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Looks like the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is open with runways clear for normal operations. Heard from Jerome Collins (Federal Way Head Coach) and all systems are a "go."

Picked up the ABC program and it's terrific. Two cover boys this year! Great color-scheme, design, and layout. Early feedback is positive from those involved. Speaking of Federal Way, their team photo wins the Most Unique and Imaginative Award.

Thanks to Amazing Jake's (Mesa) and American Explorer Charter Bus Lines, who are assisting with meals/transportation for the participants in the ABC.

Weston (FL) Sagemont finished in 3rd place in the recently-completed The Rock Holiday Classic in Miami.

All games will be again officiated by three-person crews. Assigned officials are from the valley, but in true Arizona fashion, will also be coming from New River, Flagstaff, Tucson, and Tuba City.

Cincinnati (OH) Taft, who played in last year's ABC, recently defeated Division I Cincinnati (OH) St. Xavier. Coach Mark Mitchell and the Senators are ranked #1 in Ohio (Division II).

Cleveland (OH) Heights and head Coach Barry Egan are ranked #3 by the Cleveland Plain-Dealer. Spoke to Coach Egan on Sunday and, because he and his team enjoyed themselves last year, is open to an ABC invite in the future.

Provo (UT) is the #1-ranked team in Utah and recently won three games in a holiday tournament in Maui. The Bulldogs, for the second consecutive year, defeated Lone Peak earlier this year. Brandon Davies (6-9, Senior), who beat Red Mountain with a last-second shot last year, has committed to BYU.

Jeff Withey, the 7-foot center from San Diego Horizon Christian, transferred to Kansas University after leaving the UA.

Jon Perryman from Arizona Varsity is expected to be on-site Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday at the ABC.

Talent scout Gerry Freitas and associates has contacted the ABC and will be on-site for player evaluations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at marc.beasley@cox.net.