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MLL PDX 2008

PORTLAND, April 17, 2008 - Professional indoor lacrosse has stunned Portland fans since the Portland LumberJax arrived in 2005. Now, the City of Roses will get a taste of the outdoor game as it hosts a week long lacrosse extravaganza that will culminate with the two-time defending Major League Lacrosse (MLL) Champion Philadelphia Barrage and New Jersey Pride playing on Saturday, August 9th at 7:30 p.m. at Hillsboro Stadium.

MLL PDX will be more than just a showcase. A week of lacrosse clinics and tournaments will be the pre cursor to the final regular season game between the Barrage and Pride. Playoff positioning will most certainly be on the line.

“We’re delighted to be bringing Major League Lacrosse back to the Pacific Northwest as part of MLL PDX,” said **David Gross**, Commissioner of Major League Lacrosse. “Back in 2004 when the MLL Wild West Tour stopped in Seattle, I remember that there was quite a contingent from the Portland area that traveled up for the game.”

The clinics kick the week off on Tuesday, August 5 and go through Thursday, August 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Players and coaches from both MLL clubs will conduct these full day clinics. The cost is \$60 per day or \$150 for all three days. Visit www.mllpdx.com for registration information and details on ticket discounts for participants.

Friday, August 8th is when the best of the youth and high school ranks engage. From 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at both Hillsboro Stadium and the new 53rd St. Complex, the top players in the Pacific Northwest will play for state supremacy.

“For me this is coming full circle,” added Portland LumberJax Executive Vice President **Brian Silcott**. “I played in the MLL for the first five years it existed before coaching the San Francisco Dragons when they moved westward. Now, I get to bring the game to my new home in Portland as the director of the biggest lacrosse event in Oregon history. This is important to me and I am committed to making MLL PDX a success.”

Gates open at 12:30 p.m. on Championship Saturday, August 9, leaving ample time to get situated before the youth championships start at 1:30 p.m. Upon conclusion of the youth championships, the high school finals will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Barrage attackman **Ryan Boyle**, third in the MLL with 58 points in 2007 and Pride defenseman **Ryan McClay**, who finished sixth in the league with 70 ground balls collected, will be two of the many players from the Barrage and Pride who will hold an on field youth clinic at 5:30 p.m.

The Barrage and Pride begin formal warm-ups at 6:30 p.m. before their 7:30 p.m. face-off. Philadelphia won both meetings last season by three goals in each game, so revenge will be on New Jersey’s minds.

Tickets start as low as \$15 and go on sale Monday, April 28. Visit mlpdx.com or call Portland Lacrosse LLC at (503)797-9739 for more details.