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**Portland, OR** – The Les Schwab Invitational presented by Express Employment Professionals – one of the most prolific holiday high school basketball tournaments in the country – returns to Liberty High School this December for four days of entertaining basketball games and fun for the entire family. This year marks **The 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary** for the holiday basketball tournament and it will once again feature future college and NBA stars that the tournament has been accustomed to showcasing for over two decades. The tournament will take place **December 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** at Liberty High School in Hillsboro, Oregon. Since the events inception in 1996 over *\$1.4 million has been raised for Oregon schools.*

Returning to the 2017 Les Schwab Invitational presented by Express Employment Professionals is six-time tournament champion **Oak Hill Academy** (1997, 2001, 2004, 2006, 2011, and 2015). Also returning to the event for the first time since 2000 is **Mater Dei High School** (Santa Ana, CA). Both powerhouses figure to be ranked in the Top 5 of the preseason national polls when they release later this month. Making their LSI debut will be **Crespi (Encino, CA)**.

With another banner year for both individual and team talent in the LSI, the 2017 field will be headlined by Mater Dei's **Bol Bol who is the No. 2 ranked senior in the country**. Bol, the son of the late Manute Bol, is a 7'3 physical specimen with arguably the most unique skill set in the country. In Nike's prestigious EYBL, Bol averaged 24 points, 10 rebounds, 4.5 blocks and shot nearly 50% from three point range. Bol, a major University of Oregon recruit, has scholarship offers from every major program in the country including Kentucky, Kansas and UCLA. Oak Hill will feature as many as eight high-major college prospects led by one of the best scorers in the country, **No. 7 ranked senior Keldon Johnson**, who has scholarship offers from Kentucky, Texas, and Oregon among others.

Headlining the list of Oregon teams is **Jefferson High School**, the defending 6A State Champions, who return three starters including consensus Top 40 National Player **Kamaka Hepa** - who has scholarship offers from nearly the entire Pac-12, Gonzaga, Oklahoma, Texas, among others.

Twelve other Oregon schools (League and State Classification) round out the 2017 field.

**Barlow** (Mt. Hood Conference – 6A)  
**Beaverton** (Metro League – 6A)  
**Clackamas** (Mt. Hood Conference – 6A)  
**Grant** (Portland Interscholastic League – 6A)  
**Jesuit** (Metro League – 6A)  
**Lakeridge** (Three Rivers League – 6A)  
**Lake Oswego** (Three Rivers League – 6A)  
**Oregon City** (Three Rivers League – 6A)  
**Southridge** (Metro League – 6A)  
**South Eugene** (Southwest Conference – 6A)  
**West Linn** (Three Rivers League – 6A)  
**West Salem** (Greater Valley Conference – 6A)



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