

# Gov. Markell to take on some of the most recognized sports figures

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Delaware Governor Jack Markell to take on some of the most recognized sports figures in the world

NEWARK, DE August 27, 2010—Delaware Governor Jack Markell is looking to fill Barack Obama's sneakers; as, the President is not the only high profile politician to take on some of the most recognized sports figures in the world. (See President Obama tests basketball skills with LeBron James and other NBA superstars.) On Sunday, September 26th at the University of Delaware's Bob Carpenter Center, DE Governor Jack Markell, DE Lt. Governor Matt Denn, DE Senator Karen Peterson, PA Senator Andy Dinniman and PA State Representative Curt Schroder, will join forces to defeat a common enemy--just weeks before the mid-term November elections.

They are in pursuit of a victory against Harlem Globetrotter great, Meadowlark Lemon, and his young team of basketball legends; and everyone is getting into the act. It's several weeks out until the big showdown, but trash talk has already begun. Lt. Governor Matt Denn jokingly challenged, "I am taking my talents to South Beach, to join the Miami Heat. What, they already got someone to do that? Then I am taking my talents to the Bob Carpenter Center on September 26th. My goal for the game is to not run up the score too much on Meadowlark Lemon's team."

This is all for a worthwhile cause. The Downingtown, PA High School "Blue and Gold" Marching Band is headed to Pasadena, CA to perform in the 2011 Tournament of Roses Parade as the only representative from the entire mid-Atlantic region; and the students are in dire need of financial support. These dignitaries and celebrities are determined to help with proceeds from the

basketball game extravaganza.

Community leaders such as the Downingtown, PA Mayor Josh Maxwell, Michael Waite, on-air personality for WJBR-99.5 FM, and other personalities from MD are joining in on the fun at this star studded event. They will all risk their pride and egos as members of the Tri-State Tornados team. PA House of Representative, Curt Schroder, said, "I plan to leave it all on the floor to get the band to the Tournament of Roses Parade. And by that, I mean, someone will have to help me get off the floor!" Additionally, the University of Delaware Head Men's Basketball coach, Monte' Ross, will huddle with Meadowlark Lemon and team as celebrity head coach.

Meadowlark Lemon summed up the afternoon by saying, "We are bringing our "A" game with some of the best slam dunking, ball handling and trick dribbling in the world, so we are not concerned (about a victory). We will have a good time, make the audience laugh and help them forget their problems for a couple of hours," concluded Lemon.

Tip off is at 4:00 p.m. Doors are open to the public at 3:00 p.m. for pre-game free-throw contests, raffles and door prizes; with halftime show performances by the DHS "Blue and Gold" Marching Band and the DHS cheerleading squad. An autograph session with Meadowlark Lemon and teammates will be held immediately following the game. Tickets are on sale now. Tickets start at \$18.00, and are available at the Bob Carpenter Center Box Office, 302-831-4367. Tickets may also

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