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## NEWS RELEASE

### Volcanoes Sim is at the top of his game overseas

**November 13, 2013 – Vancouver, WA** – While the reigning [MVP](#), number 20 [6'6" F Chehales Tapscott](#) is at training camp with the Maine Red Claws in the NBA Development League after being drafted in the fourth round, his teammate and former Oregon Duck [6'2" G Garrett Sim](#) is at the top of his game in Germany.

Practicing with the [Portland Trail Blazers Summer League team](#) in July, Sim weighed the options of the D-League and overseas, deciding to return to the Science City Jena, competing in Germany Pro-A.

“Of course every basketball player's dream is to get a shot in the NBA. Coming over to Europe has opened my eyes to how much great basketball there is in the world. There are some great leagues over here where you can make a lot of money as well. So, I just want to keep doing well and move up into those top leagues and teams over here,” Sim shared about the goals for his professional career after being an All Pac-12 standout. Some say he will make it to the highest level of the Euroleague overseas.

Making the transition from college to professional has gone well since finishing his college career in spring 2012. Sim has been open to any opportunity that allows him to keep playing basketball. After appearing in two summer league games for the Golden State Warriors, he headed to Germany for his first season overseas, now in his second has advice to offer fellow Oregon alumni or any college player coming out that want to go pro, “Keep working hard and stay focused even when you don't know what is going to come next. It can be really hard because you don't know where you will be playing or when your next opportunity will present itself. The important thing is that you have to stay ready for the opportunity,” the true point guard advises.

A newcomer to the Vancouver Volcanoes, Sim made a positive impact on the team and saw one in return. “I think it is important to play in game situations,” Sim said about competing as a Volcano, “That's what I got most out of the games that I played with the Volcanoes, the experience of staying in the gym and playing at a high level. I think the difference is of course there is just more practice and time to prepare when you are playing overseas or in college. Here in Germany we practice twice a day and have a lot of time to play together. There is definitely talent in the IBL the only difference is there is just less time for practice, but it is great for players like me to stay in shape and play while in the off season,” the PG wearing number five shared.

Currently ranked number one in scoring, averaging 21.6ppg, with his team in fifth place of the Pro-A in Germany, the former Duck plans to return to the Volcanoes after the playoffs overseas which is common in the IBL. League rules allow and encourage teams to add returning players to their rosters, making exceptions for those who find success overseas or in the D-League.

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"It was great adding Garrett to our roster last season. He came back from Germany late last season so he missed the first part of our schedule. He's such a versatile guard that he just fit right in. I expect him to keep putting up numbers like he has been in Germany, the guy can just flat out score." Coach Navarro boasted. "I'd love to have him back next season, it just depends on when he returns from his play off run there," Navarro shared about his plans to build a Championship roster for 2014, the 10<sup>th</sup> season for the Volcanoes.

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**About Vancouver Volcanoes (2011 IBL Champions)**

The Vancouver Volcanoes bring professional sports and entertainment to Clark County residents in a family friendly environment, with activities for kids, contests for fans, exciting high scoring action and fun for everyone, starting a new cherished family tradition. *We put the dream into the team* as a vehicle to help the young players, dancers and interns work toward and achieve their dreams, while giving back to the community by providing a venue to help showcase local organizations and talent in our upcoming tenth season.

**About International Basketball League (IBL)**

The International Basketball League (IBL) is an efficient men's professional basketball league heading into our tenth season based in Vancouver, Washington, USA engaging high level athletes, coaches and business professionals, dedicated to fostering international basketball talent focused on providing family friendly events for fans in great communities. Our full season and branding teams have spanned North America with International Tour Teams who participate in our high level competition from late April until early July just as the NBA Development League and many overseas leagues are winding down attracting first-class athletes. IBL teams play in quality venues with unique on-court rules which create a fast-paced, high scoring, exciting game. Players move into positions with the NBA Development League (D-League) as well as international leagues overseas such as our partner the Basketball Japan League (BJL), Chinese Basketball Association (CBA), Germany Pro-A, South East Australian Basketball League (SEABL), Basketball Bundesliga (BBL), Portuguese Basketball League (LCB) and many more.

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