



LIGHTNING ZONE

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Well we have been back almost two months and things are looking good for the new season. The national league teams have all got off to good starts and the Under 12s have their first tournament shortly. We will keep you informed about the latest dates for the Local League Under 14s and Under 16s as we get more details through. On the Men's front, the season is well underway. All the teams have got some games under their belt and are starting to adjust to their new team mates well. For more details on the timing and location of the men's matches see the section below about our new online calendar.

We received some positive feedback recently from one of the regions top coaches which is always pleasant, and the behaviour and approach of the players has once again given credit to both themselves and the club. On the coaching front those of you that were at camp our 2004 camp will remember Rosie. She has now returned from her crusade around the globe and is looking to settle again in our area... and the best bit is she wants to do some coaching! The club has also been awarded a grant of £450 from the RAF towards a new kit for the Junior Men - more details next time.

New Online Calendar

<http://my.calendars.net/dorsetstorm>

From now on all training times will be available online via our new interactive calendar. You can find complete listings for our 'open' training sessions, National League training sessions and men's training. The full list of matches for both the Local League Youth and Men's teams as well as our National League teams are also shown. If you click on an up-and-coming event, you can access even more information about that specific event, or if you choose to look at a previous match, it will link directly to the match report where you can find both the result and summary of the game.

Currently all our dates up until January have been entered and we will continue to add to this as time progresses. We hope this will be an easier way to keep you informed of what is happening when! Shortly there will also be a link added to the online calendar from dorsetstorm.co.uk.

We are looking at arranging a club trip on Saturday 7th January 2006! This is usually an annual trip (although we missed last year) to see some of Britain's top professional basketball teams in action. Previous trips have seen us witness Danny Lewis score two free-throws to win the BBL Cup for London Towers at the NIA in Birmingham, as well as Chester Jets defeating Manchester Giants at the NEC in Birmingham and who could forget the Globetrotters trip two years ago?

This year we are looking at travelling along the coast to see a Division 2 match followed by a top-flight match, but once we have more details confirmed we will let you know. When the details do come out be aware that we only take one coach and we normally have to turn people away - early booking is definitely advised.



The good old days! - Anybody recognise these two familiar faces? This picture was from our original 12 hour sponsored marathon nearly five years ago. For one poor chap the day just seems to have been too tiring... and back then I don't remember him doing too much fast breaking! Both players currently play for the Junior Men's National League side, but can you guess who they are?

National League Details

For the Cadet Men the opening game against Solent II provided, as many of you will remember, a nail biting encounter with Solent II just edging the match by three points. Next up it was Reading II, and again the game oscillated to-and-fro throughout until in the final quarter Reading II lost three key players as they fouled out allowing a focused Storm to take control and win their first game of the season. On the last weekend of October the Cadet team travelled for their first away game of the season against Solent I, although they started positively having the lead at the end of the first quarter they struggled to maintain pace with their opposition who ran out comfortable winners. Michael Livesey has started the season well, with Lucas Marlow crashing the offensive boards particularly hard. Oliver Robinson also showed us what he is capable of with an impressive display against Reading II, along with numerous other players who have made vital contributions.

The Junior Men have so far only had one game. With Gloster making up numerous excuses as to why they could not field a team, and Swindon requesting that we reschedule for later in the year. But the good news as far as the team is concerned is that in their solitary game so far, the players managed to come away with a win. After scoring the opening basket, Storm would spend the rest of the game trailing their opponents. But in the final minute of the game, they managed to regain the lead and hold on to win by four points. A strong defensive display and a fine team rebounding effort allowed Storm to hang around in the game despite Bristol scoring nine three pointers - some of which were exceptional deep.

The Passerelle team had their first tournament on the opening weekend of the season. However the tournament turned into a little bit of a farce as neither of the visiting teams could raise enough players (or had enough licensed) to field a team. However, UWIC did want to play a game so they made up numbers with players from their other teams to play a friendly match. Storm eventually ran out winners 72 - 31. It was a fantastic team effort that led to the win with seven players grabbing five or more rebounds and eight players having at least two steals to their name. Experienced players Jamie Lines and Guy Taylor both had good games for Storm. James Hilton led all scorers, but the emergence of the young Jonathon Baker with 16 points and four rebounds was perhaps the best performance. Guard David Reynolds had a solid defensive game and was strong at both ends of the court ending up with five rebounds, five steals and two assists and taking good care of the ball, controlling the game without any turnovers. With four players playing up and more young players waiting in the wings for their chance the future looks bright. They have set the bar high, and to maintain that standard hard work and continued attention to detail will need to be sustained.

Basketball Quiz

Here's the quiz for this month. Congratulations to all those that took part last month and especially those that achieved top marks! We have stepped the questions up a bit this month, although all the answers are easy enough to find, and more than you think can be answered with your existing knowledge.

1. Name three NBA All Stars for the 2004-05 season.
2. England have a basketball team in next years Commonwealth Games. But in which country are the games being held?
3. According to the Daily Star which former NBA Basketball player is to appear in the up and coming series of I'm A celebrity Get Me Out of Here!
4. Briefly explain/describe what a fast break is.
5. How long do you get to pass the ball inbounds?
6. Again briefly explain/describe what a 3-point play or an "and 1" play is.
7. How long does a time-out last?
8. Which world famous basketball team played their unprecedented 20,000th career basketball game on January 12, 1998?

National Basketball League Tables 2005-2006

Cadet Men League Table

	Last updated 30-Oct	Pl	W	L	Pts
1	Solent Stars II	4	3	1	10
2	Southampton Trailblazers	3	3	0	9
3	Abingdon Eagles	3	3	0	9
4	Solent Stars	4	2	2	8
5	Tamar Valley Cannons	2	2	0	6
6	YMCA Torbay Tigers	3	1	2	5
7	Plymouth Raiders	3	1	2	5
8	Dorset Storm	3	1	2	5
9	Reading Rockets II	4	0	4	4
10	Bristol Academy	3	0	3	3

Junior Men League Table

	Last updated 30-Oct	Pl	W	L	Pts
1	Taunton Tigers	3	3	0	9
2	Southampton Trailblazers	4	2	2	8
3	UWIC Stealers	3	2	1	7
4	Swansea College Vikings	2	1	1	4
5	Gwent	1	1	0	3
6	Dorset Storm	1	1	0	3
7	Bristol Academy II	3	0	3	3
8	Swindon Sonics	2	0	2	2
9	Gloucester Blazers	1	0	1	1