



## ***Press Release***

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# **Issaquah, Bainbridge in boys Division I state lacrosse finals**

*Northshore, Seattle Prep advance in Boys Division II  
Bellevue, Snohomish advance in Girls Varsity B*

ISSAQUAH, Wash. – Travis Wright and Jake Director each delivered three goals to propel Issaquah to a 10 – 4 Boys Division I semi-final win over Mercer Island on Wednesday at Issaquah High School. The win landed the Eagles in the state title game with defending state champion Bainbridge in Saturday's 30<sup>th</sup> Washington Lacrosse High School State Championship.

Issaquah used a five-goal first period to gain the upper hand over an Islander team that had previously played in the last seven consecutive state title matchups. "MI had the first couple of possessions, but once we got going on offense, we were on fire," said Issaquah head coach Brandon Fortier. After scoring another two in the second, the Eagles took a comfortable 7 – 2 lead into halftime.

In the third quarter, the Eagles shut-out MI 2 – 0 and added another goal to MI's one in the fourth for insurance.

"I told them we had a lot of firsts this season," said Fortier, whose team achieved its first-ever post-season win against MI on the back of its first-ever 20-win season. Issaquah had previously lost to the Islanders in both the 2006 and 2005 state title game. "It's huge for our program," he said. "We feel that we are now one of the elite programs up there with Bainbridge and Mercer Island."

In the other Boys Division I semi-final, Bainbridge rolled over Skyline 16 – 4 on the shoulders of Evan Wright and Jordan Foster who each scored four goals to propel their team to their second consecutive state final.

Undefeated Bainbridge opened the match-up by shutting-out Skyline 2 – 0 in the first quarter then poured it on in the second with six goals to take an 8 – 1 lead into the half. In the second half, Bainbridge added another three in the third and five in the fourth to ice the win.

"Bainbridge moved the ball up and down the field really well," said Anthony Spinelli, whose team, only in its third year of existence, challenged the defending state champions. "I would have like to be playing on Saturday, but I'm really proud of these kids to put the effort forward to get this far."

In Boys Division II semi-final action Northshore downed Overlake 14 – 7 to land a berth in the state title game against Seattle Prep, which downed Redmond 7 – 4.

In Girls Varsity B semi-finals, Bellevue landed in the state title game with a 14 – 13 defeat of Curtis, while undefeated Snohomish continued its dominance with an 18 – 6 defeat of Nathan Hale to advance to the title.

Girls Varsity A semi-final action takes place on Thursday with 2007 state champion Lakeside (11-1-1), which finished second in the West Division, taking on East Division champion Forest Ridge (9-4-0) at Robinswood East Park in Bellevue and Mercer Island (7-4-2), the second-place finisher in the East Division meeting West Division winner and 2007 state runner-up Bainbridge (12-1-0) at Bainbridge High School. Both games get underway at 6:00 p.m.

The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Washington State Lacrosse High School State Championships are set to take place Saturday, May 17 at Seattle Center's Memorial Stadium. The all-day state championship event for boys and girls high school teams gets underway at 9 a.m. and continues until 8 p.m.

In the 2007 Washington State Lacrosse High School Championships, Bainbridge defeated Mercer Island 9 – 7 for their 11<sup>th</sup> state title. In Boys Division II, Tacoma defeated Puyallup 13 – 7 for their first state title. In Girls Varsity A, Lakeside defeated Bainbridge 10 – 6 for their second consecutive and fifth all-time state title. In Girls Varsity B, Tacoma defeated Lakeside 18 – 10 for their first state title. Tacoma now plays in Girls Varsity A.

For more information on boys and girls high school lacrosse in Washington state and a complete archive of weekly news releases please visit <http://www.uslax-wa.org/08media.html>

### **2008 State Semi-Final Results (Wednesday, May 14)**

#### **Scoring**

##### **Boys Div. I (SEMI-FINAL PLAYOFFS)**

Mercer Island 1 1 0 2 -- 4  
Issaquah 5 2 2 1 -- 10 Issaquah advances to state title game

Mercer Island: Daniel Shields (2 goals, 1 assist), Steven Taylor (1 goal), John Wettach (1 goal), Michael Choe (1 assist).

Issaquah: Travis Wright (3 goals, 2 assists), Jake Director (3 goals), Todd Jones (1 goal, 1 assist), Alex Bates (1 goal), Jordan Goldstein (1 goal), Evan Greenhall (1 goal), Riley Goodman (1 assist).

Skyline 4, Bainbridge 16  
Skyline 0 1 1 2 -- 4  
Bainbridge 2 6 3 5 -- 16 Bainbridge advances to state title game

Skyline: Austin Strand (1 goal), Calvin Wiley (1 goal), Joe Christianson (1 goal), Austin Rogers (1 goal, 1 assist), Lachlan Murphy (1 assist).

