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Four top Delaware high school teams will play in Slam Dunk to the Beach

National lineup expected to be announced by summer

DOVER, Delaware -- March 13, 2014 -- Some of the state's powerhouse boys basketball teams will be tipping off against the nation's premier talent this December as the rejuvenated Slam Dunk to the Beach tournament makes its long-awaited return to Delaware.

Slam Dunk Chairman Matt Robinson unveiled the four Delaware participants Thursday night at the Blue-Gold All Star High School Basketball Banquet at Dover Downs Hotel and Casino. The teams are:

Salesianum School (Wilmington)

2013-2014 state champions

Finished season ranked #1 in state

Final record of 23-2

Guard Donte DiVencenzo has already committed to Villanova

Mascot: Sals

Coach: Brendan Haley

Sanford School (Hockessin)

Finished season ranked #2 in state

Final record of 17-7

Current Syracuse-standout Trevor Cooney graduated from Sanford in 2011

Coach: Stan Waterman

Mascot: Warriors

St. Georges Technical High School (Middletown)

Runner-up to Salesiaunum in 2013-2014 state championship

Finished season ranked #3 in state

Final record of 21-4

Coach: Rod Griffin

Mascot: Hawks

Cape Henlopen High School (Lewes)

2013-2014 State Championship semifinalist

Finished season ranked #11

Final record of 15-9

Coach: Stephen Re

Mascot: Vikings

“A strong lineup of Delaware teams has always been a crucial part of Slam Dunk’s identity and a key to its local legitimacy,” said Matt Robinson, the tournament’s chairman. “Having these teams represent Delaware as they take on some of the best high school programs in the country is exciting.”

Organizers are expected to announce the lineup of national teams participating in Slam Dunk this summer. The tournament schedule is due to be released in the fall, and Slam Dunk will take place Dec. 27-29 at Cape Henlopen High School in Lewes, Del.

For 13 years, Delaware’s Slam Dunk hosted some of the nation’s premier players, including current NBA stars LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony, Dwight Howard and more. Under the leadership of the Delaware Sports Commission, Slam Dunk is being relaunched in an effort to regain the national reputation and strong fan base it once brought to the state.

“It’s been quite a year for basketball in Delaware, and this coming December should see the intensity level rise even more,” Robinson said. Over the past year, Delaware has seen:

- Two teams advance to the NCAA Basketball Championship
- WNBA star Elena Delle Donne named rookie of the year
- Trevor Cooney recognized as one of the top college players in the nation
- The Delaware 87ers launch their inaugural season

“Excitement over high school basketball in Delaware is at an all-time high, as witnessed by attendance during the recent DIAA basketball tournaments,” Robinson said.

Keep an eye on slamdunktothebeach.com and follow Slam Dunk on Facebook and Twitter (@SlamDunktoBeach) for tournament updates.

About the Delaware Sports Commission:

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Delaware as a destination for amateur and professional sports.”

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