

# Small schools put on big show

The 1 A and 2 A State basketball tournaments did not disappoint the fans, friends and families of the 30 something teams playing over the weekend at Anchorage's East and Service high schools gyms.

Girls' and boys' cagers played like it was a once in a lifetime experience.

And it was.

Though, Adak won the 2 A boys' crown, the crowd favorites proved to be the Bristol Bay bunch and the Unalakleet Panthers, who repeated their 'always a bridesmaid, never a bride role.'

The Sand Point Eagles boys' and girls' couldn't get off and flying. Their wings were clipped by the smaller but more consistent Kiana Lynx boys, whose stamina, shooting and passing were impressive. They decisively won the 1 A title. The Eagles were larger

and dominated for a short time, but the games proved physical as injuries and frustration mounted. They got into third quarter foul trouble and technicals were called.

The Lynx were spurred on by the crowd as other small schools like Kipnuk, who were initially delayed due to bad weather. Emmonak, Shismaref, Alak, Craig and Aniak cheered for who they thought were the underdog team. The Lynx and the girls' champs, the Kivalina Qavviks did not disappoint, though the girls did not make their mark until the last five minutes of the game.

The awards for the highest grade point average for 2 A boys was Unalakleet and the Pt. Hope girls. The 1 A GPA teams were the Kiana boys and the St. Michael girls.