



Snohomish County Council

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Council Recognizes State Champions

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The Snohomish County Council on Wednesday (June 7) recognized the achievement of three local high school teams that won state championships in the spring sports season. The Council passed resolutions of commendation for the Jackson Timberwolves, State 4A baseball champions; the Granite Falls Tigers, State 2A baseball champs; and the Snohomish Panthers State 4A boys' soccer champions.

Representatives of Jackson High School and Granite Falls High School were on hand for the recognition ceremony. The resolution for Snohomish High School will be presented later at the school.

Councilmember Dave Gossett praised Jackson's baseball team. "They were undefeated and ranked as high as second in the nation," Gossett said. "They played four games in the championship and only gave up four runs. If only the Mariners were doing so well." Jackson High School in Mill Creek is located in Gossett's council district.

Councilmember John Koster, who represents Granite Falls, said, "The Tigers had a great season and played extremely well in the Championship series." Koster also said, "With only two seniors on this year's team, we're looking forward to a good season next year as well."

Councilmember Dave Somers praised the Snohomish High soccer team for its record of twenty wins and one defeat. "They've been consistent winners the last several years," he said, "and they are THE high school soccer team in Washington State." Somers represents Snohomish on the county council. Gossett pointed out that while the school is in Somer's district, many of the students live in Gossett's district and he added his congratulations.

Granite Falls athletic director Mike Hahn accepted the council's recognition on behalf of the team and the school. "We are proud of our team and we are proud of our community," he said.

Jackson High Coach Alan Briggs, when asked for some words of wisdom, quipped, "Get ahead and stay ahead." And he modestly said, "It's been a good year for Jackson baseball." At one point in the season, Jackson was ranked

second in the nation. Briggs brought about a dozen of his players along for the recognition ceremony.

The council's resolution notes that the three schools all won their championships on May 27th and said that day should be known as "the day of champions" in Snohomish County.

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