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Slam Dunk to the Beach Announces 2017 National Teams and Schedule

Top Players and Teams in the country to visit Delaware Beaches

November 13, 2017 (Lewes, Del.) – The Delaware Sports Commission is proud to announce the full schedule of the 2017 Slam Dunk to the Beach basketball tournament. The lineup includes two of the Top 10 teams in the East which feature five of the top 35 high school seniors. These elite players will take the court at Cape Henlopen High School from Dec. 27-29.

This year's event will feature the largest field in tournament history with 20 high school teams hailing from across the country. The top players as ranked in the latest ESPN100 for the Class of 2018 include:

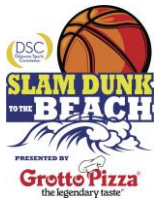
- **Cameron Reddish** (Westtown School) – 3rd
- **Simisola Shittu** (Vermont Academy) – 6th
- **Immanuel Quickley** (John Carroll) – 12th
- **Nazreon Reid** (Roselle Catholic) – 18th
- **Jalen Carey** (Immaculate Conception) – 34th

“We are excited about the quality of the teams and players for this year’s edition of Slam Dunk,” said **Dr. Matthew Robinson**, chairman of the Delaware Sports Commission. “We have some familiar teams and faces back and some new teams that I am sure will not disappoint the fans. The local businesses and community have played such a huge role in the success of the event and Slam Dunk is a top economic driver for southern Delaware during the tourism off-season.”

Tickets are on sale now at www.slamdunktothebeach.com.

This year’s 20 team field will match last season’s total as the largest since the tournament returned in 2014. The national field joining Delaware’s **Cape Henlopen, Caravel, Howard** and **Smyrna** include:

- **Archbishop Wood** (Warminster, Pa.)
- **Bishop Loughlin** (Brooklyn, N.Y.)
- **Bishop McNamara** (Forestville, Md.)
- **Dillard** (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.)
- **Eleanor Roosevelt** (Greenbelt, Md.)
- **Gonzaga College** (Washington, D.C.)
- **Gray Collegiate** (West Columbia, S.C.)
- **Harvard Westlake** (Los Angeles, Calif.)
- **Immaculate Conception** (Montclair, N.J.)
- **John Carroll** (Bel Air, Md.)
- **Roselle Catholic** (Roselle, N.J.)
- **Sidwell Friends** (Washington, D.C.)
- **St. James** (Hagerstown, Md.)
- **St. John’s College** (Chevy Chase, Md.)
- **Vermont Academy** (Saxtons River, Vt.)
- **Westtown** (West Chester, Pa.)



"Dillard High School has competed all over the country, including Alaska," said Dillard High School Head Coach, **Darryl Burrow**. "But our journey would not, and could not be complete without Slam Dunk to the Beach. This event is second to none."

The iconic tournament has hosted many future NBA and college superstars over the years, including **Carmelo Anthony** (2000), **LeBron James** (2001), **Kevin Durant** (2003) and **Dwight Howard** (2003). The 2017 event will once again have numerous participants from ESPN's top rated players from each graduating class.

Already a two-time Slam Dunk to the Beach All-Tournament Team selection, Cameron Reddish will be making his fourth appearance in Lewes, DE as a senior for Westtown. The 3rd ranked player in the 2018 class committed to the NCAA's Preseason number one team, Duke University, in September. Not far behind Reddish in the ESPN100 is Canadian Power Forward, Simisola Shittu from Vermont Academy. The 6th ranked player in the senior class joins Roselle Catholic's Nazreon Reid as big men projected as top 10 picks in the 2019 NBA Draft.

Several underclassmen are ranked by ESPN, as well, and leading the Slam Dunk group, once again, is junior **Juwan Gary** of Gray Collegiate Academy. Gary scored 16 points in last season's instant classic between Gray Collegiate and Westtown at Cape Henlopen High School.

