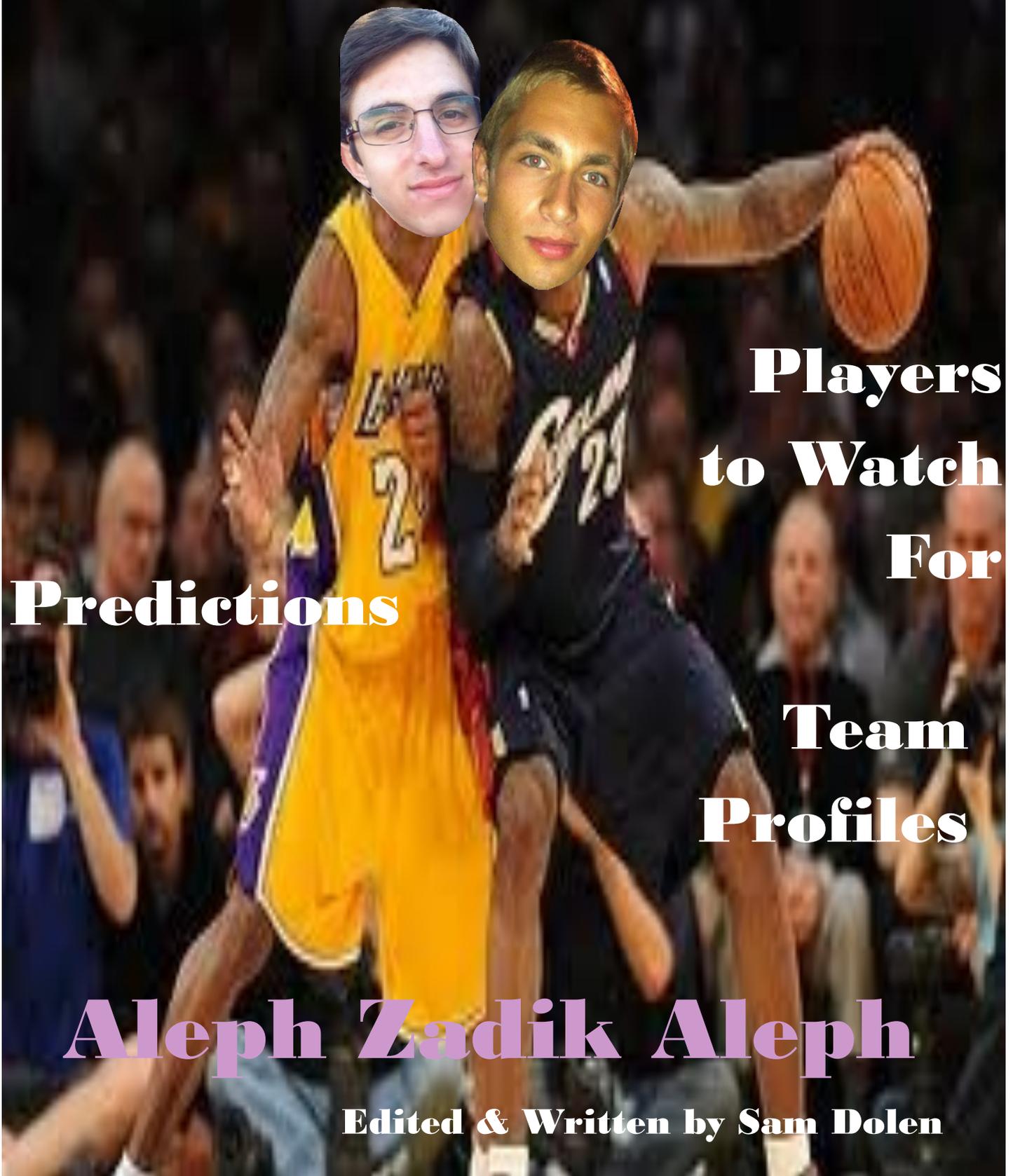


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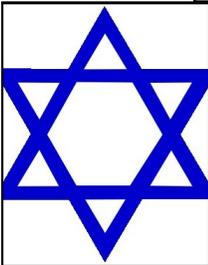
2nd Place
Mishpocha
AZA



