

Basketball

The fortunes of St Dunstan's College's second season in the LISBA league have been varied with the U19 team, weakened by losing a number of core players, struggling to come to terms with much stronger opposition and the talented U15 side reaching the play-off finals for the first time. The College's basketball coaching staff has been strengthened by the addition of Mr Adriano and Mr Burman-Roy, who join the basketball stalwarts, Mr Bodenham and Mr Alderman.

Under 19

The under 19 team, as Mr Bodenham foresaw in last year's Chronicle report, had a tough season but much to their credit they did not give-up and battled hard in every match. The members of teams they played had been together for many seasons so with the College losing some key players the season before; the squad started the seasons with no Year 13 players. Having said this the team began the season with high hopes and much talent. Although the first match saw a narrow loss to Dulwich College there was much to be encouraged by and a lot of potential. Except for a few players there was a lack of dedication to training, so this potential was not fulfilled. Teamwork is vital if a team is to progress and this begins on the practice court. This teamwork was evident in the win over Royal Russell. Hopefully this feeling of team work and winning can be carried over to next season. Ariyo Femi-Sunmaila was the most dedicated of players and this paid off with him becoming one of the team's main scoring threats as well as an effective defender. He fully deserves his accolade as the most improved player and was awarded full colours. Can Urmen and Adrian Benn played hard defensively and had their moments in offensive. The guards, Dele Johnson, Jordan Cascoe and Khalifa Forte had a lot of talent yet on numerous occasions failed to gel as a unit but when they did could inflict serious damage on any defensive. Jordan,

this year's captain, has been a great stalwart of basketball during his time at the College and for this dedication he was awarded full colours. Matthew Bryan-Amaning (Year 9) has developed great skills and as he matures as a player can use his experience to help the team to evolve. Good luck to the team next season. Teamwork will prevail!

Team from: Jordan Cascoe; Dele Johnson; Tendai Pottinger; Khalifa Forte; Adrian Benn; Ariyo Femi-Sunmaila; Can Urmen; Jonathan Hanman; Matthew Bryan Amaning; Antony Faithful; Samuel Newnham.



For the 2002-2003 season, the College has entered teams in the U15 and U19 LISBA leagues and for the first time a team in the U14 league, which will give the younger pupils an opportunity to represent the College as well as secure the future of basketball. Congratulations must go to Matthew Bryan-Amaning who was selected for the England squad. Everyone involved in basketball at the College wishes Matthew good luck in his future basketball career.

Many thanks to all those who helped with coaching and refereeing: Messrs Bodenham, Alderman, and Burman-Roy. Thanks must also go to all those who came to support the teams including Mr Austin who mastered the electronic scoreboard. With the continued dedication of the staff and the experience gained by the players we hope next season will be more successful.

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