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Welcome

On behalf of Nike, Inc., Nike High School Basketball, and the Chandler Unified School District (CUSD), welcome to Phoenix for the 2007 Nike Tournament of Champions. Many individuals and organizations are responsible for once again making the Tournament of Champions the greatest high school basketball event in the United States – and possibly the world. I sincerely thank all who have contributed.

First, many thanks to the administrations and athletic departments of the CUSD and particularly Chandler High School (CHS), which, through the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS), have sponsored and sanctioned the Tournament of Champions since its debut in Phoenix in 2001.

CUSD Superintendent Dr. Camille Casteel and Assistant Superintendent for Support Services Frank Fletcher have been uncommonly generous with their time and resources and are central to the event's success. Frank also assigns our tournament officials and officiates several games himself, and we are grateful for the outstanding job he does at both.

Thanks to CHS Athletic Director Dave Shapiro, who spends countless hours on the planning and administration of the event. The Tournament of Champions is now one of the largest nationally sanctioned interscholastic team events in the United States; Dave's unwavering dedication is the key element in its continued success.

Thanks to CUSD Athletic Director John Carlson and Chandler High School Principal Terry Williams, both of whom have been tremendously supportive of the Tournament of Champions since its arrival.

Thanks and best of luck to Christine Lai, who after five years has left the Tournament to pursue other event planning opportunities. Christine's involvement with the tournament dates back almost ten years: first as a player, then volunteer, intern, employee, and finally Director. We will always remember and continue to benefit from her contributions, but most importantly wish her much success in the future.

Thanks to Shala Kiewert who, in her first year, has done an outstanding job in the detailed planning and complex logistics that the event requires. It is hard to imagine anyone, regardless of experience, doing better.

Thanks to Brittany Hosack for coordinating our 2007 Event Management Internship Program with the Chi Omega sorority at Arizona State University, and to the nearly thirty XΩs who are participating this year. Brittany has worked with the Tournament of Champions for three years, and has been one of the most valuable and dedicated interns we have ever had in any program.

Thanks to the administration and staff at each of our host schools in the Chandler Unified School District, particularly Hamilton High School Principal Dr. Fred Deprez and Athletic Director Dick Banisewski; Basha High School Principal Kristine Marchiando and Athletic Director Saunders Montague; Perry High School Principal Dan Serrano and Athletic Director John Wrenn; SanTan Principal Frank Narducci and Athletic Director Mitch Henderson; and Willis Junior High School Principal Paul Bollard and Athletic Director Joe Greene.

Thanks to Tom Buhl for designing this media guide, the tournament website, and virtually all of the printed material that you see this week. Tom has worked with the Tournament since its inception, and he more than anyone is responsible for the incredible look and style that has become associated with the event.

Thanks to Clay Kallam for writing the media guide text, including preview articles and team capsules, and for his overall promotion of the event and our sport in general. Clay also coaches one of our competing teams, and we wish him and the Campolindo Cougars good luck in the tournament.

Thanks to Scott Farence for once again shooting the media guide cover photos. Scott has created a signature photographic look for the Tournament that is not equaled by many professional sporting events, and he has done so with generosity, style, and great humor. Assisting Scott were photo editor Carlos Mandeleveitia and videographer Bryan Miller, who

created the video pieces seen at the Opening Ceremonies.

Also thanks to Julie Koeth, who works closely with Scott in doing the makeup and styling for the actual photo shoot – and who this year secured the donation of the dresses that appear in the program photos.

Thanks to Larry Colton, Michael Burns, Kristine Gliège, Angela Sainz, and the entire staff of the Arizona Grand Resort for accommodating the more than 2,000 student athletes and coaches who compete over two weeks in the event. The Grand is a generous and important partner to the Tournament of Champions, and we are excited about our continued relationship and the Resort's recent and continuing expansion and remodel.

Thanks to Kara Lawson for taking time out of her busy basketball and ESPN schedule to appear at the Opening Ceremonies; Kara is a gracious and giving member of the professional and broadcasting ranks and we are happy to have her with us for the benefit of the student athletes

Special thanks to Ilene Hauser at Nike for taking care of Kara and all of Nike's sponsored WNBA athletes. Ilene consistently values and supports the Tournament of Champions and her work is much appreciated.

Finally, thanks to Mary Thompson, Tony Dorado, George Raveling, Jill Pizzotti, Mike Egan, and everyone at Nike Basketball for again supporting the event.

With the 2007 Tournament of Champions, Nike, Inc. has once again demonstrated its dedication and leadership in the sport of girls' and women's basketball. No other company in any other sport has devoted the resources necessary to produce an event so clearly above the norm.

Now in its eleventh season as the premier event in American high school basketball, the Tournament of Champions is yet another reason so many young athletes are proud – as I am – to be associated with Nike.

*Thanks for your attendance,
Steve Kozaki*



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On behalf of Tony Dorado, George Raveling, and everyone at Nike basketball, welcome to the 2007 Nike Tournament of Champions. For eleven years we at Nike have been proud to be the sponsor of America's best known and most prestigious high school basketball event. I congratulate all of the teams selected to compete in the this year's tournament, which again showcases the finest teams and players in the United States.

The Tournament of Champions' dominance is something unparalleled in high school sports. For eight of the past ten years the TOC has produced the eventual USA Today National Champion – along with an amazing total of 74 divisional State Champions since 1997.

Even more impressive, the TOC has showcased literally hundreds of future collegiate and professional athletes – including WNBA stars Sue Bird, Chamique Holdsclaw, Diana Taurasi, Kara Lawson, and more.

This exceptional level of talent is what will bring more than 200 NCAA Division I coaches to Phoenix this year for the purpose of evaluating future scholarship athletes. It is significant that the TOC is the first and only event of its kind to attract this many coaches for recruiting – while they are in the middle of their own collegiate basketball seasons.

It is everyone present – student athletes, coaches, parents, and fans – who make the Tournament of Champions one of the greatest team high school sporting events in the United States.

Every year Nike demonstrates its leadership in girls' and women's basketball by providing young women with unique opportunities to showcase their abilities. For more than decade the Nike Tournament of Champions has been among the greatest of these opportunities.

Take advantage if it. Play hard, have fun, grow and cherish in the moment. We will all be cheering for your success.

