



Players to Watch at the 21st Anniversary Les Schwab Invitational Presented by Express Employment Professionals

The Les Schwab Invitational presented by Express Employment Professionals invites Portland-area basketball fans the opportunity to see nationally ranked teams and future college and NBA Stars perform at Oregon's top Holiday basketball tournament. Some of the top players to play in the Les Schwab Invitational include: Carmelo Anthony (New York Knicks), Kevin Durant (Golden State Warriors), Tyson Chandler (Phoenix Suns), Markelle Fultz (University of Washington) Brandon Jennings (New York Knicks), Terrence Jones (New Orleans Pelicans), Terrence Ross (Toronto Raptors), Kevin Love (Cleveland Cavaliers), Kyle Singler (Oklahoma City Thunder) Ben Simmons (Philadelphia 76ers) and Kemba Walker (Charlotte Bobcats).



The Nations #1 Senior (Michael Porter Jr.) and #1 Junior (Marvin Bagley III) Headline the 2016 Les Schwab Invitational

Michael Porter Jr. (6-9 Forward Nathan Hale High School – University of Washington) Each year the Les Schwab Invitational hosts elite team and individual talent and 2016 is no exception. Michael Porter Jr. is the top ranked player in the country and enters the LSI averaging over 35 points and 20 rebounds. Porter Jr. is an elite scorer with the ability to play above the rim, shoot threes at a good percentage and is the most dominant high school player in recent memory from the elbow / pinch post. Look for Nathan Hale Head Coach Brandon Roy ([yes – that Brandon Roy](#)) to let Porter Jr. operate in space and run pro style sets allowing Porter to get quick duck-ins or isolations opportunities. Porter Jr., a projected Top 5 pick in the 2018 NBA Draft, just recently moved to Seattle – enrolling at Nathan Hale High School, after his father accepted an assistant coaching position at the University of Washington.



Marvin Bagley III (6-10 Forward Sierra Canyon High School – Undecided) Bagley III headlines the #2 team in the country and will put on a show at the LSI. A monster in transition and in the half court – Oregon competition will have its hands full keeping Bagley off the glass and off of the rim. Bagley sat out all of his sophomore season after transferring to Sierra Canyon, and is eager to show the country he is hungry and poised for the national spotlight. Bagley’s recruiting is down to six schools – including the University of Oregon, so look for Dana Altman and staff to make their presence felt at the LSI.

Out of State Top Seniors

Daejon “Jon Jon” Davis (6-4 Guard Garfield High School – University of Washington) Davis is an elite athlete who made his presence felt at the LSI last year with a number of [above the rim finishes](#) and blocks in transition. The University of Washington commit may best be best suited to play point guard at the next level and will assume primary ball handling responsibilities for the first time in his prep career this season for the Bulldogs. Davis is a tremendous rebounder (18 rebounds in Round 1 of last years LSI) can defend either guard position and does a great job playing the passing lanes. **Currently ranked #43 nationally by ESPN**



Chris Lykes (5-6 Guard Gonzaga College H.S. – University of Miami) Lykes is one of the most exciting players to watch in the country. The relentless 5-6 guard from Washington D.C. is

a world class athlete with a lightning quick first step. A threat to win the Express Employment Professionals Dunk contest on Thursday afternoon, Lykes will likely become a fan favorite over the tournaments four days (similar to [DeMond "Tweety" Carter](#) in 2005). **Currently ranked #52 nationally by ESPN**

Jaylen Nowell (6-4 Guard Garfield High School – University of Washington) Nowell is one of the top shot makers in the 2017 class. He plays at his own pace and is smooth coming off of ball screens, pin downs, or in dribble hand-offs. An elite mid-range shooter, Nowell's game is much more polished than most high school players. Nowell was a member of the U-16 Gold Medal Team in 2015. To reach his full potential Nowell will need to develop a consistent three point shot and become an elite on ball defender capable of defending both guard positions. Nowell is will join backcourt mate and friend Jon Jon Davis at the University of Washington next fall. **Currently ranked #56 nationally by ESPN.**

Cody Riley (6-9 Forward Sierra Canyon – UCLA) Riley will be a match-up problem for the majority of the teams in the LSI field. A wide-shouldered physical specimen at the prep level - Riley will punish interior defenders and use his size and strength to dominate the glass. The future UCLA Bruin will provide some awesome highlights throughout the LSI. **Currently ranked #43 nationally by ESPN**

