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15th Annual Les Schwab Invitational To Feature Top Oregon Schools, Nationally Ranked Teams and First-Ever Appearance by a Pair of 3-A Schools!

Portland, Oregon – The Les Schwab Invitational – one of the most prolific holiday high school basketball tournaments in the country – returns to Liberty High School this December 26-30. The 15th annual holiday basketball tournament will take place December 26th - 30th with the 3rd annual Slam Dunk Contest / 3 Pt. Shootout taking place on Monday, December 27th at 1:00pm.

The 2010 field features the top 5A and 6A basketball programs in Oregon, three national teams and a pair of 3-A powerhouses. DeMatha Catholic will be making their first appearance in the Les Schwab Invitational after finishing the 2009-10 season ranked #42 nationally, and #1 in Maryland with an overall record of 32-4. DeMatha rose to prominence under the tutelage of legendary head coach Morgan Wooten who led them to multiple state championships and mythical national championships. Wooten, became the winningest head coach in the history of basketball at any level before retiring in 2002. Since, he has been inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame. Bishop Gorman of Las Vegas, Nevada will also be making their first appearance in the Les Schwab Invitational. The Gaels finished the season ranked 13th nationally and won the Nevada State Championship. They should enter the tournament as one of the top-ranked teams in the country. Rounding out the field of outside schools is St. Raymond High School for Boys out of the Bronx, NY.

These schools should face tough competition from two of Oregon's top schools – Jefferson who will be looking for their 4th straight 5A state championship and Jesuit who is aiming for their 3rd consecutive 6A OSAA championship. Jesuit will feature one of the top players in the country in senior Kyle Wiltjer. Wiltjer is a top prospect and has committed to play at Kentucky next year. For the first time in tournament history, two 3A teams will make appearances and see how they compete against the bigger schools. Dayton and Horizon Christian, both 3A powerhouses, played in the 3A state championship game last season with Horizon Christian taking the title. Horizon Christian's junior Jordan Tebbutt is rated as one of the best 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. 2010 marks the 15th anniversary of the tournament. The complete 16-team LSI field is listed below:

Out-of-State Teams:

Bishop Gorman Gaels, Las Vegas, NV
DeMatha Staggs, Hyattsville, MD
St. Raymond, Bronx, NY

Oregon Teams:

Central Catholic Rams	Lincoln Cardinals
Dayton Pirates	McKay Royal Scots
Hillsboro Spartans	South Salem Saxons
Horizon Christian Hawks	Sunset Apollos
Jefferson Democrats	Westview Wildcats
Jesuit Crusaders	Wilsonville Wildcats
Lake Oswego Lakers	

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