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Giving Everyone a Shot Volcanoes and YMCA

May 16, 2014 – Vancouver, WA – <u>IBL Player of the Week</u> (POTW) <u>6'2" G Andre Murray</u> got a chance to be a part of the SV Vikings versus the Waste Connection Warriors in the YMCA Charity Basketball game tonight at Clark College.

Tonight instead of the Slam, Chinooks, Flight or many of the other heavily competitive teams the Volcanoes face in IBL competition, a few of the Volcanoes, including General Manager and Assistant Coach Bryan Hunter, got to have some fun with great community partners all to give everyone a shot raising funds for the Clark County YMCA lead by Executive Director Eddie White.

Former Volcanoe and current color announcer for some of the teams broadcasts, Jake Carlisle had a great time being back out on the court. His teammates for the evening included Jason Fish from Main Event, and the Player of the Week, currently averaging 34.7ppg, leading the league in points, assists and steals, Murray who took it easy on the competition tonight, won't be in tomorrow's match up versus the Chinooks.

It could have also been because Murray was playing opposite to one of his bench bosses and team owner, Bryan Hunter who had Big Man 6'11" C Gjio Bain on his blue team from Waste Connections with Vancouver Mayor Tim Leavitt. With Hunter hitting three threes in the first half of the game, and Bain slam dunking the ball got the crowd into the action, both seemed to be enjoying the festivities.

"It is great to get out on the court and show some of our guys how it's done!" Hunter chuckled, "The YMCA is a great organization, this is our 3rd year partnering with them and we are happy to be a part of the event and our community, giving back is a part of what the Volcanoes are all about."

The big finish was a change in personnel, as the officials from the IBL were thrown out, and kids who benefit from the YMCA programs joined the squads taking over the game, with the win going to the POTW and his SV Vikings 98-94.

Tomorrow night Clark College will play host to much more serious competition as the Volcanoes take on the Chinooks in a rematch to their narrow win the last time they met, <u>128-124</u>. "They expect us to win, and I think our players feed on that," Head Coach Joe Navarro shared. "There's no place like home."

Saturday night tip-off is 7pm featuring the Vancouver Volcanoes Dancers, with Kevin 'Pip' Bloodsaw's AAU First Step Basketball U17 teams scrimmaging at halftime. Admission at the door at Clark College Adults \$7, Students under 18 and Seniors over 65 \$3, Children Age 7 & under FREE!

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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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