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VANCOUVER VOLCANOES NAME NEW HEAD COACH

Vancouver, WA—The Vancouver Volcanoes have signed John Phillips to be the team's head coach. The addition of Phillips is the latest move in a busy off season for Vancouver, as the Volcanoes push to make the 2007 season an outstanding one.

Phillips, 60, has been coaching at a variety of levels for over 36 years. Phillips guided the St. Elizabeth High School varsity team to a 29-2 record in his second season as head coach. Phillips spent 10 seasons coaching the Portland Saints (AAU) girl's team—winning over 200 games and coaching several future WNBA players, including Olympic Gold Medalist Katy Steding. Most recently, Phillips led a Cascade College team that had won only three games in the program's history to a 21-11 record in his first season as head coach (2002-'03).



Left to right: Assistant Coach Theo Evans, Head Coach John Phillips, Co-Owner Bryan Hunter

"I am thrilled to be a part of something that has the potential to be a cornerstone of the Vancouver community," said Phillips. "We are going to play hard and put on a great show."

VANCOUVER VOLCANOES TRYOUTS

The Volcanoes have already filled seven roster spots with players from across the nation, but the team is hosting a tryout to give local talent a shot at making the roster.

Tryout Information

Saturday, January 13 (1pm—4pm)
Mavericks—Salmon Creek
14010 NE 3rd Court, Suite B, Vancouver, WA 98685
Fee: \$20

Players interested in participating should contact Volcanoes' Head Coach John Phillips at (360) 910-8877 or visit www.iblhoopsonline.com.

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- 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 with tip-off in mid March of 2007. For more information, photos and videos about IBL teams and/or the IBL itself, visit the league web site www.iblhoopsonline.com