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### **The Clash of Forces: Volcanoes vs Tornadoes**

**May 20, 2013 – Vancouver, WA** The Nippon Tornadoes crossed the Pacific Ocean to take on the Vancouver Volcanoes and other IBL teams during the 2013 International Basketball League 2013 season. This first of three “clash of forces” against the Volcanoes takes place this Saturday, May 25th at the O’Connell Sports Complex on the campus of Clark College in Vancouver. Doors open at 6:15 pm with tip-off time at 7:00 pm.

The **Nippon Tornadoes** (日本 颶風) are a team of the [International Basketball League](#) beginning with the 2009 season. A representative team from the [Japanese Basketball Academy](#), the Tornadoes are based in [Matsuyama, Ehime](#), but maintain a national identity and will play their full 20-game schedule on the road.

An interesting element to this first match up is a former teammate of the Nippon Tornadoes, Yasuo Rocket joined the Volcanoes for season 2013. The 6’3” Guard from Saitama, Japan will face some former teammates as a Volcanoe. “We are excited to include Yasuo on our roster,” said Volcanoes Head Coach Joe Navarro. “He really understands the game, and has deep 3 point range.” Yasuo averaged 19.8 points per game while shooting 43% from behind the three point line when he was a member of the Tornadoes. “We’re very lucky to have a player with the skill set Yasuo has. He can shoot, defend, pass, and has a very high basketball I.Q”, Navarro added.

Vancouver Volcanoes provide the most family-friendly sports entertainment value in Clark County with lots of entertaining activities to keep the fans engaged. Volcanoes Dancers add great glitz and exciting entertainment during timeouts and quarter breaks. There is also FREE face painting for the kids, including fun contests and raffles at center court for all fans, and plenty of canine canivings by Volcanoes mascot, Cano.

FREE, full-color game day souvenir programs are provided to the fans, along with the 2013 Community Poster in support of the team. There are even places for autographs at the back of the program for the time after the game when all the players and dancers stay on the court to greet the fans with autographs and photo opportunities. The Dancers’ 2013 Volcanoes Dancers poster is also now available.

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