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**TACOMA TO PLAY A THIRD YEAR IN THE IBL BUT WITH NEW OWNERSHIP,  
NEW NAME AND NEW FOCUS**

**Tacoma, WA**—The International Basketball League would like to welcome the Tacoma Jets, a new professional basketball team to compete in the International Basketball League.

IBL Commissioner Mikal Duilio--“New IBL team owner Christian Holden and his staff are working very hard to build a professional basketball team that the Tacoma community will be proud of; Christian’s vision for the team is to make the team and all of their associations in the community as professional as possible”.

**Contact information:**

Owner Christian Holden (phone) 253-779-JETS and [christian@tacomajets.com](mailto:christian@tacomajets.com)

- Director of Marketing & Promotion      Theo Hall
- Director of Basketball Operations      Dontay Harris
- Head Coach      Chris Mosely
- First player signed      Chris Hyppa

**About the staff:**

IBL Commissioner Mikal Duilio--“Christian is very conscientious about his associations and has done extremely well putting together a great base to start his venture. **Theo Hall** is an experienced promoter. **Dontay Harris** knows Tacoma, knows basketball and knows minor league systems and how they work. **Chris Mosely** was unofficially voted but widely recognized as the IBL coach of the year in 2005 for taking the then Tacoma Thunder team to a first place finish in the Western division of the IBL on one of the league’s tiniest budgets. **Chris Hyppa** is well recognized in Tacoma for his playing days but also as a current head varsity coach for Stadium High School.

**The first four sponsors:**

The sponsors that have stepped up first are Wired Energy Drink, Urban Allure (an entertainment company), Famm (another company in the entertainment genre) and SouthSoundBasketball.Com—a new adult recreational basketball league starting play in January. Christian and his staff will continue to pursue sponsorships in January.

**Tacoma Jets focus:**

A key feature about the 2007 Tacoma Jets is that they will be run as a non-profit organization and will do tremendous work within the community—specifically offering free youth basketball clinics and speaking engagements at Tacoma area schools.

More information about the team, tryouts, game day venue and business partners will be available in subsequent news releases.

### **Tacoma Jets 20-game schedule**

Fri.	6-Apr	7:15pm	<b>Tacoma</b>	@	Portland
Sun	8-Apr	5:00pm	Everett	@	<b>Tacoma</b>
Fri.	13-Apr	7:15pm	<b>Tacoma</b>	@	Portland
Sat.	14-Apr	7:15pm	<b>Tacoma</b>	@	Eugene
Sun	15-Apr	5:00pm	Central Oregon	@	<b>Tacoma</b>
Fri.	20-Apr	7:15pm	<b>Tacoma</b>	@	Vancouver
Sun	22-Apr	5:00pm	Everett	@	<b>Tacoma</b>
Sat.	28-Apr	7:15pm	<b>Tacoma</b>	@	Lewis County
Sun	29-Apr	5:00pm	Seattle	@	<b>Tacoma</b>
Sat.	5-May	7:15pm	<b>Tacoma</b>	@	Salem
Sun	6-May	5:00pm	Eugene	@	<b>Tacoma</b>
Fri.	11-May	7:15pm	<b>Tacoma</b>	@	Eugene
Sun	13-May	5:00pm	Lewis County	@	<b>Tacoma</b>
Wed.	16-May	7:15pm	<b>Tacoma</b>	@	Everett
Fri.	18-May	7:15pm	<b>Tacoma</b>	@	Central Oregon
Sun	20-May	5:00pm	Lewis County	@	<b>Tacoma</b>
Sun	27-May	5:00pm	Seattle	@	<b>Tacoma</b>
Sat.	2-Jun	7:15pm	<b>Tacoma</b>	@	Lewis County
Sun	3-Jun	5:00pm	Seattle	@	<b>Tacoma</b>
Sat	9-Jun	7:15pm	<b>Tacoma</b>	@	Eugene
Sun	10-Jun	5:00pm	Portland	@	<b>Tacoma</b>

### **About the IBL**

**Two unique features distinguish the IBL from other professional basketball leagues:**

**1. An entertaining game.** By allowing only one timeout per quarter, and reducing the time between plays with an immediate inbounds policy, IBL games are always fast and entertaining. IBL teams average 127 points per contest; just as important—games last only two hours.

**2. Extremely low travel costs.** The IBL promises a maximum of one trip per season requiring air travel. This ‘one flight guarantee’ that teams enjoy promotes financial health and longevity for IBL teams. In fact, **all 17 teams** completed the first IBL season (the 2005 season); as well, **all 24 teams** completed the 2006 season.

**The IBL is now heading into the third year of play.**

**For more information, photos and videos about IBL teams and/or the IBL itself, visit the league web site [www.iblhoopsonline.com](http://www.iblhoopsonline.com)**