

## DIVISION II Boys HS Weekly Beat

### WALAX.COM WEEK TWO RANKINGS

Conference	Team	In-Conference	Overall
Olympic	Tacoma	1 Tied	1 Tied
Skagit	Snohomish	1	1 Tied
Olympic	Klahowya	1 Tied	1 Tied
Evergreen	Lake Tapps	1	1 Tied
Olympic	Puyallup	3	5 Tied
Evergreen	Overlake	2 Tied	5 Tied
Evergreen	Nathan Hale	2 Tied	5 Tied
Skagit	Northshore	2 Tied	8 Tied
Skagit	North County	2 Tied	8 Tied
Skagit	Mukilteo	2 Tied	8 Tied
Olympic	North Kitsap	4	8 Tied
Evergreen	Blanchet	4 Tied	12 Tied
Evergreen	Sammamish	4 Tied	12 Tied
Skagit	San Juan	5	12 Tied
Olympic	Port Angeles	5	12 Tied
Olympic	Stadium	6	16 Tied
Skagit	Whatcom	6	16 Tied
Evergreen	Franklin	6 Tied	18 Tied
Skagit	Stanwood	7	18 Tied
Evergreen	Mt Rainier	6 Tied	18 Tied
Olympic	South Kitsap	7	18 Tied

\*To view the most current and complete Computer Rankings, visit [LaxPower](#)

## RECAPS

Week 2 has been quite a week on Division II lacrosse. Teams have moved up and down, and the conferences seem to be taking shape.

### DIVISION II

#### Tacoma

The Tacoma Lions continue to barrel through its opponents. On Tuesday, the Lions edged out Puyallup in one of Walax's featured game of the week. The game was back and forth with the final game winner coming with 1:30 left in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Scoring was dominated by Tacoma's big guns, Curtis Holcombe and Scott Gilson. Holcombe had 4 hoops and an assist, while Gilson had one goal and 3 helpers. The Tigers destroyed Port Angeles 14-1 on Thursday. Tacoma continues to be the team to beat. On Tuesday, the Lions will take on Klahowya in yet another Walax Game of the Week.

#### Snohomish

The Juggernaut that is the Snohomish Panthers has dominated every team it has played so far. Snohomish embarrassed Mukilteo, beating them by 10 goals in one of the Games of

the Week. Later in the week, the Panthers went on to dominate Northshore and Whatcom. Snohomish's offense continues to pound the opposition into submission. Jake Bos leads all Division II scoring with 18 goals and 7 assists. Zane Reed had a break out week, and is 3<sup>rd</sup> in all Div II scoring with 15 goals and 6 assists. Who can beat Snohomish? Looking at the schedule, they may go undefeated.

### **Klahowya**

Klahowya handled Stadium without too much trouble beating the Tigers 15-7. The Eagles remain undefeated through week 2 but they face a solid Tacoma team on Tuesday. How will they fair against the Tigers? Only one team will come out undefeated.

### **Lake Tapps**

The Lake Tapps Titans remain undefeated after winning another close game this week. On Thursday, the Titans came out on top in overtime when they faced-off against Franklin. Scoring for Lake Tapps is dominated by Skyler Cichy and Mitch Hagerty with 2.67 points per game.

### **Puyallup**

What an emotional roller coaster Puyallup had this week. The Panthers lost a heartbreaker to rival Tacoma by one goal on Tuesday. However, they were able to bounce back and slaughtered South Kitsap 24-0 on Friday. There is nothing like loss by one goal to revitalize and refocus a team. Puyallup is a tough team and perhaps the only ones who can put a blemish on Tacoma's record.

### **Overlake**

The Owls from Overlake screeched back into action after a tough loss to Lake Tapps last week. This week Overlake beat Franklin 9-6 before they butchered Blanchet 14-5. Scoring in the Blanchet game was led George Dolack with a pair of hat tricks and Nick Guren with 4 hoops and 2 helpers. The Owls have 3 games this week and will have their talons full with a very hungry Franklin team on Saturday.

### **Nathan Hale**

After a season opener loss to Overlake, the Raiders have been rolling and continue to pick up speed. They hosted Blanchet on Tuesday, winning by 6, and then went on to maraud Mt. Rainier by twice that number. Leading the charge for the Raiders are Nathan Cook and Kevin Harkey with 15 and 14 point through 4 games, respectively. Hale is showing they are a contender in Division II.

### **Northshore**

In week 2, Northshore played Skagit conference leader Snohomish to its closest game of the season. However, Northshore came up a little short losing 12-6 to the Panthers. Northshore will show its true colors this week when they face 3 quality teams. They travel north to face Whatcom and then host Mukilteo and Port Angeles. This is a big week for the newcomers.

