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Former LSI Participant Named NBA's Rookie of the Year

Portland, Oregon – Kevin Durant of the Seattle Supersonics was named the NBA Rookie of the Year for the 2007-08 season. Durant lived up to expectations after being the national college player of the year at Texas and the No. 2 overall pick in last June's draft. He averaged 20.3 points per game and was named Western Conference Rookie of the Month five times.

Durant appeared in the 2004 Les Schwab Invitational presented by Fred Meyer as a junior for the Oak Hill Academy team that captured the LSI Championship that year. As a senior, he was co-MVP of the 2006 McDonald's All-American Game and was the 2nd ranked player in his class behind Greg Oden.

Kevin enjoyed one of the most successful one-year college seasons in history. He averaged 25.8 points per game and 11.1 rebounds per game during his freshman season with the University of Texas Longhorns. Durant became the first freshman to win the Naismith Award for the nation's top college basketball player and later won the John R. Wooden Award. He was the 2nd overall pick in the 2007 NBA draft by the Supersonics.

The Les Schwab Invitational has seen numerous former participants play in the NBA, but Durant is the first to win the prestigious Rookie of the Year Award. Currently there are eight former LSI participants who have declared for the 2008 NBA Draft that will take place this June.* These players include:

Jamont Gordon – Mississippi State (Oak Hill Academy)
Donte Green – Syracuse (Towson Catholic)
Roy Hibbert – Georgetown University (Georgetown Prep)
JJ Hickson – North Carolina St. (Wheeler H.S.)
Ty Lawson – University of North Carolina (Oak Hill Academy)
Maarty Leunen – University of Oregon (Redmond H.S.)
Kevin Love – UCLA (Lake Oswego H.S.)
DJ White – Indiana University (Hillcrest H.S.)

* Players that do not hire an agent can withdraw their names by June 16th and return to school.*



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