Remy Martin (6-0 Point Guard Sierra Canyon – Arizona State) Martin is a 'push the tempo' guard who can really score and play make in transition. He has proven adept at running the show for the Trailblazers mixing in his ability to score and get his elite big men the ball in scoring opportunities. If Martin is on his game, the trio of him, Riley and Bagley is as formidable as any in the country. **Currently ranked #98 nationally by Scout**

Adam Seiko (6-3 Guard Sierra Canyon – San Diego State) – The future Aztec is a physically mature guard who embraces his role for Head Coach Ty Nichols. Seiko looks to involve his bigs and doesn't try and force the issue offensively. Seiko often finds ways to impact the game without scoring and will guard the other teams best perimeter player.

Top Seniors From Oregon Competing in the LSI

Elijah Gonzales (5'9 Point Guard Clackamas High School – Portland State University) Gonzales is the unquestioned leader of the reigning Mt. Hood Conference Champions. Out of any guard in Oregon, Gonzalez has the best ability to get into the paint and breakdown the opponents defense. What he lacks in size he makes up for in his toughness on the court and diligent work ethic off of it. The returning League Player of the Year and 1st team All-State selection is poised for a very strong senior campaign and will likely lead the state in scoring.



Geno West (6-2 Guard Jefferson High School – Undecided) West will play in his fourth LSI having been a member of the Democrats Varsity roster since he was a freshmen. The reigning PIL Player of the

Year and 1st Team All-State selection is one of the key weapons for the loaded Demos. Look for West to use his quick first step and will to score to dominate stretches of the game during the LSI.

Hunter Sweet (6-4 Forward Beaverton High School – Concordia) Sweet, the Concordia University commit (Division II) returns as Metro League Player of the Year and 1st team All-State selection (6A). Sweet is an incredible competitor, who plays with a motor and is very skilled at finishing around the basket. Expect the 6-4 forward to keep Beaverton in the race for another Metro League title this season.

Khalid Thomas (6-7 Forward West Linn High School – Undecided) Thomas will play in his first LSI after being sidelined in 2014 as a member of the South Salem Saxons. The reigning Greater Valley Conference Player of the Year has all of the tools to have a great senior season for his new squad and is on pace to lead them in scoring and rebounding. Thomas will likely attend junior college in the fall but is unquestionably a Division 1 talent.

Spencer Hoffman (6'9 Center Churchill High School – Undecided) Hoffman is a true big man with a soft touch (80%+ FT) and desire to win. As a junior Hoffman was the Co-Player of the year in the Midwestern League and a 2nd team All-State selection. Hoffman has transferred to Churchill teaming up with longtime friend Lucas Wilson - in the hopes of making a deep run in the 5A State Playoffs.



Lucas Wilson (6-5 Wing Churchill High School – Undecided) Wilson is unquestionably the best athlete in the State of Oregon. Wilson is undecided which sport he will pursue at the next level (basketball, football, or track) but whichever he chooses he will likely find success. A threat to win the Slam Dunk Contest, look for Wilson to impact the game with his athleticism on both sides of the floor.



Nolan Bertain (6-4 Guard West Linn High School – Undecided) Bertain is a knockdown shooter who can get going quickly and in bunches. An impressive athlete with a great frame, he can finish above the rim and play in an up-tempo system – which West Linn will do. Bertain is considered a mid-major prospect and has had some

interest at the high major level.

Braden Olsen (6-0 Guard West Linn High School – Undecided) Olsen takes the reigns this year after 4x State Champion Payton Pritchard and seven other seniors graduated for the Lions. Olsen is an above average athlete, has a great first step and can knock down jumpers consistently. He will be tasked with being the leader and primary decision maker / ball handler for West Linn in their quest to win an unprecedented fifth consecutive State Championship.

Cameron Parker (6-2 Guard Jesuit High School – Undecided) The 2016 LSI will be Parkers third and the 6-2 senior has had some big games at Liberty - including an 18 point 3 assist performance as a sophomore against Jaylen Brown and the #3 nationally ranked Wheeler Wildcats in 2014. Parker is off to a great start in his senior campaign averaging 27 points and playing with a more mature confidence - contagious to the rest of the Crusaders.

