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ST. LUKE'S ALL STARS

Although this season is the first for St. Luke's All Stars in the Clarks Mens' Shoes National League, the team was formed in 1971. In that year several prominent College players graduated, and since they intended teaching in the South West, they expressed a desire to continue playing at a high level.

The Club has always contained a nucleus of players from the existing College side, but the additional strength injected by exstudents has made the All Stars a nationally ranked team. In 1972 the club reached the National Championship semi-final where they were narrowly defeated by a combined Oxford and Cambridge team.

Entry to the National League has brought a slight change in the recruitment of players. As the All Stars are the only National League club south of Coventry and West of London (and thus the 'Super Club' of the South West) players of sufficient calibre have been attracted, whether or not they are or have been college students. Nevertheless, the administration and the main source of players remains at St. Luke's College.

The College side itself holds a string of National Colleges and Regional Championships, and lays strong claim to being the strongest student side in England, or even Britain. In recent years, and currently, the College students and ex-students have made a unique contribution to basketball in England as follows:—

FULL INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS

Chris Worcester:

England Captain and Great Britain player 1964-73.

Mick Dudfield: Steve Gubby: England and Great Britain 1969-present. England and Great Britain 1966-71.

Dave Patterson:

Scotland 1968-present.

Jol Armstrong: England 1970-71.

ENGLAND & GT. BRITAIN TEAM MANAGER: Geoff Gearing 1966-71.

ENGLAND COACH: Vic Ambler, 1970-present.

Additionally, a number of players have represented England, Scotland and Ireland at Junior level, and British Colleges. The present England Schools General Secretary is a recent ex-student of St. Luke's, and many others are involved as players, coaches and administrators in teams throughout Great Britain.

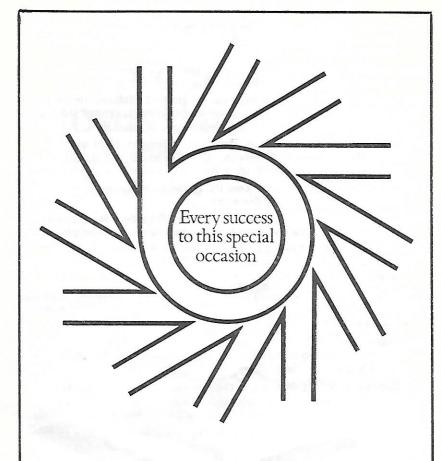
SECOND HALF REVIVAL?

The Christmas and New Year period provides a mid-season break that allows us to regard the forthcoming fixtures in the National League as almost the start of a new programme. At such a time most clubs probably undertake some sort of mid-term assessment and retrospective analysis. If we refrain from doing this, it does not indicate our blindness to our past weaknesses, but that we have aired these at length in previous issues. In any case we feel that we have grounds for guarded optimism about the coming half-season.

As you will know, November saw the team achieve its first successes in the league. As pleased as we were at these successes, we are only too sorry that we have not yet won a match in front of our home supporters at Exeter. But we have complete confidence that we can put this right during the rest of this season. In fact we think that we can win most of our home games in the second half of the season. The crucial factor lies in having our strongest team available. And here the problem is mainly one of obtaining and shepherding the hard won finances to cover travelling expenses. Providing that Paul Roach and Roger Holmes are available we can give any of the other teams a hard game. Particularly we hope to get away to a successful new year against Cleveland. A win in this match to revive spirits — not the least yours — should maintain your interest and support, and give the right impetus for the second half of the season.

In this context, we wish to discount completely the recent press reports that we have considered quitting Exeter on the grounds of inadequate facilities. In fact we will be playing all our remaining home games in Exeter. Furthermore, we wish to express unqualified gratitude for the assistance that we have received from Exeter College in staging our games. Particularly we wish to publicly thank Mr. A. Rees, Head of P.E., for his tremendous help in our venture. Whatever the limitations on seating, the crowd atmosphere remains unequalled, and a few successes will surely reinforce this.

One small point of clarification. We know that people are often irritated to find so many seats reserved. These seats fall into various categories. Firstly, the vice-presidents and advertisers to whom good seats were guaranteed at the times of their initial payments. Secondly, players and other club officials, their relatives, guests, etc. Thirdly, organised parties, who buy tickets in advance on the understanding that blocks will be reserved. In view of this, and of the restriction in total accommodation, whilst we apologise for inconvenience, we hope that you will excuse it, understand our policy, and continue to support us.



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THE ST. LUKE'S ALL STARS 1974-75

- Tim Maxwell: 5' 10". Guard. 3rd Year PE student and currently Club Captain. Represented the South West Area in 1974. Aggressive defensive player and improved outside shooter.
- Martin Mulholland: 6' 0". Guard. 4th Year PE student from Somerset.

