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1 Minnesota ____ (2025 Professional Women's Hockey League champions)

6 Org. whose national standards include "Welcome All Families" and "Speak Up for Every Child"

9 School period when students may pick sides

10 Pot pie vent

11 "We're in the same boat"

12 "Look at my awesomeness!"

13 Optimistic to a fault

15 Publicity that makes something sound so freakin' awesome

16 So freakin' awesome

17 High point of a baseball player's uniform

19 Word pronounced with a long E rather than a schwa when emphasizing uniqueness

21 This is just a guess!

23 Crow "Yo!"

24 Comment of excitement (or exhaustion) as a second overtime gives way to a third

27 AI that recently said to me, "Terrific choice. TACOS would have been one of my top picks."

28 Has the right to call something "mine, all mine"

29 Nickname of a U.S. president or casual abbreviation of a U.S. state

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1 A royal one can't be beat

2 Off one's game after the offseason, say

3 Available as a draft pick?

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4 They're filled with round numbers?

5 To whom the question "Were you the one with the hammer?" is directed in Douglas Adams's "Life, the Universe, and Everything"

6 Apt advice for how to approach an ice hockey game?

7 Document detailing the highs and lows of a week at the beach

8 Just barely

10 How-to segment

14 "You betcha!"

18 Name that might give off subliminal vibes of competence at a job interview

20 Apt word found in "Feeling sheepish, are we?"

21 Visual half of a kindergartener's presentation

22 Arctic ____ (pole-to-pole migrator that may travel over 1.5 million miles in its lifetime)

24 Number of Professional Women's Hockey League seasons, so far

25 Bit of a bit of time

26 Evidence that one can manage, briefly