Amari Stafford (6-4 Wing Jefferson High School – Undecided) The most slept on prospect in the state is the 6-4 high-level athlete from Jefferson. Receiving reduced attention due to his role off the bench and quiet demeanor, Stafford isn't as widely regarded as his talent would indicate. Stafford is a knockdown shooter, can guard multiple positions and is a selfless teammate.

Amari Hale (6-1 Point Guard Central Catholic High School – Undecided) Last year entering the LSI, Hale was thought of as a good athlete with the potential to play college basketball. Fast-forward to today - Hale is revered as one of the best athletes in the State and is garnering some serious high-level interest as a football prospect (even after sitting out his sophomore and junior seasons). Hale's first love has always been basketball and he is already off to a strong start with a 35-point performance in the Rams win on the road in a hostile environment at Camas High School.

Matthew O'Brien (6-9 Forward Clackamas High School – Undecided) O'Brien will be a key piece for the Cavaliers this season. If he can protect the rim, rebound and score double figures consistently he elevates the ceiling for Clackamas. The 6-9 Senior is a fringe Division 1 prospect and could elevate his status with a strong performance in the LSI.

Riley Suckow (6-4 Wing Century High School – Undecided) Suckow may be a sleeper to many across the state but expect him to make some noise in his senior season for the Jaguars. Suckow has a solid frame, is an above average athlete and can score at all three levels. The Jaguars will be a threat in the Metro League thanks to Suckows scoring ability and their continuity and coaching on both sides of the ball.

Thomas “ManMan” Miles (6-2 Guard Jefferson High School – Undecided) Miles, the cousin of former LSI standout and Kansas Jayhawks legend Aaron Miles, is one of the leaders for the top ranked Democrats. Miles can score in bunches and is usually tasked with guarding the opposing teams best offensive threat.

Cole Mehaffey (6-9 Center Lake Oswego High School – Undecided) Mehaffey is one of the better post players at the 6A level and can impact the game on both sides of the ball. The 6-9 senior can score over either shoulder and plays to his strengths around the basket. The Lakers will run a lot of their offense through Mehaffey using his gravity to free up space for the senior backcourt of **Daniel Baumer** and **Andrew Meskel** who both shoot the three at an above average clip.

Said Ali (6-2 Guard Westview High School – Undecided) Ali is a physical and competitive guard who will take the challenge defensively and attack offensively. If Ali is hitting jumpers he becomes a tough cover using his craftiness (left handed player) and will score to his advantage.

Mason Elliot (6-4 Wing Westview High School – Undecided) Elliot is a tremendous athlete and will play Division 1 football next fall. Had he decided to focus on basketball he would have garnered attention on the hardwood as well. Elliot was very impressive at the LSI in 2015 leading Westview to the Consolation Championship. Look for he and Ali to pace the Wildcats this year and compete for the Metro League Championship.

Rodney Hounshell (6-2 Guard West Linn High School – Undecided) Hounshell will be instrumental in the success of the Lions. The 6-2 transfer from rival Lake Oswego, can impact the game on both sides of

the ball and is a steady ball handler and compliment to Olsen. If Hounshell can fit in and play to his strengths, West Linn is poised for another big run in March.

Others Seniors (National and Local)

Terrance McBride (6-3 Guard Sierra Canyon – Cornell)
Eddie Scott (6-6 Forward Gonzaga College High School – University of Pennsylvania)
Noel Bangsberg (6-4 Forward Grant High School – Undecided)
Hunter Coyle (6-3 Guard/Forward Clackamas High School – Undecided)
Carson Crawford (5-10 Guard Beaverton High School – Undecided)
Cole Johanson (5-10 Guard Beaverton High School – Undecided)
Chuka Mekkam (6-0 Guard Jesuit High School – Undecided)
Zyshawn Strickland (6-0 Guard Jefferson High School – Undecided)
Malik Thirdgill (6-4 Forward Central Catholic High School – Undecided)



Nationally Ranked Juniors at the LSI

Kamaka Hepa (6-9 Forward Jefferson High School – Undecided)

Hepa is one of the most skilled and versatile forwards in the country regardless of class. Standing 6-9 with uncanny passing ability and sweet shooting touch Hepa is regarded as the top player in Oregon. Currently a top 40 recruit nationally, Hepa holds offers from the entire Pac-12 plus Gonzaga, Grand Canyon, Hawaii, Miami, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oklahoma St, Texas, Tulane, Utah St, & Wichita St. Hepa was a two-time State Champion and two-time Player of the Year in Alaska & will look to do the same in Portland for the Democrats. **Currently ranked #32 nationally by Rivals**

