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## NEWS RELEASE

### All Star, Award Winning Vancouver Volcanoes Hold Open Tryouts for 2014 Season

**March 6, 2014 – Vancouver, WA** – Heading into season ten as the only professional sports team in Vancouver, the Volcanoes professional men’s basketball team are looking for talent for the 2014 season hosting a tryout camp Sunday, March 23, 2014 from noon to 4:00 pm at Clark College.

The Volcanoes encourage athletes who have completed their college eligibility looking to go pro, those returning from overseas leagues and local talent to show up and show off their skills. Having placed [players into the NBA Development League](#) including 2014 IBL MVP [6’6” F Chehales Tapscott](#), another Portland State University (PSU) product, sending players overseas including [6’4” F Paul Hafford](#) (PSU) who is now in Australia, while providing a place to play for talent like [6’8” F Jake Carlisle](#) (Coastal Carolina) after his time in the NBA and Continental Basketball Association (CBA), the Volcanoes are a great place for talent to develop.

Going into 2013 the Volcanoes boasted seven out of fifteen of the 2012 IBL All Stars on their roster, but fell short in the [2013 Championship game](#), losing to one of their biggest competitors, the Bellingham Slam 114-117. The award winning ways continued, with four [2014 IBL All Stars](#) from the Volcanoes including Hafford, [6’3” G Josh Tarver](#) with 7.4apg to [lead the league](#), and 2012 MVP 6’2 G Andre Murray (PSU). The final All Star in 2013 was Tapscott for the Volcanoes, also the current reigning IBL MVP moving from 2012 Rookie of the Year. The team took three out of the five [2013 IBL Awards](#) for the season, including Sixth Man of the Year [6’4” Mike Ward](#) (Evergreen State) and the oldest player in the league [6’5” F Kevin “Pip” Bloodsaw](#) (College of the Ozarks) who won 2014 Defensive Player of the Year.

“We are looking to add some depth to all parts of our roster,” said Coach Joe Navarro. We are returning with about half of our 2013 team, so we’re really looking at all types of players,” [the new Basketball Japan League Coach for the Hiroshima Team](#) who will return overseas himself this fall shared about building for the Volcanoes tenth anniversary season.

The camp will be held at the [O'Connell Sports Complex on the campus of Clark College](http://www.vancouvervolcanoes.com), home of the Volcanoes in Vancouver, WA. Doors open at 11:00 am for athletes to warm up before the camp and tryouts. Cost is \$40. To register, go to [http://www.ibl.com/vancouver\\_volcanoes/tryouts.php](http://www.ibl.com/vancouver_volcanoes/tryouts.php)

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**About Vancouver Volcanoes (2011 IBL Champions)**

The Vancouver Volcanoes bring professional sports and entertainment to Clark County residents in a family friendly environment, with activities for kids, contests for fans, exciting high scoring action and fun for everyone, starting a new cherished family tradition. *We put the dream into the team* as a vehicle to help the young players, dancers and interns work toward and achieve their dreams, while giving back to the community by providing a venue to help showcase local organizations and talent in our upcoming tenth season in 2014.

**About International Basketball League (IBL)**

The International Basketball League (IBL) is an efficient men's professional basketball league heading into our tenth season based in Vancouver, Washington, USA engaging high level athletes, coaches and business professionals, dedicated to fostering international basketball talent focused on providing family friendly events for fans in great communities. Our full season and branding teams have spanned North America with International Tour Teams who participate in our high level competition from late April until early July just as the NBA Development League and many overseas leagues are winding down attracting first-class athletes. IBL teams play in quality venues with unique on-court rules which create a fast-paced, high scoring, exciting game. Players move into positions with the NBA Development League (D-League) as well as international leagues overseas such as our partner the Basketball Japan League (BJL), Chinese Basketball Association (CBA), Germany Pro-A, South East Australian Basketball League (SEABL), Basketball Bundesliga (BBL), Portuguese Basketball League (LCB) and many more.

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