We appreciate your attendance, participation, sportsmanship and enthusiasm, and hope you enjoy the 2007 Nike Tournament of Champions.

Mary M. Thompson
Nike High School basketball





The California Storm Basketball Club congratulates our graduating seniors on their college choices. From left to right: Casey Morris (Cal); Alyssia Brewer (Tennessee); Michelle Jenkins (USC); Shawna Kuehu (Cal).

Joe Smith

1942–2007

On the surface, ours was a most improbable friendship. He and I were born and raised more than a generation apart on opposite coasts, and from the outset shared almost nothing in common. We met in December of 1996 during a fiercely atypical rainstorm in Santa Barbara, and were at completely opposing stages in our lives: I was practically a kid, ignorant and just beginning; he was nearly retiring from two careers, and from the first day made it clear to me that he was the final authority on everything. But, owing to fate or good fortune or both, Joe Smith quickly and surely became one of my best – if most unlikely – friends.

Joe died on December 4 in a New York Hospital. He was 65. Most of the basketball world knew and will remember him as an immovable, opinionated, and sometimes outrageously outspoken fixture in the sport.

Although his public persona was often controversial, the truth is most people did not really know anything about Joe, who for ten years taught me so much about so many things that it's difficult to keep it all in my head at once. At odds with his reputation as an often rude and bellicose figure who lacked social grace, what he taught me most is how to treat all people with dignity and respect.

Much will be written about Joe in the coming days and weeks. Most will focus on basketball, and rightly so: he was a pioneer in the sport, frequently alternating between promoter and detractor, analyst and fan, in an uncompromising effort to better the game. I won't write more about basketball here, partly because his contributions are a matter of record, but primarily because the basis of our friendship had nothing to do with a game at all, and to portray Joe as one-dimensional is to woefully understate his life's contributions.

I spoke with Joe probably 3 or 4 times a day for nearly ten years, with few exceptions. That's something like 12,000 conversations. I won't say anything clichéd like I learned something from him every time we spoke; to be honest, for every deep and vitriolic discussion there was a trivial one as well; often he called to tell me what he was eating for lunch (he was a prodigious consumer of bagels).

Most often we talked about music, politics, history, or horseracing, all of which he loved. I am convinced that if he debated recognized authorities on any of these topics it would leave the experts, not Joe, wanting. This was one of the many surprising things about him: anyone who confused his rancor for a lack of credibility would find themselves completely disarmed by his intelligence. He could converse with anyone about anything, and would more often than not be better informed than his counterpart.

Politically Joe was so acutely liberal that I told him I worried he might fall off the left side of the world; he in turn was so frustrated by my moderation he complained that I stood for nothing at all. This itself illustrates what was so different about us; he was never afraid to rock the boat, while whenever possible I preferred to not leave the shore. Truthfully, his political leanings all centered around the themes of personal choice and civil liberty, and it were these concepts that led him to be such a tolerant, inclusive, and compassionate man. These are not attributes many casual acquaintances would associate with Joe, but I knew them to be true. He believed to his core that every person ought to be able to live the way he or she wanted, and that is certainly how he himself lived.

Although I would never admit it to him, he routinely trumped me in our political debates, partly because he possessed an almost preternatural knowledge of the Constitution (he could recite most of it), the workings of government (he could name most every U.S. Senator and Representative, along with their voting tendencies), and the history of the Supreme Court (Thurgood Marshall was one of his heroes).

When it came to music, Joe had no use for my favorite classic rock or jazz, but could identify virtually every piece of classical and opera music within its first measure. More often than not he could distinguish between which orchestra was playing, under which conductor, and in which concert hall it was recorded. Among his operatic favorites were Puccini's *La Bohème* and Verdi's *Otello*; in symphonic music he preferred Beethoven (his favorites were Symphonies 5, 3, and 9), Dvorak (Nos. 8 and 9), and Sibelius (Nos. 2 and 5).

If you asked him, he could recite the greatest works of every significant composer, and would happily give his opinion of each (Mahler was too dark, Grieg was a bit trivial). He knew the location and current maestro of every major symphony orchestra in the world.

In stark contrast to his refined musical taste, Joe was otherwise a man of simple pleasures. When I flew to New York last year to celebrate his birthday, I asked where he wanted to go for dinner. "Anywhere in Manhattan," I offered. "Michael Jordan's, Smith and Wollensky, The Palm. You name the place." Of course Joe chose the Santa Fe Steakhouse, a quasi chain restaurant (think "Sizzler" with a bar) down the block from his apartment building in Queens. He had a \$12.99 steak while opening his gift, a boxed set of Maria Callas' greatest arias. Talk about a living, breathing contradiction.

One of Joe's other passions was baseball; he was a terrific and tremendously knowledgeable fan who lamented his beloved Yankees' recent (and relative, I pointed out) lack of success, and supported, to my

surprise, their controversial managerial change this Fall. He knew (not believed) that Ty Cobb was the greatest player ever, and could rattle off dozens of statistics to prove it. Joe, in fact, possessed a nearly eidetic memory and could keenly interpret trends and stats, which helped him in other pursuits, as well, like the occasional (and mostly successful) wagers he would place on horseracing via satellite. Win or lose he enjoyed the majesty of the horses; *Seabiscuit* was one of his favorite books and he badgered me until I read it.

He was excited about technology that allowed him to keep in touch with his friends, who are legion, and was an avid "instant messenger" and cell phone junkie. This was quite an evolution for a man who, even after the advent of PCs, used to type his national player and team rankings on a vintage IBM Selectric; whenever he had to insert a player (say, #13 of 100), he would have to either retype the entire list from scratch or use two full bottles of white out to make the correction (his methods were archaic, but this evaluations were dead-on).

I spoke with Joe a final time on December 1, he on his cell phone from his hospital bed. His body was failing terminally at the time – though I chose not to believe this – but his mind was still sharp, and he grilled me about aspects of this year's Tournament, which he planned to attend as usual. He let me know that he disagreed with some of my seeding decisions – also as usual. I know from ten years of experience that Joe was invariably right, so of course I took his advice.

I did not know that it would be our last conversation. The last thing I said to him was the last thing I said to him every day: "I'll talk to you tomorrow." It still does not seem real that I didn't talk to him that next day, and that I won't anymore, at least on this earth. Whenever my cell phone buzzes at his usual intervals I still reflexively expect to look down and read "Joe Smith, 718-896-9646" on the caller ID, as I have so many thousands of times.

