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Oak Hill Academy Headlines 2009 LSI Field!

Portland, Oregon – Oak Hill Academy – the most decorated high school basketball program in the country – returns to Liberty High School and the Les Schwab Invitational in hopes of winning its 5th LSI Championship. The 14th annual holiday basketball tournament will take place at Liberty High School December 26th - 30th with the 2nd annual Slam Dunk Contest / 3 Pt. Shootout taking place on Sunday, December 27th at 1:00pm.

Oak Hill Academy returns to the tournament and should once again be the top ranked team in the country. The Warriors have won more National Championships than any other high school and produced current NBA stars Carmelo Anthony, Michael Beasley, Kevin Durant, Stephen Jackson, Brandon Jennings, Rajon Rondo, Jerry Stackhouse and current Portland Trail Blazer Steve Blake. Oak Hill won the LSI in '97, '01, '04 and '06 when they narrowly escaped a late 4th quarter rally by Kyle Singler and the South Medford Panthers. Westchester H.S. out of Los Angeles will make their second appearance at the LSI and return most of their starters from a 35-2 team that won the California State Championship last season. Making their first appearance at the LSI will be Rainier Beach out of Seattle.

These schools should face tough competition from two of Oregon's top schools – Jefferson and Jesuit the reigning 5A and 6A OSAA Champions, respectively. Jefferson will feature one of the top players in the country in senior Terrence Jones. Jones is a top prospect and will have his choice of the top college basketball programs in the country to play for next year. Jesuit will be led by senior point guard Stephen Holt who recently committed to St. Mary's college and standout junior, Kyle Wiltjer who is one of the top ranked juniors in the country.

The LSI allows local basketball fans to see how well Oregon school's match-up against elite high school programs and players from all over the country as the tournament continually draws nationally ranked teams and high-caliber athletes to showcase their talent in Portland. The LSI is one of the most popular and well-attended high school basketball tournament's in the country. The complete 16-team LSI field is listed below

Out-of-State Teams:

Oak Hill Academy Warriors, Mouth of Wilson, VA
Westchester Comets, Los Angeles, CA

Rainier Beach Vikings, Seattle, WA
Prairie Falcons, Brush Prairie, WA

Oregon Teams:

Beaverton Beavers
Central Catholic Rams
Grant Generals
Hillsboro Spartans
Jefferson Democrats
Jesuit Crusaders

Lake Oswego Lakers
Lincoln Cardinals
Oregon City Pioneers
South Eugene Axemen
Sunset Apollos
Westview Wildcats

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