Central Oregon Hotshots, worldâ€™s highest scoring basketball team, face Slam

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BEND, Ore. -- The Bellingham Slam, riding an eight-game winning streak and sitting atop the International Basketball League's (IBL) West Division with a 10-2 record, will face the frenetic Central Oregon Hotshots on Friday night. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. at Whatcom Pavilion in Bellingham, Washington.

Friday's game will pit two of the IBL's most productive offenses against one another. Central Oregon boasts the distinction of being the world's highest scoring basketball team, having averaged 147 points per game last season. Bellingham features the IBL's second-best offense this season with an average of 131 points scored per game. The game will also be a match-up of division leaders, as the Slam hold a narrow lead over Vancouver in the West Division and the Hotshots find themselves atop the Southwest Division with a 6-7 record.

Last season, Central Oregon tied the record for the highest scoring professional basketball game in history by putting up a combined 370 points in a 194-176 victory on June 17, 2007 over the Windy City Soldiers. While the Hotshots' high-octane performance that night merely tied the record, which was set on Dec. 13, 1983 when the NBA's Detroit Pistons defeated the Denver Nuggets 186-184 in triple overtime, Central Oregon's effort was far more impressive considering it occurred in a 48-minute regulation game.

Friday's match-up will open a two-game series. The two teams meet again on May 26 in a special half-price Memorial Day matinee game, with tip-off scheduled for 2 p.m. at Whatcom Pavilion.