J’Raen Brooks (6-9 Forward Garfield High School – Undecided)

Brooks will anchor the frontcourt for the nationally ranked Bulldogs. After a strong but somewhat limited sophomore campaign, Brooks will have an increased role for Garfield on both sides of the ball. Brooks plays with a high motor, can score from all three levels, uses his size to his advantage and is a great teammate. He has a number of high major Division 1 scholarship offers including Oklahoma, Stanford, USC and Washington. Brooks is also an elite baseball player and may play both sports at the next level. **Currently ranked #57 nationally by Rivals**



Prentiss Hubb (6-3 Guard Gonzaga College High School – Undecided)

For the basketball purists and fans of ‘good basketball’ Hubb will be a treat to watch at the LSI. He is a high IQ combo guard with a great feel and ability to finish in transition or create a good look in the half court. Equally effective with or without the ball, Hubb will be an integral part of the Eagles success this season. **Currently ranked #24 nationally by ESPN**

Jontay Porter (6-9 Forward Nathan Hale High School – University of Washington)

Porter, the younger brother of

Michael Porter, is a consensus top 50 recruit in the 2018 class. A versatile offensive player, Porter can score from all three levels and has proven to be a capable three-point shooter. The University of Washington commit is good passer from the power forward position and is a threat to lead the break after pulling down a defensive rebound. **Currently ranked #36 nationally by Rivals**

Other Top Juniors (National and Local)

Kelton Samore (6-8 Wing Grant High School – Undecided) Samore plays with veteran savvy, under control and at his own pace. A returning 1st team PIL selection, he has good length, can score from all three levels and just seems to always get to his spots on the floor in rhythm. Samore currently holds offers from Boise St, Colgate, Portland & San Francisco.

Keishon Dawkins (6-6 Forward West Linn High School – Undecided) Dawkins, the transfer from Tigard, is a tough cover for opposing teams. At 6-6 and around 225 pounds Dawkins uses his body effectively maneuvering his way to the glass and finishing at a high percentage in the paint. Dawkins had a breakout season on the gridiron for the State Champions and is now receiving recruiting attention in both sports.

Cole Turner (6-6 Forward Clackamas High School – Undecided) Turner has an excellent motor, is active on the glass and can defend multiple positions. If Turner develops offensively- and lets the game come to him, he elevates the ceiling for Clackamas and will receive increased recruiting attention at the Division 1 level. Turner is long, competitive, tough and possesses many attributes of a 'winning player'. Turner may have more upside on the football field as he is already receiving Pac-12 attention after scoring 12 touchdowns as a wide receiver for the semi-finalists in the fall.

Robert Ford (5-10 Guard Jefferson High School – Undecided) Ford's moniker is fitting with the automakers slogan "Built Ford Tough" as he epitomizes determination and perseverance on both sides of the ball. Ford plays with a contagious motor and will be a key piece in the Democrats quest for a State Championship this season.

Matthew Lang (6-2 Guard Jesuit High School – Undecided) Lang is a great complimentary piece to Parker in the backcourt for the Crusaders. A willing off the ball guard with a smooth stroke, Lang also plays with a toughness, intelligence and competitiveness on the defensive end. Lang can get hot in a hurry and if he's hitting three's, Jesuit a formidable opponent to any team in the state.

JR Schilling (6-5 Wing Lake Oswego High School – Undecided) Schilling is coming into his own for the Lakers, learning how to use his physical tools to impact the game on both ends for the floor. Schilling is a true wing with a smooth stroke and great length.

Jake Estep (6-4 Guard Beaverton High School – Undecided) The Tigard transfer is one of the better three point shooters in the state. Estep can fill it up quickly and adds an element the Beavers desperately need after losing both of their shooters (Nico Bevins – graduation and Nolan Bertain – transfer) from last seasons Metro League Championship team.

Jalen Thompson (6-2 Guard West Linn High School – Undecided) Thompson was a contributor on last season's State Championship team and will have an increased role as a junior; as he is set to start for the Lions. Thompson is an above average athlete, can shoot threes and takes the challenge defensively.

Issac Amaral-Artharee (6-3 Guard Central Catholic – Undecided) The 6-3 combo guard plays with a very good pace to his and game and never seems to be sped up. He has a good feel for the game and a quiet confidence about himself. As he continues to recover from last seasons ACL injury, expect him to develop on the defensive end.

