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Chinooks Strike Down LoneStar Behind Jordan's Career Night

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Jermaine Blackburn breakaway dunk off steal

PORTLAND – Against an opponent playing their fourth game in five nights on the road far from home, the Portland Chinooks were tested Tuesday night at Eastmoreland Courts before eventually putting away the winless LoneStar Strikers from Texas, 121-109 for their second straight victory (9-5).

After scoring the game's first two points at the foul line, Portland would fall down 9-2 before rallying within 22-19 at the midway point and taking a 37-35 lead after the first period. The visitors matched the more rested Chinooks basket for basket and it was 63-62 LoneStar at the half.

There wasn't much separation in the second half with at least ten ties. The Chinooks lead by just one (86-85) after three. Still a tight game with 1:00 left in regulation at 111-109, Portland closed the game on a 10-0 run to earn the win.

Germain Jordan (6'6" F Dillard) never ceases to amaze. He delivered a career-high effort of 44 points, 14 rebounds and seven assists for Portland. Jared Cunningham tied his season best 36 points thanks to a career-high eight three-pointers and pulled down 11 rebounds. Jermaine Blackburn had another all-around game with 15 points, six rebounds, five assists and three steals. Antwan Williams turned in a 12 point effort with several attacking baskets.

LoneStar was led by Teeng Akoi's 36 points, and 28 from NBADL Champion Chris Porter.

Because Vancouver also won on the night, Portland remains one and a half games behind for second place, and three games back of Bellingham for the top spot. The second and third place teams face each other in the first round of the IBL Playoffs on Saturday, June 28th at 5pm. The top seed gets either Salem or Seattle at 7:30, and the winners will meet on Sunday, June 29th at 5:00 for the championship.

Before then, the Chinooks have two more home games. The Seattle Fight come to Portland for the first-ever meeting on Sunday, June 22nd at 5:00. Portland hosts the final "Battle of the Bridge" on Tuesday, June 24th at 7pm before their playoff fate rests at Clark College. We invite you to cheer on your home team to victory at Eastmoreland Courts (3015 SE Berkeley Place). Tickets for all games are available at the door. You can watch the action live or on-demand with Jeremy Scott on the call at IBL.com/video.php or YouTube.com/IBLHoops.

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. 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.