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April 27, 2013 – Salem, Oregon - The Salem Sabres hosted their IBL Summer League tryouts at Chemeketa Community College on Saturday April 27th.

Former Oregon State University player Joe Burton committed to playing with the Salem Sabres for the 2013 IBL Season. Born on the Soboba Indian reservation in Soboba, Calif. He is the Son of Dondi Silvas Nichols and Kendall Nichols.

Burton, 6'7" 295, played with OSU from 2009 to 2013. According to the most recent NCAA ethnicity numbers, from 2011-12, Burton was one of four Native Americans playing Division I men's basketball.

Joe Becerra, Salem Sabres General Manager, said “ Joe Burton will be a great asset to the Sabres organization on and off the court. We have had our eye on Mr. Burton for awhile and waited until his season was over at OSU before we spoke with him. Not only is he a great player and is striving to continue his career beyond OSU, but he just like the Sabres organization is dedicated to giving back to the community. Mr. Burton is also particularly interested in impacting the Native American Community and has already agreed to help with a basketball camp the Sabres had set up with the Confederate Tribe of Grand Ronde”.

The Salem Sabres will open their first IBL season with back to back games on May 4th & 5th at Chemeketa Community College. For the Sabres complete schedule go to www.ibl.com.

