught them off guard. “They all played as a team, which is great.”

By the end of the game, the T-Jacks could hardly contain the sense of elation they felt.

“Oh, I was excited,” Christensen said. “I couldn’t stop talking about it.”

“It feels very good,” said Samuelson.

The T-Jacks don’t have long to relax before hitting the court again. This weekend, they head to Sand Point for games, followed by the Peter Pan Tipoff Tournament in King Cove next Wednesday.

“So we’re really going to know a lot about our team and basically our region as a whole in the next ten days,” Newman said.

**2015/16 King Cove Rookie and
T-Jack Basketball Schedule**

January, 7th-8th- T-Jacks VS Eagles @ King Cove
Rookies VS Eagles @ Sand Point

January 21st-23rd- Sockeye Classic @ King
Salmon- Boys and Girls

January 29th-30th- Rookies VS. Eagles @ King
Cove

T-Jacks VS. Eagles @ Sand Point

February 3rd-5th- Peter Pan Tip Off @ King Cove
King Cove, Sand Point, Port Alsworth, and
Newhalen Boys and Girls

February 19th-20th- T-Jacks VS Eagles @ King
Cove

Rookies VS Eagles @ Sand Point

February 26th-27th- Rookies/Eagles/Raiders @
Dutch

T-Jacks/Eagles/Raiders @ Sand Point

March 9th-12th Regionals
T-Jacks @ Sand Point
Rookies @ Newhalen



Peter Pan Tip Off 2016 Schedule

Wednesday, February 3rd

Teams Arrive

3:00-Coaches Meeting in Teacher's Lounge

4:30- Sand Point vs Newhalen-Girls

6:00 King Cove T-Jacks vs Port Alsworth-Boys

7:30- King Cove Rookies vs Port Asworth -Girls

Thursday, February 4th

1:30- Sand Point vs Port Alsworth- Girls

11:00- Newhalen vs Sand Point-Boys

4:30- Sand Point vs Port Alsworth-Boys

6:00- King Cove Rookies vs Newhalen-Girls

7:30- King Cove T-Jacks vs Newhalen-Boys

Friday, February 5th

11:00-Port Alsworth vs Newhalen-Girls

1:30- Port Alsworth vs Newhalen-Boys

3:00 Free Throw and 3 Point Contest

6:00-King Cove Rookies vs Sand Point-Girls

7:30-King Cove T-Jacks vs Sand Point-Boys

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