I'm sorry now that I didn't say goodbye that night, didn't tell him how much I valued our friendship, didn't tell him how much I enjoyed every single one of those 12,000 talks we had. But I'm okay, because I believe he knew all of these things, just like he knew mostly everything.

One of the (many) things that Joe disliked was the overuse of the word 'great;' he did not believe much in life deserved this particular adjective. Well, I'm sorry Joe, but I'm going to irritate you one final time by writing this:

You were a great human being and a great friend, Joe Smith, and I am a greater person for having known you. You will be missed, by me and by many.

Steve Kozaki
December 6, 2007
Santa Barbara, CA



Mike Desper Community Service Award

Timpanogos High School (Orem, UT)

Established by Nike to honor the memory of former Chandler High School Basketball Coach and Tournament of Champions Associate Director Mike Desper, The Mike Desper/Tournament of Champions Community Service Award is bestowed to a team competing in the event that has made a significant impact in its community through service and volunteerism.

Because Coach Desper touched so many lives in the Chandler community in a positive way, this award is a reflection of his character and is designed to promote civic awareness and activism by all participating teams.

The 2007 MD/TOC Community Service Award goes to Timpanogos High School (Orem, UT).

The Timberwolves numerous extra-curricular service activities include conducting a basketball clinic at Timpanogos for students with moderate and severe disabilities within the school's Life Skills Program; conducting a clinic at Brigham Young University's Center for Service and Learning for children and youth with Down's Syndrome; and performing music and carols for residents in a local assisted living home at Christmas time.

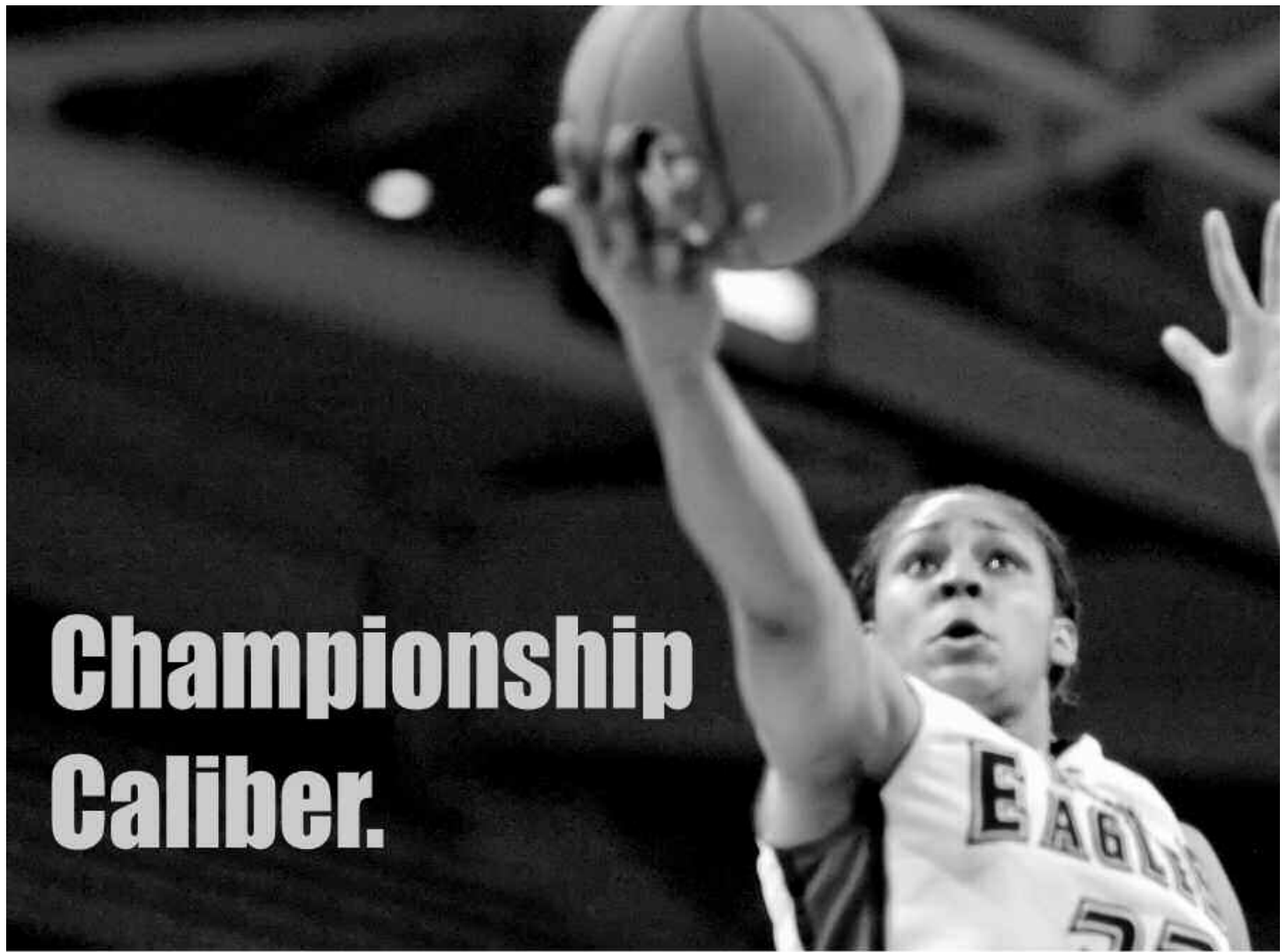
Players also participate in anti-drug assemblies at elementary schools in conjunction with the local newspaper, and recently the team has adopted a two-mile stretch of highway in Orem that, through the state Department of Transportation, they are responsible for cleaning once per month.

Congratulations to Coach Elizabeth Darger and her extraordinary players for making a measurable difference in their community.

Nike hopes all teams will take part in community service programs throughout the year, an action that will complete a trio of high standards common to all TOC teams which begins with academic and athletic excellence.



