



**Background:** the International Basketball League is heading into its 7th year as a national and international basketball league. Portland has had a team in the IBL for all seven years of the IBL's existence. From 2005 through 2008 the team name was Portland Chinooks owned by local businessman Terry Emmert (photo above is the 2006 Portland Chinooks team). In 2009 and 2010, the Portland market was owned by Terrance Dickens who named his team—the Oregon Waves.

**IBL News Release—today—May 1, 2011:** Portland area businessman, Terry W. Emmert is proud to announce the return of the Portland Chinooks to the International Basketball League (IBL). Mr. Emmert guided the Portland Chinooks from their inception in 2005, through their 2008 season. During the 2007 season, the Portland Chinooks won the Western Division, went 20-7 and in fact, played in Indiana for the International Basketball League championship. Terry Emmert has agreed to lease the name 'Portland Chinooks' to Terrance Dickens starting immediately. Emmert International will again be supporting the Portland Chinooks and rooting them on to another run at the IBL Championship. Terry Emmert invites the basketball fans in the Portland Metropolitan area to rejoin the Portland Chinooks in another exciting season of IBL basketball.

**2011 Chinooks schedule (today's game is a 'neutral site' game; the first official home game is on May 12<sup>th</sup>):**

Saturday	April 30th	10:00AM	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>	140	@	USA All-Stars 116	Cascade College-91st & Burnside
Sunday	May 1st	7:00PM	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>		@	USA All-Stars	Cascade College
Tuesday	May 3rd	7:00PM	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>		@	Olympia Reign	Evergreen State College
Friday	May 6th	7:00PM	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>		@	Albany NY Legends	Christian Brothers Academy
Saturday	May 7th	7:00PM	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>		@	Albany NY Legends	Christian Brothers Academy
Tuesday	May 10th	7:00PM	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>		@	Olympia Reign	Evergreen State College
Thursday	May 12th	7:30PM	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>		@	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>	<b>Beaverton Hoop (home game #1)</b>
Friday	May 13th	7:00PM	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>		@	Bellingham Slam	Whatcom Pavilion
Sunday	May 15th	5:00PM	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>		@	Vancouver Volcanoes	O Connell Sports Complex
Thursday	May 19th	7:30PM	Olympia Reign		@	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>	Beaverton Hoop
Sunday	May 22nd	7:00PM	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>		@	Vancouver Volcanoes	O Connell Sports Complex
Thursday	May 26th	7:30PM	Bellingham Slam		@	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>	Beaverton Hoop
Monday	May 30th	5:00PM	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>		@	Bellingham Slam	Whatcom Pavilion
Thursday	June 2nd	7:30PM	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>		@	Edmonton Energy	University of Alberta
Friday	June 3rd	7:30PM	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>		@	Edmonton Energy	University of Alberta
Saturday	June 4th	2:00PM	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>		@	Edmonton Energy	Lakeland College Alberta
Monday	June 13th	7:30PM	Vancouver Volcanoes		@	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>	Beaverton Hoop
Thursday	June 16th	7:30PM	Vancouver Volcanoes		@	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>	Beaverton Hoop
Monday	June 20th	7:30PM	West Coast Hotshots		@	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>	Beaverton Hoop
Thursday	June 23rd	7:30PM	Olympia Reign		@	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>	Beaverton Hoop
Monday	June 27th	7:30PM	Kankakee (Illinois) Soldiers		@	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>	Beaverton Hoop
Tuesday	June 28th	7:30PM	Albany (NY) Legends		@	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>	Beaverton Hoop
Wednesday	June 29th	7:30PM	Edmonton (AB) Energy		@	<b>Portland Chinooks</b>	Beaverton Hoop

**Four videos showcase the history of a Portland IBL team:**

- **2006** Portland Chinooks Home Opener—check it out at YouTube by **typing in:** I.B.L. Portland Chinooks vs. Vancouver Volcanoes Rose Garden game—or hit the link- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhuC0prYUwU>
- **2007** Portland Chinooks make IBL Championship—check it out at YouTube by **typing in:** I.B.L. Elkhart Express vs. Portland Chinooks Championship 2007—or hit link- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TA6HZA8tEq0>
- **2009** Oregon Waves preview video—check it out at YouTube by **typing in:** I.B.L. Oregon Waves KGW 2009—or hit the link- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04HAOeyEGKY>
- **2009** Oregon Waves play for the Championship—check it out at YouTube by **typing in:** LA Lightning—or hit the link- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-5N1odQpZw>