 A hustling guard who is also a surfing king.
- Dave Brown: 6' 0". Guard. 2nd Year PE student. Represented the Scotland Junior and 'B' teams and is currently captain of the College side. A running guard and excellent passer of the ball.
- Dave Mills: 6' 1". Guard. Graduated from College in 1969 and is currently a teacher in Plymouth. Good defender and outside shooter. Has represented the South West Area on numerous occasions.
- Tim Butt: 6' 1". Guard. 2nd Year PE student. A rapidly improving and enthusiastic player from Bracknell.
- Malcolm Weaver: 6' 3". Forward. 2nd Year PE student from Swindon.
 Only recently made the team but was the most improved player in 74.
- Neil Whittam: 6' 4". Forward. 1st Year PE student from Lytham. Represented the England Juniors in 1973-74 and is a notable recruit to the team.
- Roger Holmes: 6' 3". Forward. From the USA he is currently working in Exeter. A fine rebounder and excellent shooter and will make a great contribution to the side.
- Brian Crisell: 6' 4". Centre/Forward. Graduated in PE in 1974 and is currently teaching in Lancashire. Represented the England Colleges and is a fine rebounder.
- Steve Gubby: 6' 4". England and Great Britain. Steve graduated in PE in 1972 and is currently teaching in Poole. A very mobile and experienced player who will play a big part in the All Stars action
- Paul Dunkels: 6' 10". Centre. The find of the season and sure to make a great contribution offensively and on the boards. Paul is a barrister in Exeter and also a County Cricketer.
- Mick Dudfield: 6' 3". Forward. England and Great Britain, and has been a prominent member of the National Team since 1969. A 4th Year PE student, Mick is one of the best shooters in the country and a great competitor.
- Coach: Vic Ambler: Senior Lecturer in PE at the College and has coached the College and All Stars since 1967. England coach since 1970 and coached Great Britain at the World Student Games in Russia 1973. Probably the leading authority on Basketball coaching in Great Britain.
- Manager: John Pickering: Lecturer in Geography at St. Luke's and also the Hon. Secretary. Many years experience as a player and administrator. Pivot of the Club administration. His organising abilities have made a great difference to the Club.
- Promoter: Dave Newman: 3rd Year student at St. Luke's. Dave has played for the Combined Services and coached the Royal Navy where he was a physical training instructor. A man behind the scenes he will co-ordinate all aspects of game promotion.

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DAVE MILLS	South West Area	6'	1"
TIM BUTT		6'	1"
DAVE BROWN	Scotland	6'	0"
MALCOLM WEAVER		6'	3"
MICK DUDFIELD (Capt.)	Great Britain	6′	3"
NEIL WHITTAM	England Juniors	6′	4"
ROGER HOLMES	South West Area	6'	3"
STEVE GUBBY	Great Britain	6'	4"
PAUL DUNKELS		6'	10"

Coach: VIC AMBLER

Referee:

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KENNY LYND	Scotland Juniors	6'	3"
PHIL KELLY	Combined Services	6'	2"
MAL LIDDELL		6'	3"
DAVE LIDDELL		6'	3"
BILL SWANSON		5′	11"
BARRY BIRD	West Midlands	6′	2"
JIM GILLFILLEN		5'	9"
STEVE PARNELL	Yorkshire	6′	3"
BRIAN AYRE	England Junior	5′	11"
HAL CALBOM		6'	7''

Coach:

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CLEVELAND STRONGARM

- MAL BALLARD: 6' 1". Forward. Third year student at Bede College. Representative honours with U.A.U. and B.U.S.F. Club captain.
- DAVE LIDDELL: 6' 3". Forward. Attended College in Leeds and represented Yorkshire seniors. Aggressive defender and accurate shooter.
- MAL LIDDELL: 6' 3". Guard. Twin brother of Dave, also attended same College in Leeds. Fine all round player.
- KEN LYND: 6' 3". Guard. Former Scottish Junior now a teacher. Full Scottish trial last season. First team regular with excellent long range shot.
- STEVE PARNELL: 6' 3". Guard. Teacher. Represented N.E. Area and Yorkshire. Long standing club member, consistent player and regular first team player.
- BARRY BIRD: 6' 2". Forward. Recent acquisition from Exhall. Representative honours with England Schools and West Midlands. Good outside shooter.
- KEN MARSH: 5' 11". Forward. Recent acquisition with much experience. Representative honours with Combined Services and R.A.F. Very good shooter.
- PHIL KELLY: 6' 2". Forward. Recent acquisition from the R.A.F. Representative honours with Combined Services. Experienced fast and skilful player.
- BILL SWANSON: 5' 11". Forward. Sports Centre Manager. Experienced regular first team player with accurate long range jump shot.
- BRIAN AYRE: 5' 11". Forward. Joined the club last season and became a regular first team player. England Junior player last season.
- HAL CALBOM: 6' 7". Forward. Star American player formerly at Exeter University. Tremendous skill and possibly the most prolific scorer in the National League.
- JIM GILLFILLEN: 5' 9". Forward. Teacher. Recently joined the club. Skilful ball handler who has fitted in well with the first team.