Bainbridge: Evan Wright (4 goals), Jordan Foster (4 goals, 1 assist), Sam Snow (3 goals, 2 assists), Kevin Nyugen (2 goals), Bjorn Ostenson (1 goal), Sam Benny-Schmidt (1 goal), Trent Burroughs (1 goal), Garrett Lund (2 assists), Zach Ingrassci (1 assist), Max Olsen (1 assist).

##### **Boys Div. II (SEMI-FINAL PLAYOFFS)**

Overlake 4 2 0 1 – 7  
Northshore 6 3 2 3 – 14 Northshore advances to state title game

Northshore: Taylor Wisman, (5 goals, 4 assists), Foster Wisman (4 goals, 2 assists), Scott Barclay (1 goal, 2 assists), Bowen Hadley (1 goal, 2 assists), Jake Dossett (2 goals), Mitch Langdon (1 goal).

Overlake: No Scoring Available

Redmond 4, Seattle Prep 7 Seattle Prep advances to state title game  
No Scoring Available

##### **Girls Varsity B (SEMI-FINAL PLAYOFFS)**

Bellevue 5 9 -- 14 Bellevue advances to state title game  
Curtis 7 7 -- 13

Bellevue; Marielle Moffatt (7 goals), Conley Nemyre (2 goals), Adriene Greenberg (2 goals), Bri Nelson (1 goal, 1 assist), Beck Constantine (1 goal), Reily Finnely (1 goal).

Curtis: Kaori Parker (2 goals, 2 assists), Nikki Cook (1 goal), Taylor Reyes (1 goal), Kim Abalahin (1 goal), Jessika Carlstrom (4 goals), Alyssa Sagers (4 goals).

Nathan Hale 1 5 -- 6  
Snohomish 10 8 -- 18 Snohomish advances to state title game

Nathan Hale: Lara Sidhu (3 goals, 1 assist), Mari Carmichael (2 goals), Haly Rylko (1 goal), Eliza Cady (2 assists).

Snohomish: Sayre Crighton (4 goals, 4 assists), Calista Klein (3 goals), Meaghan Hess (2 goals, 2 assists), Emily Henderson (1 goal), Mikaela Trott (3 goals, 1 assist), Devlin Barela (2 assists), Hanna Price (2 goals), Sarah Courtney (1 goal), Jen Courtney (1 goal), Natalie Sidurius (1 goal, 1 assist), Katrina Renco (1 assist).

### **About High School Lacrosse in Washington State**

Over 2,100 high school students representing 71 boys and 38 girls teams play lacrosse in Washington state during a 10-week regular season March - May, with the Washington State High School Championships taking place in late May. Varsity boys lacrosse is contested in the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association with 14 Division I and 24 Division II teams representing high schools throughout the Puget Sound area. Varsity girls lacrosse is contested in the Washington Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association with 10 Varsity A and 14 Varsity B teams representing high schools throughout the Puget Sound area. Lacrosse is considered the fastest growing sport in the U.S. with the sport among the fastest growing in Washington state. For more information visit <http://www.uslax-wa.org/08media.html> or the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association at [www.WHSBLA.org](http://www.WHSBLA.org) and the Washington Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association at [www.WSLAX.org](http://www.WSLAX.org).

### **2008 State Tournament Brackets**

Boys Div. I <http://www.sportability.com/spx/Leagues/Playoffs.asp?LgID=16875>  
Boys Div. II <http://www.sportability.com/spx/Leagues/Playoffs.asp?LgID=16876>  
Girls Varsity A <http://www.sportability.com/spx/Leagues/Playoffs.asp?LgID=16970>  
Girls Varsity B <http://www.sportability.com/spx/Leagues/Playoffs.asp?LgID=16969>

### **Upcoming Games**

#### **Thursday, May 15**

#### **Girls Varsity A (SEMI-FINAL PLAYOFFS)**

Lakeside at Forest Ridge (Robinswood East / 6:00 p.m.)  
Mercer Island at Bainbridge (Bainbridge Stadium / 6:00 p.m.)

#### **Saturday, May 17**

#### **30th Washington State Lacrosse High School Championships – Seattle Center Memorial Stadium**

Boys Youth Honor the Game Match	9:00 a.m.
Boys Division II Championship (Northshore vs. Seattle Prep)	10:30 a.m.
Boys All State and All American Awards	12:15 p.m.
Boys Division I Championship (Issaquah vs. Bainbridge)	1:00 p.m.
Girls Youth Games	3:00 p.m.
Girls Varsity B Championship (Bellevue vs. Snohomish)	4:30 p.m.
Girls All State and All American Awards	6:15 p.m.
Girls Varsity A Championship (TBD on Thursday)	6:30 p.m.

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