

Lightning Zone 2009/10



Dorset Storm Basketball Club

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Welcome back...



Above: The 'Old Boys' moving on

Welcome back to all our members... we hope you are ready for what promises to be another great season of Basketball in Dorset.

Dorset Storms Big Summer 09 has now finished.. What another great five weeks of action in the Summer League.. Three of the four leagues were undecided heading into the last weekend of matches and two league were decided in the final match of the league!... What an event! One thing that made this years Summer League even more special was the huge numbers of old players who dusted off their kit to play in the Senior League. Over 25 players who played for the club and have since

been off to Universities all over the country got back together to see if they still had what it took. This years Summer Camp moved down Gravel Hill to St Edward's School and once again went down well with all the players and coaches. As a club we are really lucky to be able to attract good quality coaches to events like these but it is only as a result of the players. The coaches are more than happy to come and work with players who work hard, listen intently, ask questions and have good fun at the same time. I know they are all keen to come back next year... some have even booked time off work already!

At the time of writing this Newsletter the season has already started for the clubs three National League teams. At the start of the Summer we had a record number of players turn out for the trials and it certainly made the coaches

jobs hard. The Under 18s have had a tough start to the season but are becoming more resilient and adapting to playing Under 18s National League, the Under 16s are working hard and have won their opening two matches and the newly formed Under 14s team are also flying high having won one match and lost one match.

When you start any season you always have to say goodbye to some players. This year we are losing four players from last seasons successful Under 18s National League team. Corey Pryer, Josh Mann, David Christopher and Jamie Lines. We wish them all well, even Corey who has decide to play for the second best team in Dorset... Bournemouth Bears!

Let's make 2009/10 another season to remember!

Tee Shirts and Hooded Tops

We are expecting to receive the first order of tee shirts and polo shirts any day now. We are also going to put in an order for hooded tops once again. These will be exactly the same design and colour as last years and will cost somewhere between

£17.00 — £20.00 depending upon how many we order.

If you would like to order a hooded top then please drop Jill a note with your name and the size you would like. Please can you make sure that this is

completed in the next two weeks so we can place the order.

When you are given your items, please make sure that you name them as finding "your" top can become like looking for a needle in a haystack!

Latest Results:

NBL Under 14s

Dorset Storm	40
Swindon Sonics	39
Dorset Storm	40
Plymouth Marjons	47

NBL Under 16s

Dorset Storm	76
Wiltshire Wolves	65
Salisbury Sparks	40
Dorset Storm	85
Dorset Storm	87
Taunton Tigers	81

NBL Under 18s

Barnet Bulldogs	110
Dorset Storm	38
Dorset Storm	60
Woking Blackhawks	91
Solent Kestrels	89
Dorset Storm	48
Oxford Brookes	117
Dorset Storm	51
Dorset Storm	50
Guildford Heat	138



Above: Dave Christopher Under 16s Assistant Coach

"NO MATTER
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Christopher Appointed Under 16s Assistant Coach

Dorset Storm have appointed former player David Christopher as Under 16s Boys assistant basketball coach.

Christopher, played basketball for Storms Under 18s from 2006-09. As a 5-foot-10 point guard he averaged close to 10 points, six rebounds and four assists and four steals in 27 career games and helped Storm finish in the top half of the table twice during both his seasons. He was the 2008 seasons Most Improved Player and Summer Camp

All-Star Player in 2008 and 2009, at the later camp he was also honoured by receiving the Most Valuable Player award. On the court it was his composure under pressure offensively and hard nosed and quick anticipation defensively that Christopher was best known for. His steal, with less than six seconds to go, ensured a final game victory over Solent for Storm in the final match of the 2008 – 2009 season back in March this year.

"Dave epitomizes

what I've always looked for in a player and a staff member - dedication, loyalty and toughness" Storm Director Jill Kemish said. "He has all those qualities and the advantage of being a former Storm player. He knows the coaches and players and will blend in seamlessly with everybody here. He'll do a great job for Storm again on the floor as well as being an excellent role model off it."

Local League Preview

Within the next few days we should be receiving the final fixtures for the Solent Area Youth Leagues. The plan is that teams will play a round robin tournament at a central venue one out of every three Friday evenings.

The idea behind this new organization is to avoid clashes with both Senior and Junior National

League matches and should make finding officials and coaches easier for all the teams involved.

The teams signed up to what is to be known as the Solent League West include Weymouth, Dorchester, South Coast Tigers and Salisbury. There will initially be three age groups - Under 12s, Under 14s and Under 16s.

In order to play all players must be members and all training session fees must be up to date. For the latest information be sure to check out dorsetstorm.co.uk where all news, fixtures and match reports for our Solent League teams will be posted as soon as they arrive.

Summer Camp Review

Well done to everybody that took part in what was a fantastic week of basketball.

It was another week filled with nonstop basketball action. The change of venue seemed to make little difference to the fantastic atmosphere and effort displayed by the players all week long.

It is always amazing to see how much players can improve in just five days. Several players that might call themselves 'experienced' improved tremendously throughout the week and it was great to see them rewarded by the coaches at the end of the week when the awards winners were announced.

See the back page of this newsletter for a complete list of Award Winners from this year camp and remember to check out the website for photos of this years camp and details of next summer camp. Everybody had a great week, thanks for all your feedback and hopefully we will see you all again next year!