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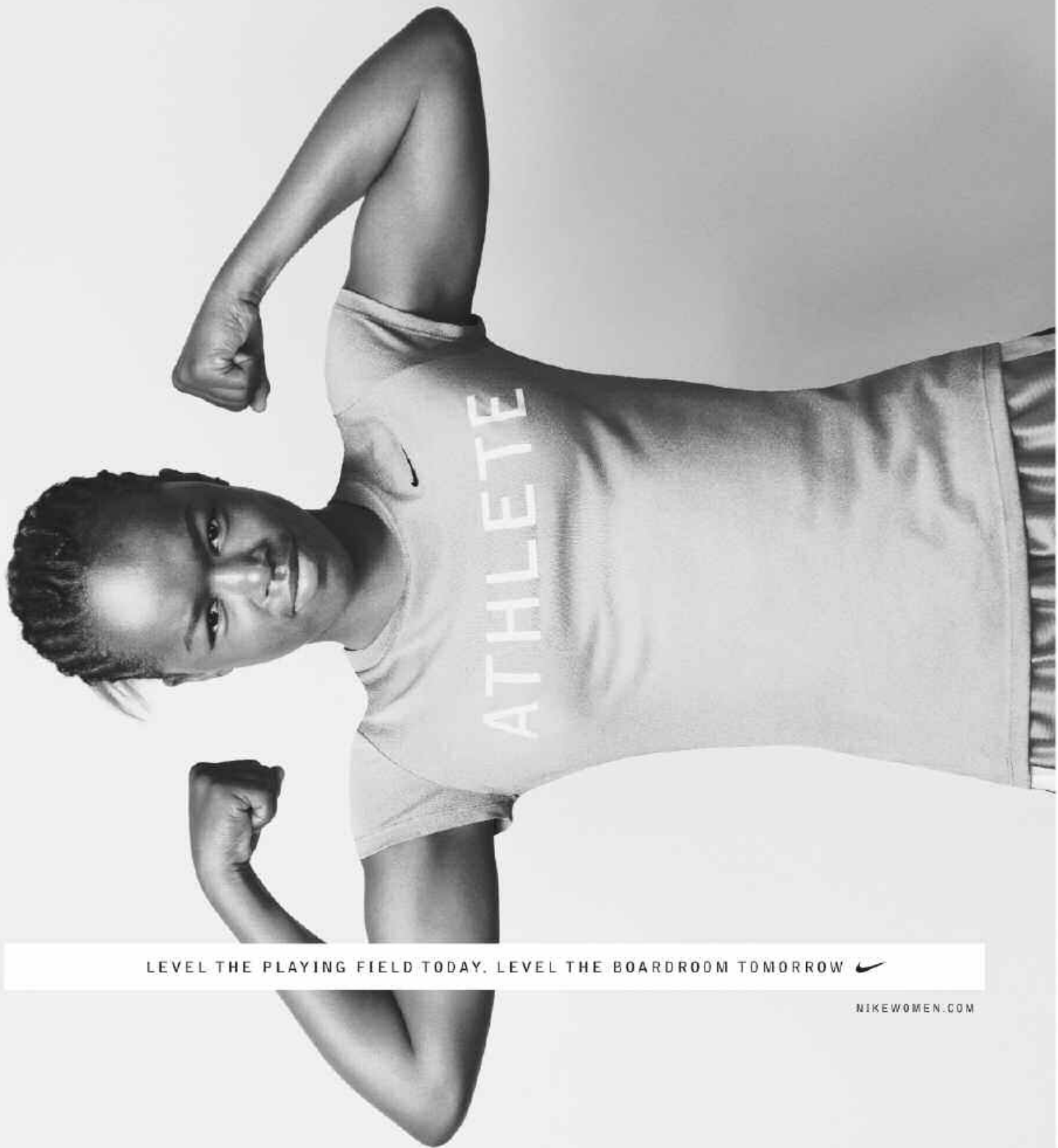


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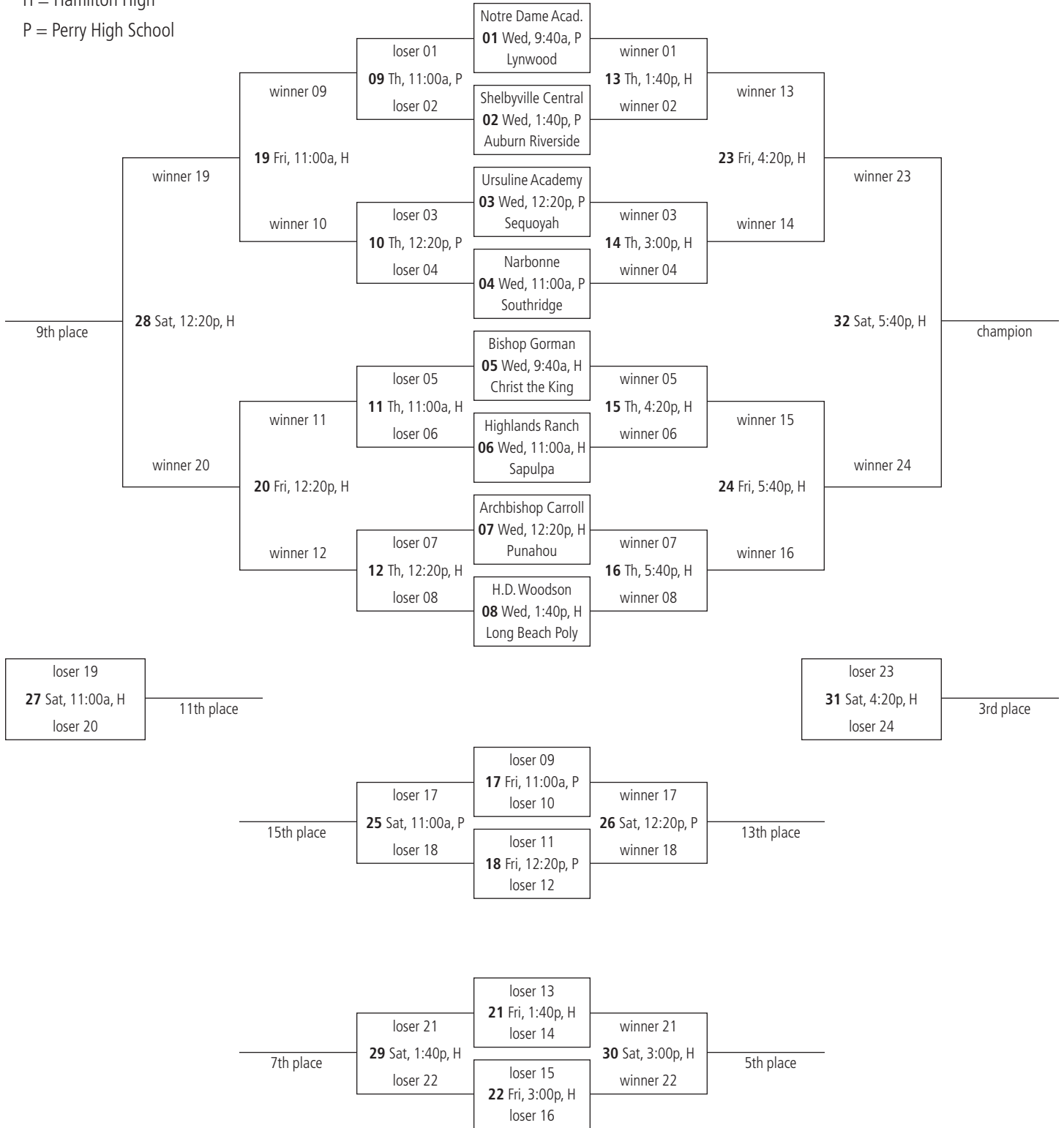
BLACK DIVISION

