



BCI Edge basketball returns to China!

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.

Game Schedule:

Date	Opponent	City
10/26	Sahnghai Sharks	Danyang
10/27	Sahnghai Sharks	Rugao
10/28	Jiangsu Dragons	Changshu
10/29	New Century	Zhongshan
10/31	New Century	Qingyuan
11/3	TBD	TBD
11/4	Jiangsu Dragons	Wuxi
11/5	Jiangsu Dragons	Kunshan
11/6	Jiangsu Dragons	Jiangyin
11/8	Sahngdong Kingston	Pizhou
11/9	TBD	TBD

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 collegiate 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.

We are also grateful to the Chinese government, the Basketball Federation, and Sports Ambassadors, who have made this exhibition tour possible. It is our hope that our mutual goodwill and love of professional-level basketball will inspire sports fans around the world and focus attention on the message of BCI Edge. We are here to play high-level basketball with passion, enthusiasm, and integrity. The world is watching!