

# Klennert, Lindh nominated for sportsperson of year award

Kodiak high school cross-country runner Kristi Klennert, nationally rated skier Hillary Lindh from Juneau and Anchorage swimmer competitor and organizer Ken Hickey, are among the nominations to date for the 1987 Sportsperson of the Year award.

Nominations are being accepted from now through Friday.

Now in its fourth year, the program, sponsored by Alaska Airlines and the Alaska Newspaper Association, has honored more than 300 Alaskans who have excelled in sports as diversified as dart throwing, sportsfishing, rowing and Eskimo Olympic Games.

"Although nominations have only been open for a week, the response has been good," said Bill MacKay, regional vice president of Alaska Airlines.

Last year, Anchorage high school student and nationally ranked runner Doug Herron won the award, beating out a field of finalists that included Iditarod champion Libby Riddles, pro-hockey player Steve Moria and snowmobile-racing king John Faco.

The state is divided into five regions for judging purposes: Western/Arctic, Interior/Southwest, Southcentral, Anchorage and Southeast. Once nominations are closed, judges from the five regions will choose 10 finalists from around the state.

The judges will then vote on the finalists, and the 1987 Sportsperson of the Year will be announced in late February.

Any individual involved in Alaska sports in 1986 including coaches, athletes and administrators is eligible regardless of age. Athletic performances must have taken place between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 1986.

Entry forms are in local newspapers, or individuals may be submitted by sending the nominee's name, phone number, region in which he or she lives or competes and reasons for nomination to:

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