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### Chinooks Host "Battle of the Bridge" Series

By Jeremy Scott

PORTLAND – It's a fight for interstate bragging rights when the Portland Chinooks host their Interstate 5 rivals from up north, the Vancouver Volcanoes in "Battle of the Bridge 3" on Sunday at 5:00pm at Eastmoreland Courts. This clash will be the third of five in the regular season with both teams splitting the first two in Washington.

The Chinooks bring their 6-2 record into the game looking to gain the upper hand in the series and keep pace with the league's first-place team, Bellingham, who plays three games in California this weekend. Vancouver, with a win on Saturday night would be sitting pretty to steal one and gain some ground back in the tight standings at the midway point of the season.

Looking back on the first two games, the Volcanoes rallied from a 27-point deficit in early May to defeat Portland, 128-124. It was a much more all-around game for the Chinooks two weeks later when they took care of business and won by a score of 119-110. They'll have to do a much better job of collecting loose balls after being out-rebounded by double figures in both games.

Reigning IBL most improved player Germain Jordan (6'6" F Dillard) has been nearly impossible for Vancouver to contain. The league's second-best scorer is averaging just shy of 27 points in the series with Jared Cunningham (6'9" F Cleveland State) chipping in 19/ppg.

Like every team, Portland has struggled to keep the league's leading scorer in check. The Volcanoes' Andre Murray is averaging 29.5/ppg vs. the Chinooks. Calvin Hampton has been solid too with 20 points per contest.

Will Vancouver head back across the river with their second win in the series, or will Portland hold home court? Find out by seeing the game in person or streaming it online at: [www.youtube.com/IBLHoops](http://www.youtube.com/IBLHoops).

We invite you back to Eastmoreland Courts when the Chinooks host Salem on June 3rd and 10th, both Tuesdays at 7:00pm. Tickets for all Chinooks games are available at the door (3015 SE Berkeley Place).

**About the Portland Chinooks:**

An original member of the IBL since 2004, the Chinooks play their home games at Eastmoreland Courts, a multi-use facility along the banks of Johnson Creek in Southeast Portland. The spring-summer schedule runs from late April to June with playoffs in early July. You can find out more about the team at [www.ibl.com/portland\\_chinooks](http://www.ibl.com/portland_chinooks). The Chinooks are owned by Terry Emmert, founder of Emmert International, a Clackamas-based company specializing in heavy haul transportation and rigging. He also owns the city's new arena football team, the Portland Thunder.

**About the International Basketball League:**

A professional basketball league in its tenth season that attracts high-level athletes, coaches and business professionals delivering fast-paced, high-scoring, family-friendly action. With full season and branding teams that have spanned North America and internationally, the IBL now partners with the West Coast Basketball League (WCBL) bringing competition from the Pacific Northwest to California.