Others

Gavin Baughman (6-0 Guard South Salem High School – Undecided)

Tyler Wadleigh (5-8 Guard South Salem High School – Undecided)

Dane Agost (6-8 Forward Clackamas High School – Undecided)

Damon “Froggy” Hickock (6-2 Guard Grant High School – Undecided)

Top Underclassmen at the #LSI21

Marcus Bagley (6-6 Forward Sierra Canyon – Undecided) Bagley is the younger brother of Marvin Bagley (the #1 junior in the country). After showcasing his ability on the Nike EYBL circuit as an 8th Grader, the younger Bagley had high major scholarship offers from Arizona, Arizona State, UCLA and USC.

Marcus Tsohonis (6-4 Guard Jefferson High School – Undecided) Tsohonis burst onto the scene last year leading his Jefferson Democrats to the 6A state semifinals, averaging 16 points, 6 assists & 4 rebounds. The 6-4 savvy guard had a phenomenal summer, earning an invite to the Nike Elite 100 as well as scholarship offers from Montana & USC. Tsohonis is just scratching the surface of what he can become athletically and as a finisher in transition.



PJ Fuller (6-4 Guard Nathan Hale High School – Undecided) Fuller, the Garfield transfer, is a supreme athlete and knockdown shooter. For Portland fans unfamiliar with his game – think Terrance Ross from Jefferson High School (‘07-‘10). Fuller has scholarship offers from Montana, Tennessee, and the University of Washington. Look for Fuller to get out in transition and bring the ball up at times for the Raiders.

Jamon Kemp (6-6 Guard / Forward Garfield High School – Undecided) Kemp, the son of former Seattle Supersonic great Shawn Kemp, is a versatile wing with long arms and a great motor. Kemp will have a big role for the Bulldogs and should see his recruiting spike after he is showcased on the national stage.

Jaden “Skinny” Nielsen-Skinner (5-10 Guard South Salem High School – Undecided) Nielsen-Skinner has started every game at point guard for the Saxons since stepping on campus as a freshmen – leading them to within one shot of the Championship Game last spring. The shifty guard has the ability to get into the paint and take over the game in spurts with his passing and shot creation.

Aaron Deloney (5-11 Guard Grant High School – Undecided) Although only a sophomore, Deloney has embraced a leadership role for Coach Rob Key and the Generals. Deloney is an excellent shooter off

the dribble and catching and shooting, and uses his quickness to get into the lane and create for others. After a big game on the road against West Linn leading up to the LSI, expect Deloney to have a strong year and help the Generals compete with Jefferson for the PIL Title.



Ty Rankin (6-2 Guard Grant High School – Undecided) Rankin is a physical combo guard capable of playing on or off the ball. A tireless worker, Rankin has added multiple dimensions to his game (especially shooting) since he was a spot contributor for the Generals as a freshmen. If Rankin and Deloney can perform consistently for the Generals, they are poised for a strong season.

Marjon Beauchamp (6-3 Guard Nathan Hale High School – Undecided) Beauchamp has yet to play a high school game but is receiving significant recruiting interest including a scholarship offer from Eastern Washington University. The electric guard can score in bunches and will play significant minutes for the Raiders as a freshmen.

Terrance Williams (6-7 Forward Gonzaga College High School – Undecided) Williams is a jack of all trades forward who has earned minutes for the Eagles doing the intangibles (running the floor, boxing out, scrapping for loose balls, and taking charges).

Others

Tari Eason (6-5 Forward Garfield High School – Undecided)
Bryson Crockett (6-2 Guard Clackamas High School – Undecided)
Sataievior Ayiola (6-6 Forward Grant High School – Undecided)
Josh Angle (6-0 Guard Lake Oswego High School – Undecided)
Fred Harding (6-6 Forward Lake Oswego High School – Undecided)
Tai Warner (5-11 Guard Jefferson High School)
Drayton Caoile (6-0 Guard West Linn High School – Undecided)
Micah Garrett (6-2 Wing West Linn High School – Undecided)
Damiko Tidemore (6-3 Forward West Linn High School – Undecided)
Andre Best (5-11 Point Guard West Linn High School – Undecided)
DeRay Seamster (6-0 Point Guard West Linn High School – Undecided)
Gaike Ainsley (6-6 Forward Central Catholic High School – Undecided)