3rd Place
Pops DSK
AZA



BASKETBALL
KIO AZA



4th Place
Weprin/Kadima
AZA

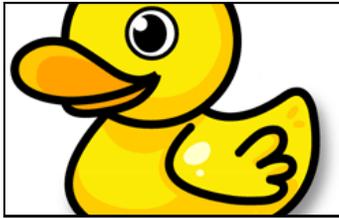


5th Place
Indy Brae Sheath
AZA

6th Place
Heart of Ohio
AZA



7th Place
Drew Corson
JV



8th Place
Mishpocha
JV

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Heart of Ohio #155

KIO AZA Basketball Tournament 2012 champions Heart of Ohio AZA are ready to defend their title. Heart boasts a solid lineup, lead by godol and coach Matt Gordon. The loss of last year's seniors took a toll on this team, but the addition of star Justin "Basically Carmello Anthony" Slutsky was a much needed substitute. Slutsky's play and leadership will prove to be extremely valuable for Heart; his shooting and passing skills are exactly what Heart needs to get the job done. Although it will be tough to get to the finals, Heart will not give up. Be on the lookout to see if Heart faces bitter rivals Pops DSK in this tournament. 6'5" Jacob Budin was not able to attend this year's tournament, but Heart knows the show must go on. Can this Heart of Ohio team live up to last year's? Let's find out.



Star Player Justin Slutsky knows how to play basketball with style and class.

Coach's Corner:

"We have a great bunch of outside shooters. Unfortunately, all of our games are played indoors."

—Matt Gordon, Coach, Chapter Godol, Inspiration

Heart has the Heart to play their Hearts out.



Player to Watch: Paul Weinper

The infamous Paul Weinper may prove to be a valuable asset for Heart. His strong defensive skills and good looks make him a winner no matter what task he attempts. Paul is known to have the heart of a lion, and his leadership skills motivate Heart of Ohio to reach their potential. Paul's approach to the game is "go big or go home"; he's not afraid to get up and block a couple of shots. Watch out for the often underestimated Paul Weinper.



Paul Weinper's intimidating scowl will turn the best players into cowards.

POPS DSK #155

Pops DSK took third in last year's tournament, but they are hungry for more. Pops has suffered from a lot of their players being unable to attend the 2013 tournament, such as star point guard Adam Hirsch and hot-shot Gray Levine. Nevertheless, the Pops Cherries are ready for action. Led by Pops Legend and Regional S'gan Max Agranoff, the team has no shortage of skill. Sharpshooter Jake Davis is looking to have an outstanding tournament alongside Agranoff, with senior Max Bokor muscling players off in the paint. Chad Bloch is looking to have a breakout tournament as well. A talented athlete, Bloch is dedicated to his chapter and team and will prove to be very valuable. Pops had the potential to take home the title, but their losses will make it that much more challenging for them to achieve what they set out for. This doesn't come close to phasing their game. Watch out for Pops.

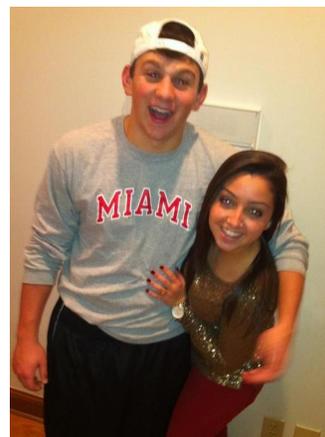


Star player Max Agranoff stands alongside brother Sam Agranoff, who we all really really really wish was here.

Player to Watch: Max Bokor

Max Bokor is an interesting addition to the DSK's squad. He will be the muscles on defense and can post up better than anyone else in the tournament. An All-Start baseball player, Bokor is a true athlete. He attended Regionals 2012 and loved every minute. It's too bad that the friends he made there will be his enemies in

this tournament. Out of the Pops' basketball recruits, Bokor was the only one who came through. Bokor looks better than Dwight Howard on the court; don't overlook him.



