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Update - Les Schwab Bowl presented by Express Employment Professionals

Portland, Oregon – The Les Schwab Bowl presented by Express Employment Professionals is disappointed to announce the cancellation of the 2020 All-Star football game, one of Oregon’s longest running sports traditions. The health and safety of our incredible athletes, coaches, families, and fans is our top priority. We take COVID-19 precautions with serious consideration and made every effort to find a way to safely play the 73rd annual event and break the tie (34-34-4) in the heated North vs. South matchup. In 2020, we were also looking forward to – for first time in the events history – featuring the top players and coaches from SW Washington in in the event.

Although Governor Brown has announced phased re-opening guidelines for the State of Oregon, she’s also stated that large-scale sporting events will not take place sooner than October 2020. With health and safety as our number one priority and based on the stipulations of Governor Brown and the Oregon Health Authority, the 2020 Les Schwab Bowl presented by Express Employment Professionals regrettably will not be able to take place.

Central Catholic High School Head Coach, **Steve Pyne**, who was selected as Head Coach of the North Team laments the cancelation, “It’s obviously disappointing not being able to play in the long standing Oregon tradition of the Les Schwab Bowl. We feel bad for the kids and coaches that earned the opportunity to be a part of something so great.”

The Les Schwab Bowl has kept the tradition of the original Shrine Game and continues to showcase the areas football talent in their final prep football game before heading off to college. It is still quite an honor to be selected to play in the game and every Les Schwab Bowl participant is proud to represent their school, team and community. Each player aids in the success of the game by fundraising for the game’s charities and creating an exciting, fan-friendly event that is a representation of our great state of Oregon and our proud football tradition. Thurston High School Head Coach, **Justin Starck**, who was selected as the Head Coach of the South Team understands the gravity of the decision to cancel the game. “We are so incredibly disappointed for this fine group of seniors from the south team. Thank you to Les Schwab Tires and to Prime Time Sports for doing everything possible to allow these amazing kids to have a special experience to crown their senior year.”

We look forward to bringing the Les Schwab Bowl Presented by Express Employment Professionals back in 2021 – and breaking the tie in the all-time series. We understand the Les Schwab Bowl has provided a fraternity among the state’s top athletes and has served a culmination of each players high school football experience. The event has showcased some of the areas greatest talent over the 72 year history, and gathered the football community from all over the Pacific Northwest to celebrate and enjoy. To fill the void of play, we will honor the selections with an exclusive online store launching in July. The 2020 selections will *always* be part of the Les Schwab Bowl family.

Event proceeds from the Les Schwab Tires benefit the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association general scholarship fund and all of Oregon’s 5A and 6A schools.

Additional information is available at www.LesSchwabBowl.com



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Les Schwab Bowl proceeds benefit the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association general scholarship fund and all of Oregon’s 5A and 6A schools. The OACA represents over 3000 members/coaches involving all OSAA sanctioned sports. Oregon’s 5A and 6A high schools have been able to sell tickets to the Les Schwab Bowl and keep 100% of the proceeds. Charitable work is done through a partnership with the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association, Les Schwab Tires and Prime Time Sports. The OACA has been involved with the game since it’s inception as the Oregon Shrine Game in 1948.

