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Players To Watch at the 2009 Les Schwab Invitational!

Portland, Oregon – The Les Schwab Invitational invites Portland-area basketball fans the opportunity to see nationally ranked teams and future college and NBA Stars perform at Oregon's top Holiday basketball tournament. Some of the top players to play in the Les Schwab Invitational include: **Carmelo Anthony** (Denver Nuggets), **Tyson Chandler** (Charlotte Bobcats), **Mike Dunleavy, JR.** (Indiana Pacers), **Kevin Durant** (Oklahoma City Thunder), **Brandon Jennings** (Milwaukee Bucks), **Ty Lawson** (Denver Nuggets), **Kevin Love** (Minnesota Timberwolves) and **Craig Smith** (Los Angeles Clippers).

The 2009 LSI will again feature several of the top-ranked players in the country who could one day end up on an NBA Roster. The players to watch at the 2009 LSI include:

Seniors:

Terrence Jones, 6-9 SF, Jefferson H.S. (Ranked #15 by ESPN): Jones is Oregon's top basketball prospect this season and one of the top ranked players in the country. He is a versatile forward who can score inside and outside and is a very smart player. He hopes to lead Jefferson to back-to-back State Championships this season to solidify himself as one of the top players to come out of the state of Oregon. He is considering Kentucky, Oklahoma, UCLA, Oregon and Washington as his college choices.

Roscoe Smith, 6-8 SF, Oak Hill Academy (Ranked #16 by ESPN): Smith has good range on his outside jumper which extends to the three point line. He relies on his length to shoot over his defenders and has a very smooth jump shot. Smith is being recruited by UConn, Duke, Florida, Kansas and some other top programs.

Doron Lamb, 6-4 SG, Oak Hill Academy (Ranked #33 by ESPN): Lamb's strength is his mid-range game, but he runs the floor well in transition and can hit the spot up three pointer. He lists Kentucky, Arizona and Kansas as some of the schools he is considering.

Jordin Mayes, 6-3 SG, Westchester H.S.: Mayes is a very good jump shooter but can also beat his defender off the dribble and penetrate for lay-ups. Has an excellent feel for the game and is a smart player. He is currently undecided, but has the potential to be a high major prospect.

Juwan Staten, 5-11 PG, Oak Hill Academy (Ranked #64 by ESPN): Staten is a scoring point guard who is very quick with the ball. He shoots the ball well and is also a very good passer. He has verbally committed to play at the University of Dayton next year.

Dwayne Polee, 6-7 SF, Westchester H.S. (Ranked #78 by ESPN): Polee is an incredible athlete who impacts the game with his leaping ability. Once he gets airborne, he's tough to stop when he finishes above the rim. He will follow up missed shots as well as throw down alley oops. He has verbally committed to play basketball at U.S.C. next year.

Baye Moussa Keita, 6-11 C, Oak Hill Academy: Keita is a resident of Senegal but attends Oak Hill Academy where he is known for his outstanding defensive play. He is an athletic shot blocker and rebounder and has committed to play at Syracuse University next year.

Garrett Jackson, 6-6 G-F, Westview H.S.: Jackson is a versatile player who can play both Guard and Forward. He has committed to attend U.S.C. on a full basketball scholarship.

Stephen Holt, 6-3 PG, Jesuit H.S.: Holt has committed to play basketball at St. Mary's college next season

and is a tough point guard for Jesuit. He should be one of Oregon's more exciting players in 2009-10.

Stephen Madison, 6-6 SF, Jefferson H.S.: Madison transferred to Jefferson this season after previously starring at Prairie H.S. in Washington. He is an athletic forward who has a high basketball IQ and can step out and knock down the three-pointer as well as drive the lane.

Kareem Jamar, 6-6 SF, Westchester H.S.: An extremely physical player, Jamar is an outstanding perimeter defender and rebounder. He recently gave a verbal commitment to play at the University of Montana next year.

Lonnie Pearson, 6-6 SF, Rainier Beach H.S.: Pearson has a good feel for the game, a nice jump shot and is a very good passer. He is considering Oregon St., Arizona St. and Washington.

Antoine Hosley, 6-1, G, Jefferson H.S.: Hosley helped guide the Demos to Oregon's 5A State Championship last season and is considered a mid-major prospect.

Jordan Railey, 6-10 F/C, Beaverton H.S.: Railey runs the floor very well for a big man and can beat opposing players down the court for easy baskets. He is very active, has great court presence and can score down low with quick spin moves. He is considering Washington St., Iowa St., Pacific, St. Mary's and Portland St.

Juniors:

Kyle Wiltjer, 6-9, PF, Jesuit H.S.: Wiltjer is one of the top players in the class of 2011. ESPN ranks him as the 32nd best player in his class because of his well-developed offensive game. He shoots the ball very well for a player his size and helped guide Jesuit to the 6A State Championship as a sophomore.

Austin Kuemper, 6-10, C, Westview H.S.: Kuemper plays with passion and intensity that has drawn comparisons to Tyler Hansbrough.

Jordan Akwenuke, 6-5, G/F, Jesuit H.S.: A solid player for Jesuit who will continue to get better.

Hakeem Stewart, 6-2, G, Rainier Beach H.S.: Hakeem is the younger brother of former Beach standouts Lodrick (USC) and Rodrick Stewart (Kansas). Stewart is considered the program's next special player.

The 2009 Les Schwab Invitational takes place at Liberty High School December 26-30th with the 2nd Annual Slam Dunk Contest / 3 Pt. Shootout taking place on Sunday, December 27th at 1:00pm. For additional event information including online ticket sales, please visit: www.lesschwabinvitational.com

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