



## PLAYERS TO WATCH

### **Kevin Love – Lake Oswego High School (Lake Oswego, OR) Center 6-10, 260**

Love was named the LSI's MVP as a freshman and is seeking a first-ever third state Player of the Year honor as a senior after leading Lake Oswego to the 4A State Championship last season. Kevin dominates the competition with an incredible post game and old-school fundamentals and he has the potential to be one of the best players to come out of the state of Oregon. He's a horse inside who loves to play and put up numbers. His strength and size make him a beast on the boards and is the best passing big man in the country with amazing outlet passes. He is currently listed as the #1 player in the class of 2007 by ESPN and has signed with the Bruins of UCLA.

### **Kyle Singler – South Medford High School (Medford, OR) Small Forward, 6-8, 200**

Singler is a versatile swingman who can shoot from the outside, post up smaller players on the block, take it to the rim and is one of the top passers in his class. His game has drawn comparisons to Adam Morrison, Dirk Nowitzki and Larry Bird. Kyle has a high basketball IQ and has signed to play for Coach K and the Duke Blue Devils.

### **J.J. Hickson – Wheeler High School (Marietta, GA) Power Forward, 6-8, 235**

Hickson averaged 20 points, 10 rebounds and 2.5 blocks per game as a junior last season. He is an excellent post player who does a great job getting position on his defender. He has an array of post moves and is an excellent defender which is evident in his shot blocking ability. Hickson has signed with North Carolina State.

### **Nolan Smith – Oak Hill Academy (Mouth of Wilson, VA) Guard, 6-2, 170**

Nolan Smith is a returning captain for Coach Steve Smith and Oak Hill Academy who averaged 17 points and 5 assists per game last season. Smith is a crafty dribbler who has the ability to score in the paint over bigger defenders, but has a great outside shot that he can get off with defenders in his face. He can play the wing or point and will anchor Oak Hill's three-guard offense. Smith, the son of former Louisville great and NBA guard Derek Smith, has signed to play at Duke next fall.

### **Alex Legion – Oak Hill Academy (Mouth of Wilson, VA) Shooting Guard, 6-4, 195**

Legion averaged 18.9 points, 5.6 rebounds, 2.6 assists and 2 steals per game last year at Detroit Country Day before transferring to Oak Hill for his senior season. His versatility is his biggest strength and has the ability to play both guard positions. Legion can knock down jumpers but likes to attack the basket and finish in the paint or dish to a teammate thanks to his solid passing skills and court vision. He has signed to play at Michigan next year.

### **Julian Vaughn – Oak Hill Academy (Mouth of Wilson, VA) Power Forward, 6-9, 230**

Vaughn is a monster in the paint who can score with a variety of moves. He also is an excellent rebounder on both ends of the floor. As a junior at South Lakes H.S., he averaged 19.4 points per game and earned a scholarship to Florida State University.

### **Clint Chapman – Canby High School (Canby, OR) Center, 6-11, 245**

The big man from Canby has a nice offensive game featuring a soft jump hook and can score facing the basket. Chapman has signed a full scholarship to play hoops at Texas next year.

**Mike Holmes – Oak Hill Academy (Mouth of Wilson, VA) Forward, 6-7, 215**

Holmes has signed to play at South Carolina next season and is a bruising rebounder who loves to play close to the basket.

**Jared Cunningham – Oregon City High School (Oregon City, OR) Forward, 6-8**

Cunningham transferred to Oregon City from Lake Oswego last season and had verbally committed to George Washington University, but did not sign with them during the early signing period. The talented forward is a fine shooter with good athleticism and is considered Oregon's 4<sup>th</sup> ranked prospect in the class of 2007.

**Abe Lodwick – Mt. View High School (Bend, OR) Forward, 6-6, 180**

The 6-6 Lodwick chose Washington State over scholarship offers from New Mexico and Santa Clara and should fit in well for Coach Bennett and the Cougars. Lodwick is believed to be the first player from Bend to sign a Division I Scholarship in basketball.

**Harper Kamp – Mt. View High School (Mesa, AZ) Power Forward, 6-8, 250**

As one of the top ranked players in Arizona, Kamp has signed to play at CAL Berkeley next year.

**Kendall Wallace – Mt. View High School (Mesa, AZ) Point Guard, 6-3, 175**

A combo guard who primarily runs the point for Mesa, Wallace recently signed with UNLV where he most likely will play shooting guard for the Runnin' Rebels. Wallace has led the Toros to two-consecutive State Championships and averaged 18 points and 4 assists last season.

**Underclassmen**

**Brandon Jennings – Oak Hill Academy (Mouth of Wilson, VA) Point Guard, 6-2, 165 (JR)**

A transfer from 2000 LSI Champion Dominguez of Compton, Jennings is considered the top point guard in the class of 2008. He is exciting to watch in the open court with his speed, tremendous vision and perfect alley-oop lobbs to teammates. Despite his awesome passing ability, Jennings can also penetrate to the basket and knock down the three point shot. He is considering Arizona, UConn, USC and Texas.

**Andy Poling – Westview High School (Portland, OR) Center, 6-11, 210 (JR)**

Poling is another talented big man from Oregon who continues to get better and better each year. He is a strong offensive player in the post who can score with his back to the basket or facing the hoop. On defense, he has great instincts and is an excellent shot blocker. He has verbally committed to Gonzaga.

**Howard Thompkins – Oak Hill Academy (Mouth of Wilson, VA) Forward, 6-8, 215 (JR)**

Thompkins is known for his defense where he continually can grab rebounds over bigger players and use his strength to keep other big men from scoring, but he can do it on the offensive end as well as evident by a 51 point performance last season. He lists his top school choices as Georgia Tech, Georgia and Florida.

**Michael Harthun – South Medford High School (Medford, OR) Point Guard, 6-3 (JR)**

Harthun will begin his third season as starting point guard for South Medford. He has been named All-League as a freshman and a sophomore and was 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State last year. He is receiving interest from Oregon, Oregon State, Gonzaga, Washington and Washington State.

**Brad Tinsley – Oregon City High School (Oregon City, OR) Guard, 6-3 (JR)**

Tinsley averaged 21 points, 6 rebounds and 5 assists per game last season as a sophomore and is receiving interest from a lot of PAC-10 schools as well as Gonzaga and Pepperdine.