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Les Schwab Best of the West

High School Football Tripleheader – Saturday, September 6th at PGE Park

Portland, Oregon – The Les Schwab Best of the West – Oregon’s first high school football triple-header – jump starts the 2008 season September 6th at PGE Park. This inaugural event features six of the Pacific Northwest’s top football programs including:

- Lake Oswego
- Central Catholic
- Nationally- ranked Sheldon (Eugene)
- Juneau-Douglas (AK)
- Bellevue (WA)
- Nationally-ranked Skyline (WA).

Fans can expect to see future Division I prospects playing in unprecedented early season match-ups and watch two of the Pacific Northwest’s best teams as Oregon’s defending 6A State Champion Sheldon takes on Washington’s defending 3A State Champion Skyline. Both teams have been ranked in ESPN’s preseason high school rankings (Skyline #24 and Sheldon #50).

Game Schedule:

Game 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Lake Oswego Lakers vs. Juneau-Douglas Crimson Bears (Juneau, AK)

Game 2 – 6:00 p.m. (or 10 minutes after Game #1)

Central Catholic Rams vs. Bellevue Wolverines (Bellevue, WA)

Game 3 – 8:00 p.m. (or 10 minutes after Game #2)

Sheldon Irish vs. Skyline Spartans (Sammamish, WA)

Tickets for the game are available at the PGE Park Box Office or at any TicketMaster Outlet. They can also be found online at www.lesschwabbestofthewest.com. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students (age 4-18) and seniors (65+). Each ticket is good for all three games.

Game 1 features the **Lake Oswego Lakers** from Lake Oswego, Oregon against the **Juneau-Douglas Crimson Bears** from Juneau, Alaska. The Lakers are coached by Steve Coury and finished the 2007 season with a record of 12-1. Their only loss was to eventual State Champion, Sheldon and they were the #1 ranked team in Oregon for most of the season. They return quarterback Jack Lomax who threw for over 2,000 yards and 13 TD’s with only 2 interceptions last year. Juneau-Douglas is coming off a perfect 11-0 season where they won Alaska’s Big Schools Championship. The Crimson Bears will be led by senior wide receiver Alex Fagerstrom and junior running back Silver Maake.

Game 2 features the **Central Catholic Rams** from Portland against the **Bellevue Wolverines** from Bellevue, Washington. The Rams will feature a young, yet talented squad and return six starters on defense and three starters on offense. Offensively, look for running back Luke Onderko and wide receiver Seth Downes to be threats for the Rams. The defense is anchored by Zach Ka’ahanui who enters his fourth year as a starter on the defensive line. The Rams hope to build off their success of last

year where they advanced to the state quarter-finals. Bellevue will also field a young team at the Best of the West as they played nine sophomores last season on their way to a state semi-final appearance. The Wolverines return two quarterbacks and four wide receivers so they will incorporate more passing into their Wing-T offense. Bellevue ended De La Salle's high school record 151 game winning streak in 2004.

The finale of the Les Schwab Best of the West pits two defending State Champions and two nationally ranked teams. Sheldon enters the 2008 season ranked #50 in ESPN's FAB 50 preseason rankings. The Irish defeated Tualatin 28-14 to win Oregon's 6A State Championship last year. They were led by quarterback Jordan Johnson who threw for over 2,000 yards, scored 21 touchdowns and also ran for over 800 yards as a sophomore. His main target will be wide receiver and fellow junior Curtis White. White has already committed to Oregon and is also a force on defense where he recorded 13 sacks last season at defensive end. Sheldon recently added the state of Oregon's top-ranked prospect in 6-6, 305 lb defensive tackle, Charles Siddoway. Siddoway transferred from Marist and has been offered scholarships to Alabama, Boise St, Cal, Oregon, Oregon State, UCLA and Washington. Skyline enters the 2008 season ranked #24 by ESPN and #4 by Rivals.com. The Spartans, who won last year's 3A Championship in Washington, are moving up to class 4A this year and are the overall team to beat. Quarterback Jake Heaps is one of the top ranked junior QB's in the nation. He passed for 3,103 yards and 31 TD's as a sophomore. Catching the majority of Heaps' passes will be Gino Simone who recently committed to Washington State after last season's 70 reception, 1,420 yard and 20 touchdown performance.

It projects to be a very competitive evening and we are excited to kickoff the 2008 football season Saturday, September 6th at PGE Park!

Additional event and team information can be found at www.lesschwabbestofthewest.com.

ATTENTION MEDIA: All radio and TV spots list the start of the Best of the West at 4:00. However, the official start time will be **3:30pm!**

If you need to request a media pass, please contact Gerrit Wood at (503) 802-0052 or gwood@primetimepdx.com. OSAA Media Passes will be accepted.

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