



## Ten games. 1.3 billion autographs?

**September 21, 2005** - BCI Edge will arrive in Shanghai on Tuesday, October 25 for a 17-day whirlwind exhibition basketball tour. BCI Edge will compete against high-level teams including the Shanghai Sharks, which is Yao Ming's home club team, the inaugural Guangdong New Century Team, as well as the Jiangsu Dragons, which is the Chinese Basketball Association (CBA) team with a past season best record of 35-3.

The Jiangsu Basketball Federation has invited BCI Edge through Sports Ambassadors. Basketball has become one of the most popular - and fastest growing - professional sports in China. The CBA (China's version of our NBA) is gearing up to begin its season. Once again, BCI Edge will attend media rich debut luncheons and other functions where teams introduce new players on their respective clubs in addition to the BCI Edge Club.

Chinese basketball fans regard American players as leaders in the game. BCI Edge coach Lanny Van Eman and BCI Edge players anticipate a rush of media attention. Van Eman has served as head coach for the Zhejiang (Hangzhou) entry in the CBA, and domestically at the D1 level in college basketball, and as an assistant coach in the NBA.

Last year, China greeted our players with outstanding respect and hospitality both on and off the court. The BCI Edge players held a youth basketball clinic for 150 children. Our Chinese hosts observed our players' message of integrity and character. We were honored to tour the city of Hangzhou, called "one of the most beautiful cities in the world" by Marco Polo when he visited China nearly ten centuries ago. Other national historic sites were also included in the 15-day trip.

The team is conducting two-a-day practices this week in Denver, where local businesses have donated court time, lodging, and meals. BCI Edge is grateful to The Athletic Club at Denver Place, Colorado Academy, Colorado Christian University, The Embassy Suites Hotel - Denver Downtown, The Best Western of Central Denver, and The Sports Column for their generous support of our tour preparation.