December 19-22, 2007

Site Legend

H = Hamilton High

P = Perry High School





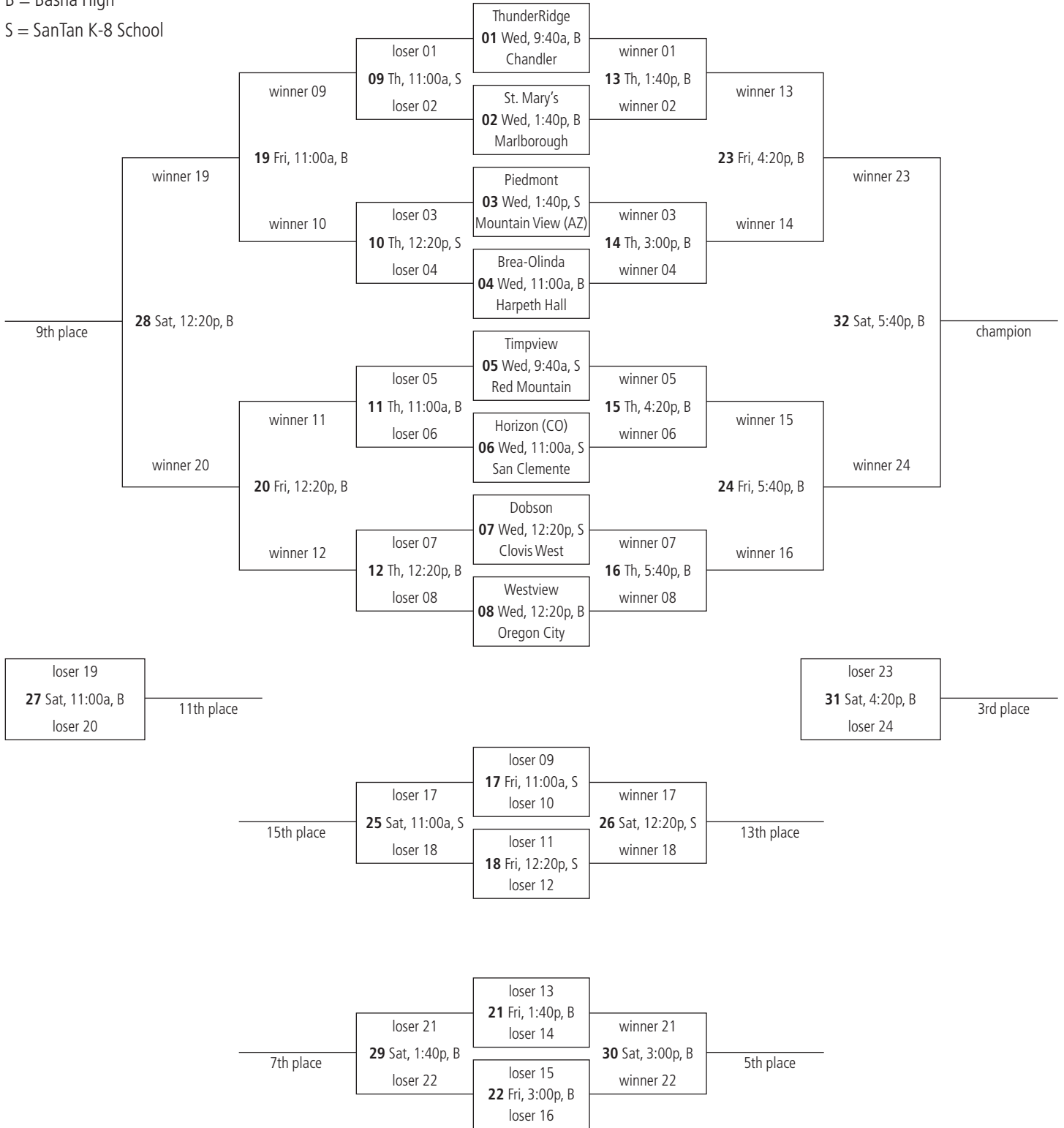
BLUE DIVISION

December 19-22, 2007

Site Legend

B = Basha High

S = SanTan K-8 School





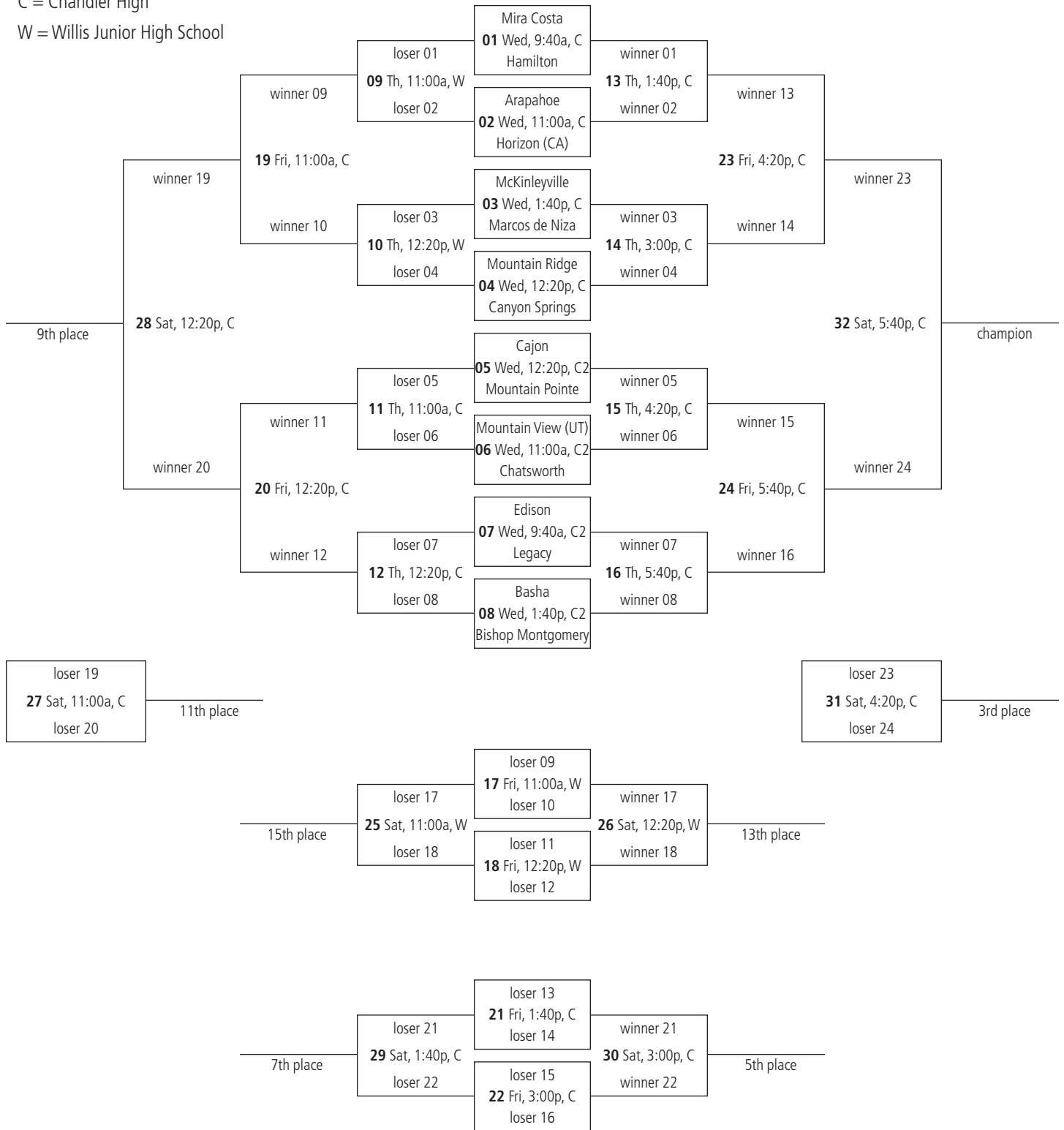
GOLD DIVISION

December 19-22, 2007

