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**VANDER VELDEN TAKES THE HELM IN BATTLE CREEK**

**Battle Creek, MI**--At a press conference on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006, the Battle Creek Knights are pleased to announce the hiring of Logan Vander Velden as the team's new head coach for the upcoming 2007 season in the International Basketball League.

"We are excited to have Logan leading the Knights. He truly understands the inner workings of professional basketball and has an understanding of what challenges the players face. He will be an asset to the organization as well as our community," Scott Niecko, Battle Creek Knights co-owner said.

Logan Vander Velden has been a part of the Battle Creek Knights the past two seasons as a player. Vander Velden was a key piece of the Knights puzzle in winning the IBL World Championship during the team's inaugural season in 2005. Vander Velden has a full passport of basketball playing experience while playing in Switzerland, Portugal, Japan, and Venezuela. Vander Velden has played for teams in the following leagues in the U.S.: NBA, CBA, ABA, and the IBL. Vander Velden played the 1995-1996 season with the Los Angeles Clippers of the NBA.

"I am excited about the opportunity to coach the 2007 Knights squad and look forward to making the upcoming season a memorable one for all fans of the team," Logan Vander Velden stated.

For more information on the selection of Logan Vander Velden as coach, please call the Battle Creek Knights team office at 269-965-5001 or send questions to [battlecreekknights@sbcglobal.net](mailto:battlecreekknights@sbcglobal.net).