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NEWS RELEASE

Volcanoes building a Championship Roster in Training Camp

April 14, 2014 – Vancouver, WA – Losing some key pieces to overseas extended stays, the Volcanoes are re-building their roster to make a run for the 2014 title in the International Basketball League (IBL).

After a successful [free agent camp](#) in late March, The Volcanoes started their training camp April 1st inviting four from the tryout to be a part of training camp. "We use camp as a way to set expectations and put in the basics of our schemes", Joe Navarro shared, who is entering his third season as head coach. "Training camp is all about building. Right now we're just a bunch of guys playing basketball, hopefully by the end of camp we'll be a team."

The Volcanoes are returning their [All-Star](#) back court of [6'3" G Josh Tarver](#) (Oregon St.), and [2012 IBL MVP 6'2" G Andre Murray](#) (Portland St.), along with [7'0" C Gjo Bain](#) (So. Mississippi) at center. "Whenever you can return a backcourt with that much experience you're always going to have a good camp," Navarro explained. "With this many returning players it's much easier to build the sets, we're way ahead of where we were last year." Also returning for the 2014 season is IBL [All Star and 2013 IBL 6th Man of the Year, 6'4" G Mike Ward](#) (Evergreen St.), [2013 IBL Defensive Player of the Year 6'5" F Kevin 'Pip' Bloodsaw](#) (Ozarks), [6'3" G Kevan West](#) (Concordia-Portland), and [6'9" C J.R. Moore](#) (Portland St).

"Training camp has been a good experience for us this year," the former Beaver, Josh Tarver shared, who returns for his 4th season with the Volcanoes. "Getting us to the style of play and our philosophy of our system makes our team that much better."

"When it comes to team dynamics with training camp, maintaining a positive atmosphere is crucial", added Andre Murray, a part of the Volcanoes roster for the past four seasons. "In practice that is what the coaches and players have showed so far. I'm looking forward to having a great season."

Although the loss of All Star and 2013 IBL MVP, Mr. Double Double, [6'6 F Chehales Tapscott](#) and [6'4" F Paul Hafford both](#) to the [land down under](#) will certainly leave some shoes to fill on the roster.

"We've really got a great mix of players right now that we are evaluating," said Navarro. "Getting [6'10" C Calvin Hampton](#) (Oregon St.) back really is a game changer for us, and adding in [6'6" F Adam Herman](#) (Concordia-Portland) fresh off the college court in to the mix with our other returners, our foundation is getting set. We will be looking at 2 or 3 guys coming back from overseas in the next couple weeks, and that should finalize our roster in the coming week or so."

Training camp now transitions into full practice starting Tuesday, going two to three times per week, with workouts in between at partner facility [Shoot 360](#) in between to ensure they become a team ready to make a run for the ring. The Volcanoes open their tenth year on the court April 26 against the Bellingham Slam, a [2013 IBL Championship rematch](#), at Clark College. [Tip off is set for 7:00pm.](#)

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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 in 2014.

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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