

## **Acclaimed California Author to Give Away Latest Childrens' Novel at Upcoming Dakota Wizards Game**

Del Mar, CA January 2, 2006 – Brian Gotta, author of sports novels for children grades 3-7, has published his fourth book, entitled *The Unbelievable Point Guard*, and will be providing copies to children attending the January 9 Dakota Wizards game at their “Reading Rewards Night.” The promotion is part of the team’s Reading Wizards community program.

Every season, the Wizards players, coaches, and office staff go to a series of different area schools and speak to the kids about the importance of reading and education. The players have given many testimonials from their experiences growing up about the importance of reading and education. They also talk about leading a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle.

Each student is then given a bookmark that they get to keep. The response has been phenomenal. The Program continues as students have the opportunity to read books to qualify for free Wizards tickets. The books will be given away as another reward to young readers in the program.

“I was thrilled and excited to be able to work with the Wizards on such an admirable project,” says Gotta. “The book has not yet even been released to the public so the kids who receive them at the game will be the first people in the country to own a copy.”

Gotta has written three additional sports novels, *The Season’s Not Over*, (2002), *Hanging In There*, (2003), *Time For Willy*, (2004) as well as a how-to book on Sales and Marketing entitled *Congratulations! You’re a Millionaire!* published by Possibility Press in 2001. Each of the juvenile novels are wholesome, easy-to-read sports adventures relating uplifting themes including sportsmanship, hard work, perseverance, accountability and fair-play.

For additional information on Gotta’s books (or for a review copy), contact Brian Gotta or visit [www.booksbygotta.com](http://www.booksbygotta.com).

### About Brian Gotta:

Brian Gotta coached boys and girls baseball professionally while in high school and college. He received a BA in English Literature from Indiana University and lives in Del Mar, California with his wife and four children. He also is founder and president of a successful youth fundraising organization, Help Kids Play.

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