Site Legend

C = Chandler High

W = Willis Junior High School



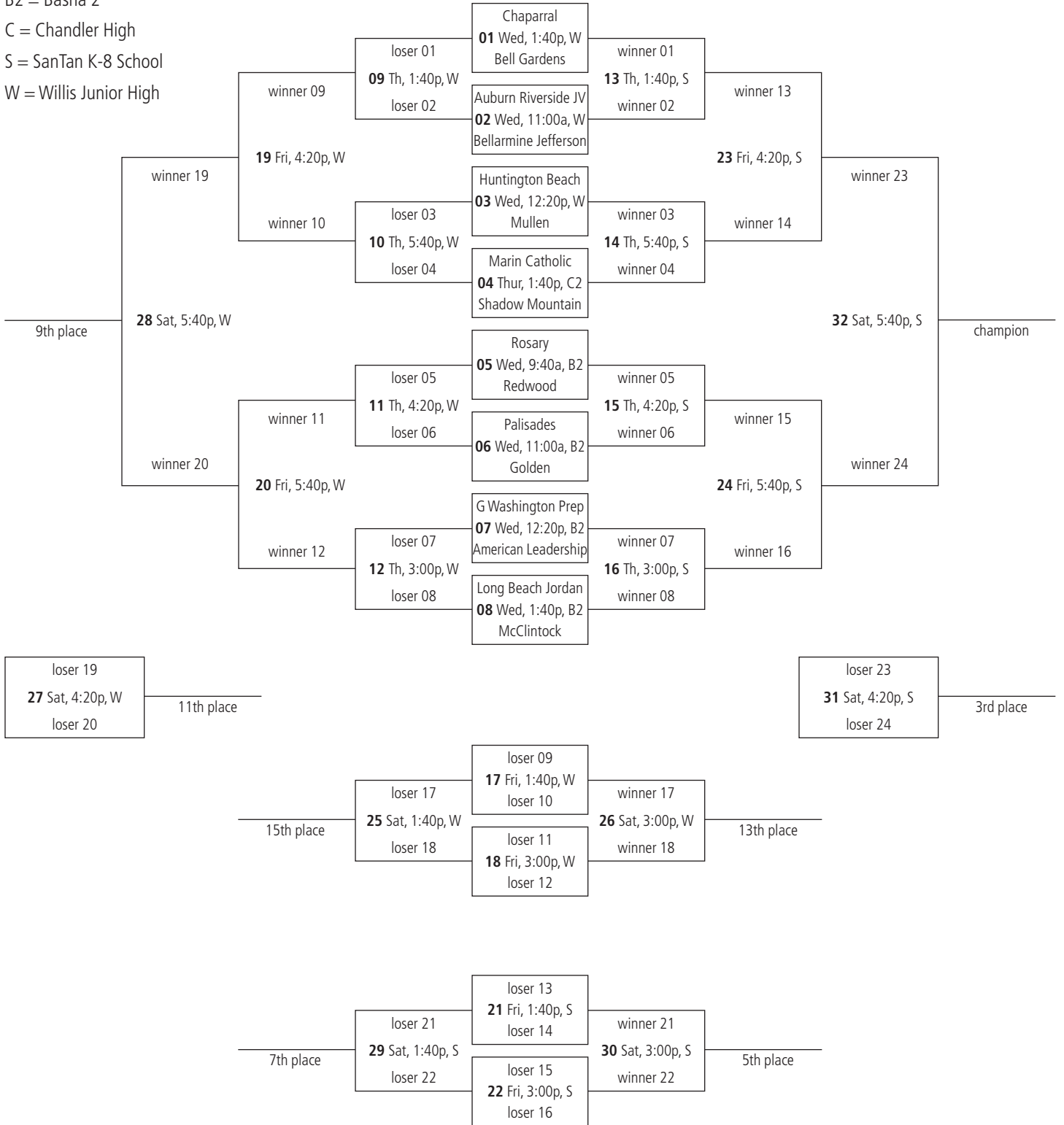


GRAY DIVISION

December 19-22, 2007

Site Legend

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- C = Chandler High
- S = SanTan K-8 School
- W = Willis Junior High