COACH: TERRY MOORE: Experienced coach, having coached England U.19 girls, N.E. Area men's team, and acted as assistant coach to England Women. Also a Grade II referee studying for Grade I.

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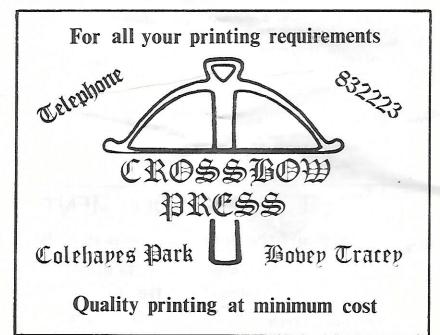
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THE VISITORS

Today we entertain Cleveland Meteors and we extend a warm welcome to their team and officials.

As with ourselves, this is Cleveland's first season in the National League. In fact they were one of the teams that we met in the qualifying rounds at the National Invitation Tournament. On that occasion we had a comfortable win. But Cleveland had their revenge in the first league encounter in December.

As befits a team originating from a New Town, Cleveland's rise has been recent and rapid. Developing from a school team in Peterlee that matured first into a successful Old Boys side, and then into the town's representative team, they won the local Teeside League within two years of entry. Setting their sights higher, the club, now called Meteors, were admitted to the Northern Premier League in 1972, again gaining the title after two seasons.

At the end of the 1972/73 season, the club switched its base to Teeside to make use of the better facilities there. Reorganisation within the club, strengthened the club's capacity and the new Cleveland Meteors were ready to move into a much higher standard of basketball. They applied and were admitted to the England Central League and the Yorkshire Premier League. All the area's top players were attracted to the club and in the 1973/74 season Cleveland Meteors achieved a runners-up spot, in both of these major leagues—on their first season of competition.

Last season was a consolidating period, with the club strengthening its resources. Even so the club provided virtually all the North East Areas players, which reached a best ever equal fifth in the National Inter Area Tournament at Loughborough. Also at the end of a hard season, Cleveland Meteors matched all the country's top up and coming teams in the National Invitation Tournament in Liverpool, and narrowly failed to reach their target in the final four top teams. During the summer break the club has achieved a significant break-through. Gaining sponsorship from Camerons Breweries, the now Cleveland Strongarm, were admitted to the National League in place of Liverpool.

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Sat.	12 Oct.	8.00	Loughborough	Loughborough
Sun.	20 Oct.	3.15	Avenue	Edmonton
Sat.	26 Oct.	7.30	Granwood, Coventry	Exeter College
Sat.	9 Nov.	7.30	A.T.S. Manchester	Exeter College
Wed.	20 Nov.	8.00	Sutton	Crystal Palace
Sat.	23 Nov.	7.30	Sutton	Exeter
Sun.	1 Dec.	3.15	Panthers	Doncaster
Sat.	7 Dec.	7.30	London Y.M.C.A.	Kitto Centre, Plymouth
Sat.	14 Dec.	3.15	Cleveland	Teeside
1975:				
Sat.	11 Jan.	7.30	Cleveland	Exeter
Sat.	18 Jan.		NATIONAL CUP: 2nd Rnd	
Sun.	26 Jan.	6.15	Granwood	Coventry
Sat.	1 Feb.	7.30	Avenue	Exeter
Sat.	8 Feb.		NATIONAL CUP: 3rd Rnd	
Sat.	15 Feb.	7.30	A.T.S.	Sale
Sat.	1 Mar.	7.30	Panthers	Exeter
Sun.	9 Mar.	3.30	London Y.M.C.A.	Romford
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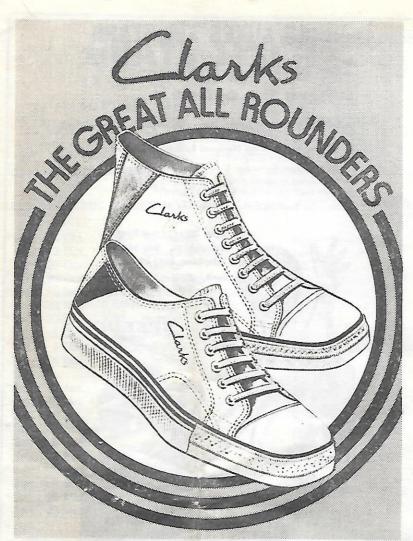
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