Above: Big Oli and his team the 'Falcons' at Summer League

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Under 16s Captain (s) Named

Under 16s Lead Coach Luke Kemish confirmed the appointment of three senior players for the Under 16s National League team this week. All three players return from last seasons team – a surprise given that over half the squad are new additions to last seasons team and the emphasis placed on having a fresh start.

This season the Under 16s National League team will be captained by David Rudenko, best known for his defence David is a popular player and has worked hard to improve his offensive skills over the summer. He was named in the All Star team at this year's Summer Camp by the coaches, and also judged to be Best Defender too. He will want to shake off the label of a defensive player and look to contribute all over the court in his second

NBL season.

Club Director and Under 16s assistant coach Jill Kemish commented, "David's appointment as captain is a result of his good leadership skills, but also signifies the importance the coaching staff have placed on improving as a team at the defensive end of the court."

Two players have been appointed as vice-captains this year, partly due to the size of the squad and the different qualities they bring. Mylo Ofei-Kwatia, is one of the vice-captains, again an outstanding defence player who bridges many gaps with the different players in the squad. Daniel Whisken has been named as the second vice-captain, an emotional character who can be really single minded and focused has also been given the extra responsibility to

help lead the team this season.

Lead Coach Luke Kemish said "These three players have all continued to improve week on week as basketball players. This season will be a huge test not only for them as players on the court but as senior players they will have to draw on leadership skills to help guide what will essentially be a new and inexperienced team." He also commented on the development of the team as a whole in the close season.

"We are all delighted with how far the team has come in pre-season; they have made huge leaps since the end of their Under 15s season. We are far from the finished article, but hopefully we can put in some good performances early on."



Above: Last seasons Under 18s National League Team

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Recap: Summer League 2009

This years Summer League was number three and once again was bigger and better than the previous three. Over the five weekends, 118 players battled it out to see who

could win their respective leagues. This year the champions in the Mini League were the Whales, the Pirates convincingly won the Intermediate League, the Hawks just managed to fight

off the Eagles in the Junior League - only the head-to-head could separate the teams as they were both tied on 34 whilst the Senior League was won by the Jazz. The Award Winners were...

Mini League Awards

Dolphins - Leon Staddon
"Strong defence and hustle"

Sharks - Kundiso Majome
"Improved each week and always tried his best to do what was asked"

Whales - Joshua Tedore
"Unbelievable hustle and a really good attitude"

Intermediate League Awards

Outlaws - Michael Stevenson
"Played hard on defence, always trying to do things right"

Pirates - Kieran Docherty
"Good leadership and made team mates better"

Raiders - Oscar Gosling
"Continually improved, a real team player"

Junior League Awards

Eagles - Jamie Old
"Stepped up and made big contributions in big games"

Falcons - Stephen Mahinay
"Energy and enthusiasm, big improvement defensively"

Hawks - Tom Eads
"Excellent defence effort"



Above: Action from the Summer League

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"Since 1999 Dorset Storm Basketball Club has provided opportunities for both boys and girls aged between 8 and 18 to play basketball at whatever level they want. From beginners through to those with dreams of representing England, Dorset Storm can cater for you. The club also has a strong link with the biggest men's team in the Southern region, providing opportunities for players of all standards to play competitively. Coaching and officiating courses are also run in conjunction with the club. For further details on anything concerning basketball please do not hesitate to contact us using the details opposite."



PROVIDING BASKETBALL OPPORTUNITIES
FOR ALL

Summer Camp 2009 Award Winners

NBA Section

Most Valuable Player

David Christopher

Most Improved Player

Conor James

Best Defensive Player

David Rudenko

76ers Coach Award

Kieran Docherty

Bucks Coach Award

Doug Nelson

Rockets Coach Award

George Williams

Magic Coach Award

Matthew Law

NBA All Star Players

- 1) David Christopher
 - 2) Dean Grey
 - 3) Conor James
 - 4) Matthew Law
 - 5) Stephen Mahinay
 - 6) Ezra Meaden
 - 7) David Rudenko
- Guest Player - Josh Mann

NBA All Rookie Players

- 1) Lewis Coles
- 2) Connor Garton
- 3) Bradley Hall
- 4) Antonios Mais
- 5) Bradley Ripley
- 6) Francis Stanton

NCAA Section

Most Valuable Player

Michael Hester

Most Improved Player

Dan Saguirre

Best Defensive Player

Christian Donohoe

Duke Coach Award

Jake Hyde

Michigan Coach Award

Eleri Williams

Georgetown Coach Award

Leon Staddon

NCAA All Star Players

- 1) Christian Donohoe
- 2) Michael Hester
- 3) Peter Lawson

4) Max Palmer-Malt

5) Dan Saguirre

6) Amy Stoddard

Competition Winners

NBA Hot Shot Winner

David Christopher

NBA Hot Shot Runner-up

Oliver Heath

NCAA Hot Shot Winner

Peter Lawson

NCAA Hot Shot Runner-up

Dan Saguirre

NBA Crazy Skills Winner

Dean Grey

NBA Runner-up

Ezra Meaden

NCAA Winner

Oscar Gasling

NCAA Runner-up

Peter Lawson

Coaches Merit Award

Matthew Lawson



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