**Head Coach Terrance Dickens**—believes that with a lot of key acquisitions and 4 players coming to Portland from around the nation—that “the Chinooks will have a championship level season”. The players on the following page have indicated that they will play for the Portland Chinooks in 2011. Dickens believes that this year will be the most interesting to date in that he has “ten players at the Division 1 overseas level and/or NBDL or above level”. You can watch the team tonight at Cascade College on 91<sup>st</sup> and SE Burnside in Portland; the official team kickoff—the official 1<sup>st</sup> home game is on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Portland Chinooks 2011 roster should include the following 8 local players and 4 out of town players:**

1. **6' 8" forward David Lucas** will be in his fifth season with the IBL, Lucas led the IBL in scoring with 37 ppg in both 2007 & 2008. Lucas was a two-time All-PAC 10 performer for the Oregon State Beavers (2004/2005) before moving on to a professional career. Lucas led the IBL in scoring in 2007 and 2008 (37.0 ppg in 2008). David is son of former NBA great Maurice Lucas.
2. **Robert Day (6' 4") – Western Oregon.** Day is a star player in the Mexican league, the top league there, recently having been named to the All Star game. Day was a star player at Western Oregon and has played professionally, internationally over the last 6 years.
3. **JS Nash (6' 2") - Oregon State.** JS is considered one of the best two-guards in the IBL.
4. **Lamar Hurd (6' 4") - Oregon State.** Hurd is well known for his play for the Oregon State Beavers- a 4 year starter for Oregon State.
5. **Josh Tarver (6' 4")-** point guard Oregon State University
6. **David Jackson (6' 5") – Oregon.** Jackson finished his collegiate career at the University of Oregon. A veteran of NBA camps (Portland, Cleveland), and NBA summer league teams (Portland, San Antonio, Orlando, Seattle), Jackson also has extensive experience overseas in Italy, China, Spain and Turkey. The following is a link to highlights of a recent Korean basketball league championship game where Jackson scored 44 points <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tejH-5sydic>
7. **Mike Johnson (6' 6")** - a forward from Oregon State; IBL 2009 averaged 11 points and 5.6 rebounds.
8. **Isaiah Fox (6' 9")** - a forward from University of Arizona

**The Chinooks also have a few out of town players on the team as well**

9. **6' 11" Center- Lester Ferguson-** from Robert Morris University
10. **6' 4" Guard- Quentin Patin-** from University of Toledo
11. **6' 7" Forward- Jermaine Blackburn-** from Boise State, played in the NBD-league
12. **5' 10" Terrence Whitters,** who last played with the New York Knicks Summer League team and is currently playing overseas at the Division 1 level.

**Bonus feature, at 6:00pm—at each Chinooks home game:** the Portland Chinooks will host **a women's semi-professional level game at 6pm** game prior to each Chinooks home game. Each week, a different opponent will be brought in to play against the Portland Energy. Remember the days of the Portland Power & the Portland Fire; now is the time to support the Portland Energy as they play against teams from California, Canada, Washington & Oregon. The first home game for the Chinooks is May 12<sup>th</sup>—so—the Portland Energy will play at 6:00pm that night. An official—**Portland Energy media night will occur on Thursday May 12th at the Beaverton Hoop/YMCA from 7pm till 8pm.** Interested parties are welcome to attend this media night and the game of course. The women will be available for interview immediately after the women's game ends (game will run from 6pm - 7:30pm).

**Media notes and news conference for the Portland Chinooks:**

- ✓ For more information about the Chinooks, contact Terrance Dickens at (ph) **503-805-3311**.
- ✓ For more information about the IBL, visit [www.IBLhoopsonline.com](http://www.IBLhoopsonline.com) or contact IBL Commissioner Mikal Duilio (ph) 503-380-4539. To use an IBL image or logo, visit the IBL web site and click on the images/logos link.
- ✓ **An official Chinooks media night will occur Thursday May 12th at the Beaverton Hoop/YMCA from 7pm till 8pm;** during that media night, the team will be available for interviews and photos prior to their 7:30pm game (as they warm up for their first home game).

**Portland Chinooks ticket prices:** \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$5 for 17 and under, \$0 for children 3 and under. This fee will get a spectator into both the women's game and the men's game

**2011 IBL Championship playoffs:** the Portland Chinooks will participate in the 2011 playoffs, July 1st through July 3rd at Clark College in Vancouver (WA). Eight-teams from **Edmonton Canada to Chicago Illinois to Albany New York**—will participate in the IBL championships and this year—the actual 2011 championship game will also be held at Clark College (on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011). This tournament event is being hosted by the Vancouver Volcanoes ([www.vancouvervolcanoes.com](http://www.vancouvervolcanoes.com)).

# ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

- **The International Basketball League is heading into its 8<sup>th</sup> season:** the sixth IBL Championship was held in Albany New York on July 16th, 2010; in that game- the Albany Legends beat the visiting Bellingham Slam (from Washington) 126 to 111 (**photo right**). The seventh championship occurred on January 16<sup>th</sup> 2011 as Kankakee Illinois Soldiers beat the Gary Indiana Splash on a 40 foot game winning shot from Ryan Edwards—at Kellogg’s Arena in Battle Creek Michigan. The IBL now will continue to run two seasons per year—the Spring/Summer season and a Winter season.
- **The IBL is international:** Shanxi China and Edmonton Canada competed in the IBL 2008 season. In the 2009 IBL season, a team from Japan- the Nippon Tornados and a second Canadian team—the British Columbia Titans competed in the IBL. In addition to those teams from Asia and Canada playing in the IBL, the Central Oregon Hotshots and the Elkhart (Indiana) Express played five games apiece in China. And in 2011, the Vancouver Volcanoes played 5 games in Japan (photo is accessible on IBL web site, opening page).
- **An entertaining game**—by allowing only one timeout per quarter, and reducing dead time with an immediate inbounds, IBL games are always fast and entertaining and the contest only lasts 2 hours. IBL believes that basketball was meant to be athletic and the game was meant to move; the IBL takes out the unnatural and unintended breaks in play (‘unintended’ by Naismith).
- **An arena league:** most IBL teams upgraded playing venues in recent seasons.
- **IBL appeals to high level players:** after the 2007 IBL season ended- **102** players went on from the IBL to play overseas.
- **Former NBA players that have played in the IBL:** 25 former NBA players have appeared in the IBL
- **Highest attendance:** 4,400 fans watched the Portland Chinooks beat the Vancouver Volcanoes in 2006 in Portland Oregon at the Rose Garden. 6,000 fans saw the Elkhart Express (Indiana) beat the Grand Rapids (Michigan) Flight (video on IBL site).
- **Key feature of the IBL for an owner:** the IBL was designed around the concept of creating extremely low travel costs for the owners; in fact, the IBL has a ‘one flight guarantee’ for teams. IBL teams can play a variety of opponents from all over the country (or world) but yet those owners only fly **1** time (not counting playoffs which are optional, after the season).
- **The 2009 Championship team featured 6 ex-NBA players:** the L.A. Lightning beat the Oregon Waves 2 games to 1 in a 3-game series. L.A. had six former NBA players on one IBL team – Lamond Murray (Clippers) a 12-year NBA veteran who averaged 26.3 points in the finals and was named MVP, Fred Vinson (Seattle Supersonics), Toby Bailey (Suns), Bryon Russell (Jazz), Darrick Martin (Clippers) and Juajuan Hawkins (Rockets). Other solid performers included Trayvon Lathan- a slashing 6’ 7” guard who plays above the rim, ex-UCLA star 6’ 5” Billy Knight, 6’ 11” Chris Ayer, and 7’ 0” Adam Parada
- **About IBL founder:** Mikal Duilio has operated sports leagues and events for 26 years. As a teenager from 1985 to 1992—Duilio founded/directed the Indianola Jamball League (Iowa). In 1992, Duilio obtained a Masters Degree from Iowa State University and moved to Portland, Oregon where he founded and directed PortlandBasketball.Com (1993)—for 18 years and running—PortlandBasketball.Com has been and is- the world’s largest basketball league with 8,000 amateur basketball games per year. Duilio founded PugetSoundBasketball.Com in Seattle in 2004 and sold the business within a year. In late 2003, Duilio founded the IBL as a concept with ten test games in the Pacific NW (described in a video found on the IBL web site, opening video); the first official IBL game occurred in April of 2005; on that opening night, former NBA All Star Tim Hardaway scored 45 points for a team in Waterloo, Iowa in a 129 to 131 overtime loss. The IBL is now heading into its 8th season.



**For more info, photos & videos about the IBL or about IBL teams, visit [www.iblhoopsonline.com](http://www.iblhoopsonline.com)**

**Pictured:** Byron Russell, Tim Hardaway & Dennis Rodman—3 of the 25 former NBA players to have played in the IBL

