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Undefeated Volcanoes back on home court Saturday

May 13, 2014 – Vancouver, WA – It's back to protecting home court as the only undefeated team in the league return to Clark College to take on the Chinooks Saturday lead by All Star 6'2" G Andre Murray.

When you are the team nobody has beat, you are the team everyone wants to defeat, and the Volcanoes are that team in the IBL. With a 5-0 record on the season so far, including two wins on their road trip to Los Angeles this past weekend, they will once again face their rival from just over the bridge. "Our 5-0 record means nothing," Head Coach Joe Navarro boldly stated. "The season is a progression. We have to be better every game. The next game is the only one that matters."

In his fifth season with the team, Murray is once again one of the key pieces, <u>number one in the league</u> in points, assists and steals. Putting up an average of 34ppg+, the work number twenty three put in during the off season is paying off. "Dre's putting up video game numbers, but that's his role for us. He's our "go to" guy, and he's comfortable with that role. He's leading the league in almost every stat. What else can you say?" Navarro shrugs and smiles.

The last time these two met up the lead on the bench for the Volcanoes said they only played one good half of basketball and narrowly came up with the win 128-124 over the Chinooks. Although the two are familiar with each other, you never know what can happen. "Portland always gives us problems with their ability to score in so many different ways. They are loaded with talent, we have to execute defensively and rebound or it's going to be a long night," Navarro warned.

Practicing two to three times per week, with workouts in between at partner facility Shoot 360, Assistant Coach and General Manager of the Volcanoes, Bryan Hunter thinks they will be ready for the battle of the bridge and take another win to protect home court. "We've got guys back in the line-up and healthy including 6'1" G Cedale Doyle, we have had a chance to work out our kinks and play together, we are going to be a much better team the second time around against the Chinooks."

With six players in double figures in their last road game, the team will take that momentum back to Clark College to get the win at home Saturday. "We love our crowd, it's awesome to know our fans our behind us and they always come out and support us. They expect us to win, and I think our players feed on that," 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!

The Volcanoes will also be at Clark College on Friday, May 16th for the YMCA Charity Basketball Game where 6'2" G Andre Murray, 6'11" C Gjio Bain, 6'3" G Kevan West, 6'3" G Brad Lechtenberg and General Manager/Assistant Coach Bryan Hunter, will play along with Mayor Tim Leavitt to raise funds giving everyone a shot! Tip off is 7pm.

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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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