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Slam Dunk to the Beach Announces 2018 All-Tournament Team

Lewes, DE – January 10, 2018 – Slam Dunk to the Beach returned to Cape Henlopen High School for its fifth consecutive season and was once again a hit amongst spectators. From December 27 through 29, crowds watched 18 teams from across the nation compete in Lewes, DE.

“The 2018 Slam Dunk to the Beach was a success on all levels. The games were exciting and fans got to see the next generation of Slam Dunk stars,” said **Dr. Matt Robinson**, Chairman of the Delaware Sports Commission (DSC). “This elite event would not be possible without the support of our sponsors as well as local and state government leaders. We are looking forward to 2019!”

The Delaware Sports Commission has released its Slam Dunk to the Beach All-Tournament team. Since the return of the tournament in 2014, 35 prestigious players have shined above the rest of competitors. Slam Dunk to the Beach All-Tournament Team honorees have since gone on to win NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player, conference Rookie of the Year awards, and four players are currently playing in the NBA.

Seven representatives for the 2018 event will now join this already celebrated group of past Slam Dunk to the Beach All-Tournament Team selections. **Cameron Brown** (Eleanor Roosevelt), **Justin Champagnie** (Bishop Loughlin), **Chuck Harris** (Gonzaga College), **Jonathan Kuminga** (Our Savior New American), **Nnanna Njoku** (Sanford), **Symir Torrence** (Vermont Academy) and **Kahlil Whitney** (Roselle Catholic) represent six players from the national field and one from Delaware.

Playing in the event for the second straight season, Cameron Brown of Eleanor Roosevelt (MD) improved upon his 18 point performance last year. This season, the senior from Greenbelt, MD reached 20 points in both games including 24 points on 5-of-7 3pFG against Roselle Catholic.

In one of the most efficient performances in Slam Dunk to the Beach history, Justin Champagnie of Bishop Loughlin (NY) shined over two days in Lewes, DE. The junior showed why he is rated as a Top 25 small forward in the Class of 2020 by shooting an amazing 12-of-13 FG en route to a victory over Liberty HS. His Lions team finished the event with two wins thanks to Champagnie’s 44 total points on 77% from the field.

Gonzaga College High School took three victories back to Washington, D.C. and point guard Chuck Harris led the way for the Purple Eagles. The nation’s 12th rated point guard in the junior class averaged 15.7 points per game and dished out eight assists in his final contest against Our Savior New American.

Since returning in 2014, Slam Dunk to the Beach has never seen a performance quite like the debut of Jonathan Kuminga. Cementing himself in the conversation for top player in the 2021 class, the sophomore from Our Savior New American (NY) scored 40 points vs. Gonzaga College High School. His 40 points and eight three pointers were both tournament records, eclipsing a 39 point, seven three pointer performance by Jalek Felton (Gray Collegiate Academy) in 2016. Mikey Dixon of Sanford also scored 39 points in a game in 2015, but no player had ever reached the 40 point



plateau. The 6'8" power forward from Atlanta, GA followed up his historic start with five more threes against Archbishop Wood. Kuminga's two game totals reached 66 points, 13-of-22 3pFG, 11 rebounds and 10 asissts.

The third Sanford player to represent Delaware on the All-Tournament Team over the last five seasons is Nnanna Njoku. The 6'10" sophomore center led the Warriors with 20 points in a dominating victory over host Cape Henlopen and added 13 points and six rebounds in a victory over Bishop Walsh.

For the second consecutive season, a player from Vermont Academy (VT) makes the All-Tournament Team. This year, Symir Torrence, led the way for the Wildcats with 20 points in Vermont Academy's victory over Bishop Walsh. The recent Marquette University commit totaled 39 points in his two games and added 11 rebounds while shooting a perfect 9-of-9 from the foul line.

Rounding out the All-Tournament Team is the event's top rated senior recruit, Kahlil Whitney of Roselle Catholic (NJ). The Kentucky University commit becomes the first All-Tournament honoree from Roselle since Isaiah Briscoe was selected in 2014. The 6'7" small forward once again wowed the Cape Henlopen crowd with dunks and big plays on his way to 28 points vs. Eleanor Roosevelt and 16 points against Salesianum. Whitney shot a combined 59% from the field and connected on five three pointers in his two games, as well.

The crowds watched the future of basketball up close as many of the nation's top recruits shined and entertained over a three day span. The All-Tournament Team was chosen by select members of the media and the Slam Dunk to the Beach committee.

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

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