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Volcanoes Tapscott enters 2013 NBA Development League Draft Friday

October 31, 2013 – Vancouver, WA – While the trick or treaters are preparing to evaluate the goodies they collected tonight, one Volcano is preparing for a chance to be on an NBA Development League (NBADL) team's roster.

The reigning [MVP](#), number 20 [6'6" F Chehales Tapscott](#) would be the first IBL player drafted to the NBADL. Awarded the Rookie of the Year in 2012, improving his performance and efficiencies now as a Volcano, setting a [record](#) this season of 20 double doubles in a row, Tapscott has proven he is no longer a rookie in the pros.

The D-League as it is referred to, will hold their [annual draft](#) this Friday, November 1st with eight rounds and rumor has it Tapscott is on a couple of teams lists to draft and bring in to training camp. First pick goes to the Iowa Energy as the selections begin at 4pm PST for the online event, with the Portland Trail Blazers development team, the Idaho Stampede, which the two time IBL All Star worked out for again this fall, having the fourth pick.

After work outs with three D-League teams last year, going into the 2012 draft and not being picked up, he worked on his game overseas in [Luxumberg](#), averaging a double double of course, then back in the IBL with noted NBA Scout and Volcanoes Head Coach, Joe Navarro, who is currently with Hiroshima in the [bj-League](#), to continue to get noticed.

"They has a great skill set that I think would transition very easily to the D-League," his All Star and Volcanoes Coach observed. "He's a bit of a 'tweener', but he makes up for it with his ability to score the ball in so many different ways. He's the best rebounder I've ever seen at his size. With his versatility he can fit into any line-up. He's a big 3 and a small 4 at the same time," Navarro added.

Another Portland State University product to come to the Volcanoes, Tapscott received an All Big Sky Conference accolade in 2012 which means he is not able to be signed directly or protected by any of the seventeen teams in the official farm league to the NBA, and must go into the draft. If selected he will be able to showcase his talents to not only NBADL scouts and teams, but to the NBA as well.

"If I get the chance to be on a D-League roster I am going to take it and make something out of it," Tapscott declared. "Being with the Volcanoes this season I was on a team with and against other players from the D-League, and I hold my own against them every time in games and practices. I want the opportunity to compete at the highest level," the MVP stated.

Catch the NBADL draft online at 4pm PST (7pm EST) Friday via [Cisco Web Ex](#)

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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.

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), South East Australian Basketball League (SEABL), Basketball Bundesliga (BBL), Portuguese Basketball League (LCB) and many more.

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