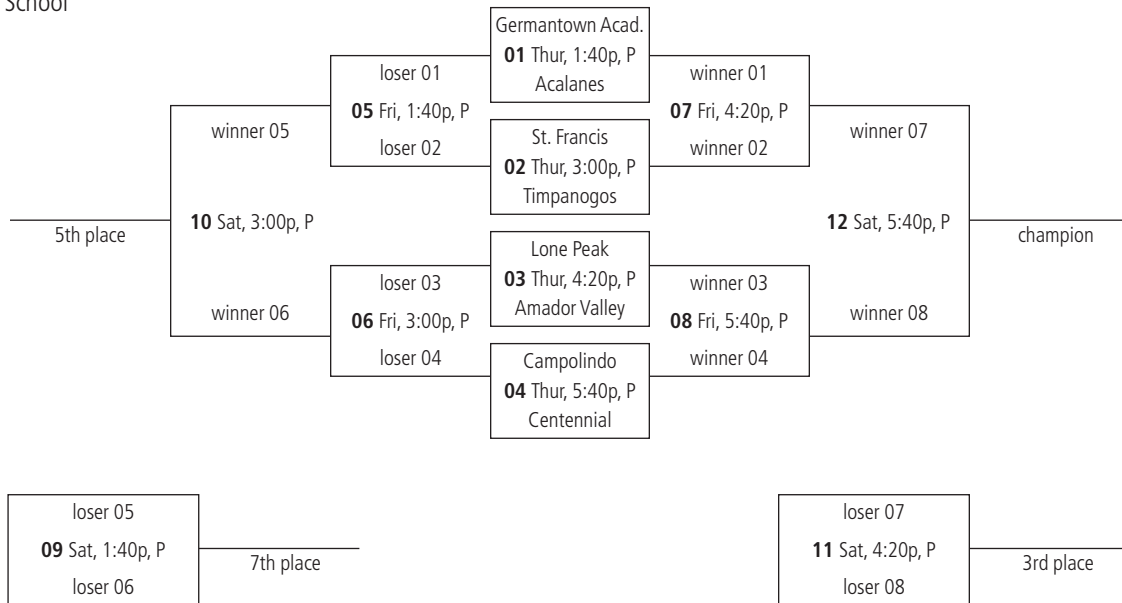


GREEN DIVISION

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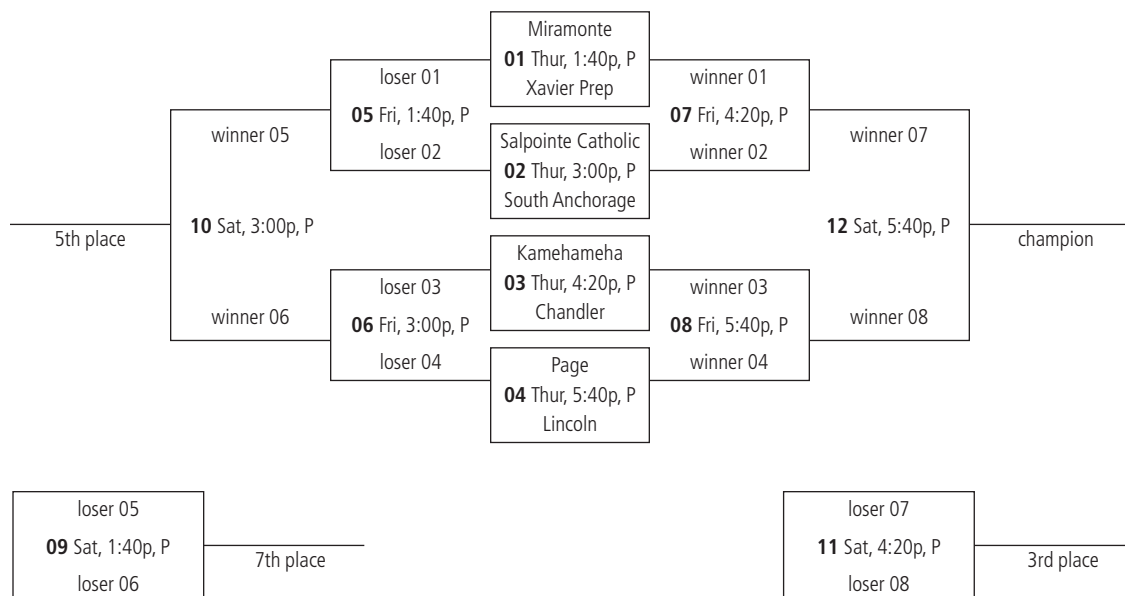
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ORANGE DIVISION