It looks like Bokor's competition will have to watch out for him almost as much as the BBGs will.



Last year's Pops team went big, but let's see how successful their compact squad will be this year.

Coach's Corner:

"The Pops DSK AZA basketball team has gone through a lot of hardships as of late, but that won't stop us. Even if we're down, I can always go in myself and take a half-court shot"

—Sam Dolen, Coach, Regional Mazkir, Editor of KIO Illustrat-

Weprin/Kadima #1646

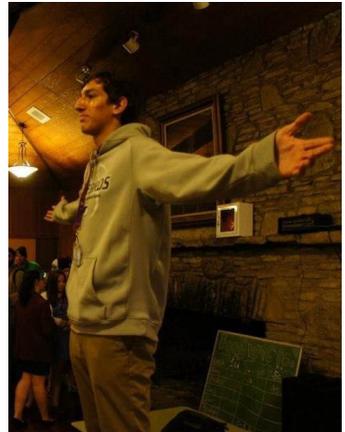
Weprin/Kadima AZA is serious when it comes to basketball. Despite their small size, they have some formidable players. Star player, chapter godol, captain, and everything else Ethan Cohen is notorious for his play, and could potentially rival Drew Corson's Matt Schulman for MVP. Cohen has many years of basketball experience under his belt, and feeds outside shooters effortlessly, resulting in a lot of points. Lack of depth has never been a problem for Weprin, and don't expect them to be easier than any other team. Weprin would have liked to get farther than 4th in last year's tournament, and they are hungry for victory this year. Expect to see Cohen running the show, but don't forget about big body Jason Guadalupe. Weprin/Kadima has remarkable tenacity and is coming hot this year. Don't be surprised to see them come out of nowhere this tournament.



Weprin/ Kadima is ready for anything this tournament.

Player to Watch: Jason Guadalupe

Recruit Jason Guadalupe will be a strong defensive force for Weprin/Kadima, using his body to muscle off any offensive threats. Scoring in the paint will become a habit for Guadalupe, expected to score at least 10 a game. It looks like Guadalupe will also be the tallest player in this tournament, so be on the lookout for him using his height advantage. An exquisite ball handler, Jason Guadalupe will catch and dish balls anytime and anywhere. Guadalupe is an important asset for this Weprin team.



Jason Guadalupe will make use of his enormous wingspan during this year's tournament.

Star Player

Ethan Cohen's calm and collective play could earn him MVP of this tournament.



Coach's Corner:

"This Weprin team may not be big in numbers but we will surprise people with our talent and ability to make plays. KIO better watch out because we are coming to win this thing!"

—Ethan Cohen, Coach, Captain, Chapter Godol, Everything

Mishpocha #490

Mishpocha AZA of Cincinnati, Ohio will be bringing the best they've got this tournament. Although they may walk into the tournament as underdogs, don't be surprised to see them in the semi-finals. Star player Jon Mason will arrive with a dark heart, thirsty for blood. Mason will be unforgiving, and is looking to put up at least 15 points a game. Mishpo will make use of Regional Godol Zach Samuelson's height and shooting sleeves, as well as Jon Deustch's good looks. Mishpocha has the leadership on and off the court to succeed, which will give players a boost in motivation and incentive. Mishpocha (family in Hebrew) has great chemistry, resulting in stellar ball movement. Watch our for Mishpocha AZA.

Star Player

Jon Mason

should be a big threat. Photo submitted by Joey Slovin.



This picture is from the last time Mishpocha AZA won the KIO AZA Basketball Tournament.

Not pictured: everyone in Mishpocha AZA

Player to Watch: Joey Slovin

Slovin's underrated play will go unnoticed at first, but his consistency may prove to be the anchor of this Mishpocha team. Coming off the bench, Slovin may not get too much play, but when he does, be on the look out; he's dangerous from the 3-point line when hot. Slovin's play is said to be a mix of Brian Scalabrine and Stephen Curry.



