

Carlisle leads Volcanoes past Portland

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Kevin Tyner scored 23 points 8 assists in a fast break victory over the Portland Chinooks, in Vancouver's eighth straight victory this season.

The Volcanoes scored 137 points to beat the Portland Chinooks 123.

The Volcanoes are now on an eight game run, holding first place in the International Basketball Leagues western division.

The Volcanoes have been averaging 127.5 points in 9 games. When asked about the season average for points per game, Volcanoes Coach Theo Evans said "It is a couple of things. First we move the ball around and play unselfish. Second we get out in transition and look for the high percentage shot."

Transition basketball carried the Volcanoes. "The first option is to score in transition. If it's not there then we'll back it out and go to work," said Evans.

In the first two periods Tyner went to work slashing and getting easy buckets in the paint.

"It's pretty easy getting those points we got a good group of guys and we like to work together," said Tyner

"He has been going off," said Jake Carlisle about Tyner. "Every game he controls the tempo. When it is time to play the fast break game... he goes off,"

Chinook guard, Chris Stephens hassled the Volcanoes in the first half, scoring 24 points and shooting 6-9 from the three point line.

"Stephens went to high school with my best friend, so I know him. He gave us a little trouble but we came together as a team, any team can beat one player," said Alex Hartman.

Stephens finished the game with 35, but his effort wasn't enough to close the door on the erupting Volcanoes.

Jake Carlisle filled up the paint for the Volcanoes and posted the best all around line for the game with 23 points 12 rebounds and 6 blocked shots. "(Carlisle) is our bread and butter. When we get jammed up we go to him every time," said Tyner.

Hartman returned to the Volcanoes earlier in the day after having spent a couple of weeks in Indonesia playing basketball. Hartman was picked MVP in the South East Asia Basketball Association's (SEABA) Cup championships.

"He is so versatile. He plays so well, even if they put a big guy on him he'll square up and drain the jump shot," said Carlisle.



The Volcanoes will be playing their next home game against China on April, 18 at O'Connell Sports Complex at Clark College.