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PURPLE DIVISION

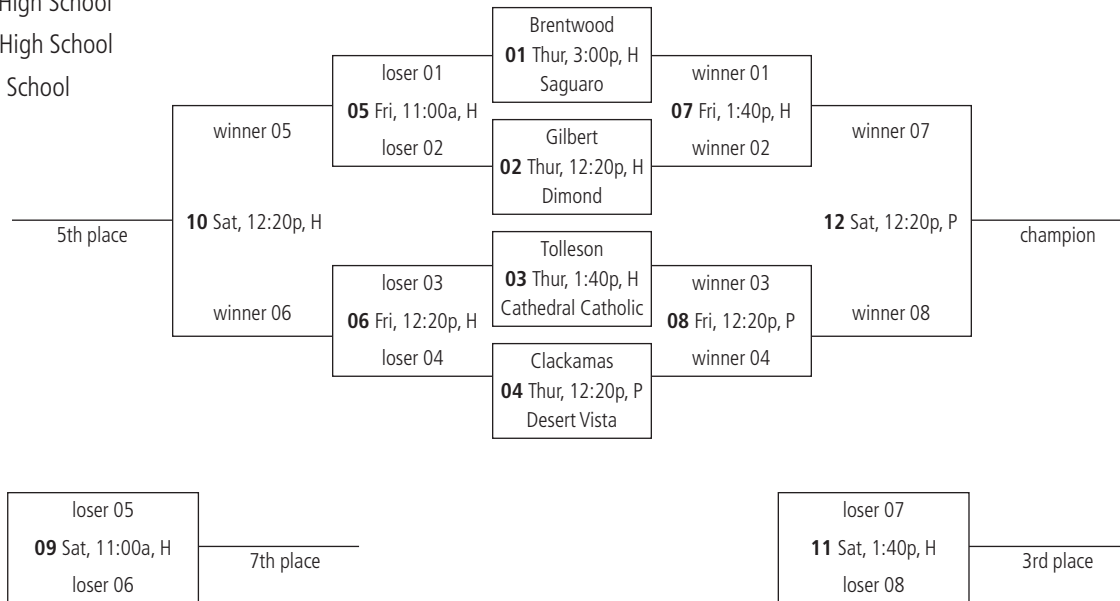
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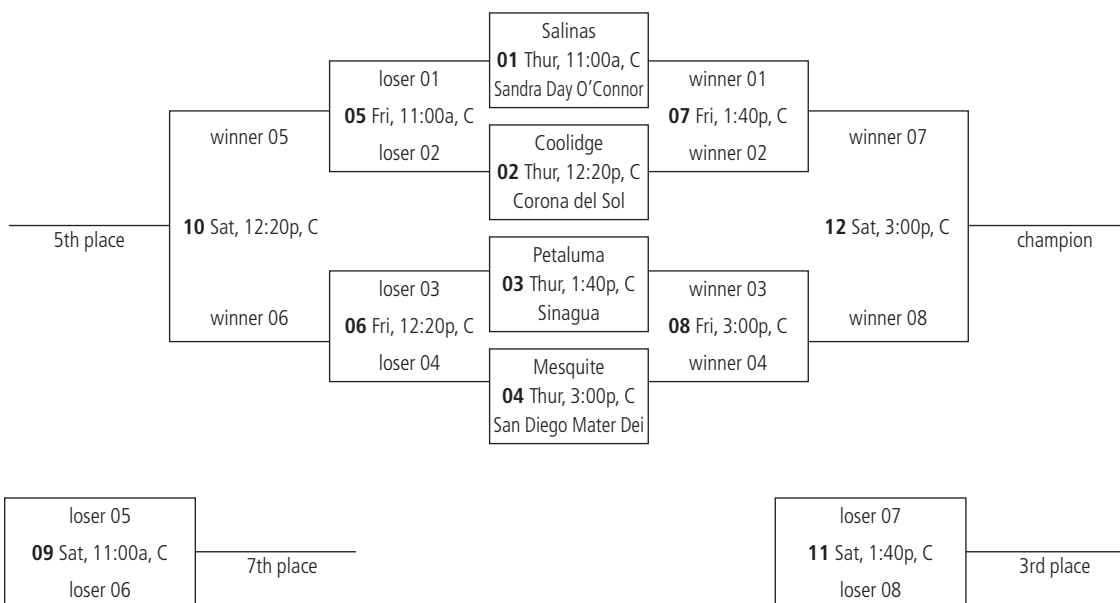
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RED DIVISION

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SILVER DIVISION

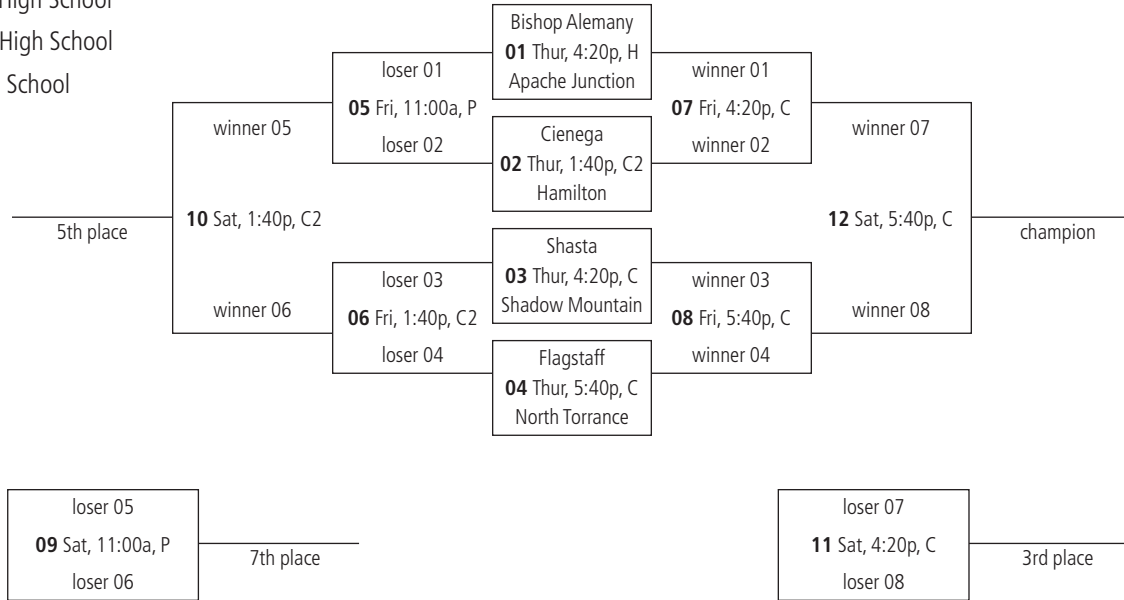
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WHITE DIVISION

December 27-29, 2007

GROUP A

- Lausanne Collegiate (TN)
- Sacred Heart Cathedral (CA)
- Villa Maria Academy (PA)

GROUP B

- Central Catholic (OR)
- Country Day (CA)
- St. John's (D.C.)

