

Assume WLOG that Blacksburg sends  $N$  players. Greensboro and Silver Spring could send any of the following possibilities:  $(N - 1, 1)$ ;  $(N - 2, 2)$ ; ...  $(2, N - 2)$ ;  $(1, N - 1)$ . There are  $N - 1$  possibilities.

If Blacksburg had sent  $N - 1$  players, then Greensboro and Silver Spring could send from any of  $N - 2$  possibilities.

This pattern continues to Blacksburg sending  $N - (N - 2) = 2$  players, and Greensboro and Silver Spring can only send 1 each.

Multiplying 3 accounts for each city providing the largest team.

$$3 \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} k = \frac{3N \times N - 1}{2}$$

Dividing by  $N^3$  for the total possibilities yields :

$$\frac{3N - 3}{2N^2}$$

For  $N = 5$ , the probability is  $\frac{6}{25}$ .

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