Joey Slovin always seems to be smiling and contributing positively to this Mishpocha team. Photo submitted by Joey Slovin.

Coach's Corner:

"I'll tell you what, I really think this team suffers from networks' Kentucky bias. All you hear is Matt Schulman this, Ethan Cohen that. We got a scrappy bunch coming in ready to leave their mark. We don't plan on leaving without that trophy."

—Freddie Wolf, Coach, Chapter Advisor

Indy Brae Sheath #246

Indy Brae Sheath AZA is coming into the tournament looking good. They have a lot of talent, but how they choose to use this talent will likely be the deciding factor for this team. Led by star player Zach Horowitz, Indy will be quick and deadly. Horowitz has unbeatable athleticism and natural skill, making it hard for opposing teams to be able to catch up. The leadership of team captain, chapter godol, and coach Adam Goot will also be a valuable asset to Indy Brae Sheath's team. Goot will be good down low and can handle the ball as well as anyone else on the court. Indy's fast paced game will be hard to be shut down, but once their game is slowed down, it may be difficult to get back to the quick ball they are used to. Indy is looking to take fourth or fifth in this tournament, but don't be surprised when they pull off a couple of upsets.

Star Player
Zach Horowitz
will be first to the ball with his ninja-like speed.



The newly re-mascotted Indy Brae Sheath Pandas will be everything but lethargic on the court.

Player to Watch: Jakub Walerstein

The quick-witted and internationally active Jakub Walerstein will be showing off his chest hair and his 3-point shooting this tournament. Walerstein's shot is often mathematically precise and has a perfect arc. At ILTC this past summer, Walerstein was known for casually playing competitive games of basketball in jeans or khakis and a tank. The thing about Walerstein that will help Indy's game the most is that when he's on, he's on. Deadly from close or long range, look for Jakub to bank in those clutch shots, putting up anywhere from 10-11 points per game. Watch out for Walerstein, his highly Jewish appearance may be deceiving.

Coach's Corner:

"Indy Brae Sheath is traditionally known for their terrible basketball skills and anger management problems on the court, but this year we're coming to Louisville prepared and with new recruits. After a rough second-place defeat at Spirit Convention/Chapter Olympiad, the improved Indianapolis Pandas shouldn't be underestimated. We don't have the best athletes, but we have the most character."

—Adam Goot, Coach, Chapter Godol, KIO's Hottest Aleph



Indy's Jakub Walerstein is 100% man.

Drew Corson #2329

Louisville is the Basketball capital of KIO. Everyone knows Drew Corson can ball. Drew Corson has won the Basketball tournament title 6 out of the last 7 years. Led by star player Matthew Schulman, Drew Corson is back and better than ever. This chapter is never unestimated; as their bench alone could likely win half of the games they will play this tournament. They possess an arsenal of shooters, including Daniel Pollio and Daniel Segal. Schulman and Pollio's chemistry is fluid; Matt loves to dish the ball to Daniel at the 3. Seniors Ben Koby and Eli Gould make up the second dynamic duo of the team and are the heart of the team. Drew Corson is the favorite going into the tournament, so the question on everyone's mind is "Who will be the chapter to shut them down?" After taking second at last year's tournament, Drew Corson is not going to be forgiving in their home court(s).

Star Player Matt Schulman may emerge as the MVP of this tournament using his boy-scout-like determination.



Coach's Corner:

"The tournament is more fun when you win it. So that's what we do."

—Andrew Segal, Coach, Chapter Advisor, 2-time AZA Basketball Tournament winner with Drew Corson



Drew Corson AZA is ready to redeem themselves as the basketball champions of the Midwest.

Player to Watch: Henry Strull

Henry Strull is a regular at chapter events, and loves to play basketball. He is a big defensive force for Drew Corson, and a valuable leader as well. Strully is ready for action, and his hair cannot be missed on and off the court. It will be exciting to see what Henry can do for this team in his junior year.



Henry Strull will do whatever it takes to take Drew Corson to the finals.