### **North County**

The Cavaliers had their first 2 games of the season this week, and what a couple of games they were. North County hosted Whatcom in a game that has been deemed the “Mud Bowl.” The Cavs fell in overtime to the Warriors after a failed clear and an empty net goal. The loss made the Cavs ravenous for a win, and got it when they hosted Mukilteo under the Friday night lights of Western Washington University. The offense of NC goes through 3 players, James Tupper, Landon Vandehoef, and Gage Schulze. NC will hope to build on their last win when they take on Skagit cellar dwellers Stanwood and San Juan.

### **Mukilteo**

In the immortal words of Fred Willard from *A Mighty Wind* “Wha’ Happened?” Mukilteo started out so strong in week 1, but then fell flat on their Knight’s helm in week 2. The Knights lost badly to Snohomish 4-14, and then eked out a win against San Juan 9-6, only to loose a close one to North County 8-10. Was the week 1 blow out of Whatcom a fluke or will Mukilteo be able to rally back after a disappointing week 2? We will see this week when they face conference rivals Stanwood and Northshore.

### **Blanchet**

Blanchet had a sobering wake up call in week 2 when they took on 2 top ten teams, losing both. Nathan Hale was the first to draw blood, quelling the newcomers’ high spirits 6-12. Then Overlake had its shot at them, butchering Blanchet 5-14. Blanchet’s schedule doesn’t lighten up too much in week 3. They will attempt to stop their skid against a ravenous Franklin team and a strong Lake Tapps squad.

### **North Kitsap**

The battle for the Peninsula had to be postponed early in the week, but North Kitsap rallied to have a big week defeating Sammamish 10-9 in overtime on Saturday. Unfortunately, NK has to face 2 tough teams this week, Stadium and Tacoma.

### **Samammish**

Week 2 has been good to Sammamish. They took care of Mt. Rainier 12-8 but came up short in an overtime loss to North Kitsap. Coming up big in the offensive for Sammamish is Austin Severson and Noah Lewis with 3 points per game a piece. With the taste of blood, will Sammamish be able to come up big in week 3? They will have to when they travel to Nathan Hale.

### **San Juan**

The Dragons of San Juan had a much better week 2. They gave a real scare to Mukilteo, loosing 6-9, but went on to beat Stanwood 6-2. Leading the offense for the dragons is Mark Rueter with 11 goals. Just as the Dragon’s start to pick up steam, they have to leave the Island and enter the Panther’s pit in Snohomish. San Juan will also host North County next Saturday.

### **Stadium**

Considering their opponents, Stadium has faired pretty well through the first 2 weeks. The Tigers have played 3 of the top 5 teams in Division II. The Tigers mauled Port

Angels 11-8 but had their claws clipped by Klahowya 7-15. Unfortunately for the Stadium, they will take on another top 5 team this week when they travel to Snohomish on Friday. Luckily for them they have a few more manageable games with the Kitsaps (North and South) before squaring off with the Panthers.

### **Port Angeles**

Week 2 stung a bit for the Rough Riders of Port Angeles. They lost to Stadium 8-11 and were ridden roughly by Tacoma 1-14. Continuing to play well for PA is Dustin Walsh who has a team leading 6 goals and 3 assists. The Rough Riders will try to snap out of their week 2 trouble when they play South Kitsap and Northshore in back to back game, Friday and Saturday.

### **Whatcom**

Whatcom traveled to North County and won a very sloppy game. Sloppy because of the conditions not the way the game was played. The Warriors cleaved the Cavaliers in overtime 11-10 on a field that could be mistaken for swamp. However, the euphoria did not last long because the Warriors were whipped when they traveled to Snohomish, 3-17. Whatcom has a big week when they take on Northshore and Stanwood.

### **Franklin**

Franklin has been close in all 3 of its games so far this season. However, close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades. Franklin traveled to Overlake losing 6-9, then dropped a heartbreaker to Lake Tapps in overtime 7-8. After their start, Franklin is going to have a huge chip on their shoulder this week. Blanchet and Mt. Rainier beware, Franklin is coming for you and they want a victory badly.

### **Mt. Rainier**

Fortune did not smile on Mt. Rainier in week 2. Mt. Rainier has had a very difficult schedule. They lost 3 games this week. Klahowya and Nathan Hale both beat up Mt. Rainier but they made a good showing against Sammamish losing 8-13. Friday they face off with Franklin with hope of a victory.

### **Stanwood**

Stanwood has struggled through the first 2 weeks. Their latest loss came when they traveled to San Juan and were burned by the Dragons 2-6. The Spartans may continue their downward spiral when they play 3 conference rival games this week. The Spartans from 300 were up against some pretty heavy odds too. Mukilteo and North County travel to Stanwood, and the Spartans will head up to WWU to play Whatcom.

### **South Kitsap**

Is there a light at the end of the tunnel for South Kitsap? SK has the misfortune of playing in the toughest conference and they have only played the cream of the crop in Division II. South Kitsap was able to muster 2 goals against Klahowya in a 2-14 loss. Then they traveled to Puyallup to suffer the biggest defeat of the season in Division I or II, getting shut out and allowing 24. Too bad for SK, the light at the end of the tunnel may be a train. They play Lake Tapps and Port Angeles this week.