Johnny Juzang of Harvard Westlake will come a long way to lead the sophomore class at Slam Dunk to the Beach. The Los Angeles native ranks as ESPN's #3 small forward in the Class of 2020. Gonzaga College's **Terrance Williams** will also look to make an impact as a rising sophomore power forward.

The DSC also announced the matchups for the 2017 Slam Dunk, which breaks down into day and night sessions featuring three or four games in each session.

The tournament begins with Delaware's 2017 State Champion, Smyrna, against Howard on December 27th at noon. Fans will get their fourth look at Roselle Catholic in the night session, as the Lions rejoin the action at Cape Henlopen against another returning squad, Gray Collegiate at 6:30pm. The nightcap at 8:00pm will give fans their first opportunity to watch ESPN100's number two rated power forward, Simisola Shittu, as his Vermont Academy team plays Sidwell Friends.

Day two of Slam Dunk to the Beach will feature nine games and an earlier start to the day, as Harvard Westlake tips-off against Gonzaga College. Thursday's action features some real firepower as all seven games on the schedule will feature a player ranked in the Top 25 of ESPN's class rankings.

The final day, Thursday, Dec. 29, showcases two USA Today Super 25 Regional teams from 2017 when Archbishop Wood takes the court at 3:00pm and Gonzaga College plays to start the night session at 5:00pm. Basketball fans in Lewes, DE will get one last chance to watch Cameron Reddish and Indiana commit, Jake Forrester, as Westtown goes up against Sidwell Friends.

The full schedule, with start times for all 19 games, is listed below.

The Delaware Sports Commission has once again brought aboard **Position Sports, Inc.**, a national sports marketing company, to manage all event operations. Position Sports has worked with many of the world's leading brands, including current clients Nike, Jordan Brand, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and USA Basketball.

For more information on the tournament, follow **@SlamDunkToBeach** on Twitter and Facebook at Slam Dunk To The Beach.



About Delaware Sports Commission:

The Delaware Sports Commission, a not-for-profit organization, was established to attract regional and national level sporting events to Delaware as an endeavor to positively impact Delaware's economy. The DSC also assists with the retention and growth of existing sporting events. To date the DSC has partnered with over 50 regional and national events, paving the way for future large-scale events to be held in Delaware.

2017 Slam Dunk to the Beach Schedule:

December 27 Day Session

- 12:00pm Smyrna HS (DE) vs. Howard HS (DE)
- 1:30pm Eleanor Roosevelt HS (MD) vs. Bishop Loughlin HS (NY)
- 3:00pm Caravel Academy (DE) vs. Saint James School (MD)

December 27 Night Session

- 5:00pm Harvard Westlake HS (CA) vs. Bishop McNamara HS (MD)
- 6:30pm Roselle Catholic HS (NJ) vs. Gray Collegiate Academy (SC)
- 8:00pm Vermont Academy (VT) vs. Sidwell Friends School (DC)

December 28 Day Session

- 11:00am Gonzaga College (DC) vs. Harvard Westlake HS (CA)
- 12:30pm Saint James School (MD) vs. Immaculate Conception HS (NJ)
- 2:00pm Smyrna HS (DE) vs. Roselle Catholic HS (NJ)

December 28 Night Session

- 4:00pm St. John's College HS (DC) vs. John Carroll HS (MD)
- 5:30pm Westtown School (PA) vs. Dillard HS (FL)
- 7:00pm Harvard Westlake HS (CA) vs. Cape Henlopen (DE)
- 8:30pm Gray Collegiate Academy (SC) vs. Vermont Academy (VT)

December 29 Day Session

- 12:00pm Dillard HS (FL) vs. Harvard Westlake HS (CA)
- 1:30pm Bishop McNamara HS (MD) vs. Howard HS (DE)
- 3:00pm Immaculate Conception HS (NJ) vs. Archbishop Wood HS (PA)

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- 5:00pm Bishop Loughlin HS (NY) vs. Gonzaga College HS (DC)
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- 8:00pm Caravel Academy (DE) vs. Cape Henlopen HS (DE)

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