

2017 AK Winter Basketball Championship Recap JCC of Greater Columbus

After seven teams competed in a grueling 10 game regular season schedule and single elimination playoff the top seed Team Zofan and the three seed Team Barkan met in the JCC of Greater Columbus AK Basketball Winter finals. The two had met twice in the regular season having split the series at one game apiece. The winner of the rubber match would be crowned AK Basketball Champions. Team Zofan got off to the hot start behind scoring from Yoni Eckman and Kamua Mbala. Mbala scored 11 of his 16 points in the first half. Team Zofan kept League Leading scored Ryan Jones in check especially early holding him to seven first half points. However, Josh Barkan picked up the scoring load as he scored 11 of his team high 19 points in the first half. Barkan's contributions were not enough as team Zofan took a 32-26 lead into the half.

Team Barkan would continue to showcase other players besides Jones in the second half as their balanced attack took over. Ross 'futbol' Friedman scored six of his ten points, and Jake Kozberg scored all seven of his point in the frame. Dana Bromberg also contributed just missing double digit scoring with eight points. Ryan Jones got his offense going a little as well finishing the game with 16 points after a nine point second half. Team Zofan went with an inside outside attack in the second half as Yoni Eckman scored nine of his game high 26 points and Scottie 'Buckets' Carrothers scored all seven of his points in the second half. However, it was not enough as Team Barkan came from behind to claim the JCC of Greater Columbus AK Basketball Winter Championship 65-59.



JCC of Greater Columbus 2017 AK Basketball League Winter Champions Team Barkan

L-R: Adam Polacek, Jake Kozberg, Josh Barkan, Ryan Jones, Dana Bromberg, Ryan Heksch, Ross Friedman

The spring session of the AK Basketball League will begin April Thursday, April 6. The registration deadline is March 19. You can [register online](#) or contact Josh Goldstein at jgoldstein@columbusjcc.org or 614-559-6286 for [more information](#).



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