



Kingston College 2010-11 Basketball Report

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Overview

The 2010/11 season started out shakily, as the incumbent head coach, Andrew Jackson migrated to the United States. Subsequently, Marland Nattie was asked to oversee the programme, however, it was very difficult to find someone to commit full time to the programme and as such a group of coaches were approached to supervise the overall school programme. The first persons invited were Lauriel Meikle, Richard Lindsey in addition to Marland Nattie. Later in the season two more persons were invited to assist with the programme and a committee was created in January 2011 and includes the following persons;

Richard Lindsey,

Lauriel Meikle,

Capt. Clifton Lumsden,

Winston Harvey,

Dennis Thompson and

Marland Nattie.

Pre-season

The preparatory fundamentals and conditioning work scheduled for the period 2010 June – August was set aside due to the low turnout of players as the average attendance was five persons during the period.

When school reopened in 2010 September attendance improved somewhat but it was not at the level anticipated, of the twenty five (25) players slated to return to make up the combined under 16 and 19 squads, only about 15 players attended training with any consistency.

Weight Training

The Team's weight training programme was severely hampered by inadequate access to the weights, as in most instances the weights training area was overcrowded. Only basketballers who were part of the school's Track & Field Athletics squad were able to utilize this facility.

Equipment

The squad was given 20 new balls for the season. The basketball courts were in fairly good shape except for the general maintenance of the area. The players were encouraged to assist in the housekeeping of the general area and its environs.



However, one basketball support on Court-1 was found to have a damaged shock absorber, which prevented it from maintaining the official regulation basket height of 10 feet. This was remedied in the short term by hinging the support at the regulation height of 10 feet.

The basketball supports did not have any protective padding to protect players who accidentally ran into them. This was again fixed in the short term by using exercise mats to cover the posts. This move was almost too late as a youngster from Ardenne High School was injured when he hit into one during a game.

The team did not have access to a many other pieces of equipment (medicine balls, skipping ropes, cones sports ladders, etc.) that could have enhanced preparation and the performance of the teams.

Supplements, Meals and Rehydration

Lunches along with rehydration fluid were only provided for the teams on match days. No nutritional supplements were provided for the teams.

Playing Gears

The season began with uncertainty about the availability of gears this was alleviated by team members of the previous year's teams using their uniforms. The school only provided gears to new players. In total approximately eight new sets were bought for both teams.

Neither Socks nor sneakers were provided by the school for any of the three teams representing the school during the year even though it is an ISSA requirement that all players must wear above ankle length sock of the same colour in all games. Coach Lindsey and Nattie donated a few sneakers and we solicited assistance of a few old boys, who responded well to enable all of the players (U16 & U19) to be suited with proper footwear during the season. We were not able to solicit similar support (sneakers) for the U14 squad; however, all were given socks to ensure compliance with the ISSA rule.

Competition

Under 19 Team's Performance

The competition had 19 teams placed in two zones. We were placed into the zone with nine teams. We won six of our eight preliminary games losing to Calabar High School and Jamaica College.

During the preliminary we

- i. Defeated St. Georges College **55– 50**
- ii. Defeated St. Catherine High School **42– 22**
- iii. Defeated Camperdown High School **46 – 27**
- iv. Defeated Vauxhall High School **69 - 29**
- v. Lost to Calabar High School **26 - 45**
- vi. Lost to Jamaica College **35 - 41**
- vii. Defeated Ardenne High School **38 – 35**
- viii. Defeated Campion College **62– 46**



- ix. Defeated Charlie Smith High School **49 - 11**

We then advanced to the semi-final round where we played Hydel High School and Meadowbrook High School, where we

- i. Defeated Meadowbrook High School **51-37**
- ii. Lost to Hydel High School **42-58**

Having lost to Hydel High School we did not advance to the finals. We then played for the third place and defeated St. Jago High School. Additional Ramoy Hemmings won the "most assists" trophy for the league.

The team was able to advance to the National Tournament where we placed fourth. Kemoy Wright was the outstanding player for the under 19 group as he averaged 10 points and 10 rebounds per game.

The team played an exhibition game against the Pine Crest High school who defeated us 48 – 81.

Under 16 Team's Performance

This unit was a relatively strong one as it had several players who had played the previous season.

The team's only loss in their preliminary round was to Calabar High School due to forfeiture as we arrived late for the game. We then played St. Georges College in the semis. They defeated us 44 – 45. The most outstanding player of the team was Andre Helps who averaged 15 points per game and was captain.

Game scores:

- i. Lost to Calabar High School – **0 - 20 (Forfeiture)**
- ii. Defeated Champion College– **56 - 29**
- iii. Defeated Vauxhall High School – **52 - 46**
- iv. Defeated Clan Carty High School – **103 -6**
- v. Defeated St. Catherine High School **36– 30**
- vi. Defeated Mona High School **20– 0 (Forfeiture)**
- vii. Defeated Camperdown High School **56– 13**
- viii. Defeated Jamaica College– **38 - 31**



Team Lists

Under 16

1. Jevon Williams
2. Tajee McDermont
3. Daniel Martillier
4. Malik Pusey
5. Andre Helps
6. Romaine Blair
7. Eugene Williams
8. Zaavan Richards
9. Delano Rose
10. Zachary McCleod
11. Jamie-Hugh Brown

Under 19

1. Mikhail Owens
2. Kemoy Wright
3. Ramoy Hemmings
4. Sheldon Whyte
5. Richard Bowen
6. Yohan Grant
7. Akyle Hylton
8. Damion Johnson
9. Rodane Radcliffe
10. Alex Saunders
11. Shaquille Smith
12. Chad McCalla

Coaches – Marland Nattie, Richard Lindsey

Under 14 Team's Performance

Southern Conference Championship

The season began on March, 2011 with a game against Wolmers High School at the National Stadium Courts which the team won by 6 points with a score of 15-9. Unfortunately the team competed for most of the season with only eleven (11) sets of borrowed uniforms as no provision was made to outfit the team, we had to play with a man short until the uniforms were provided. The following was the Team's performance during the preliminary round. We

- i. Defeated - Wolmers High School – **15 – 9** (J. Brown 6pts, T. Morris 4pts & M. Pusey 4pts)
- ii. Defeated - Meadowbrook High School – **49- 9** (M. Pusey 20pts & J. Brown 15pts)
- iii. Lost to - Ardenne High School "A" – **28-22** (J. Brown 11pts, & M. Pusey 7pts)
- iv. Defeated - St. Georges College "B" – **75-23** (J. Brown 20pts & M. Pusey 16pts)
- v. Defeated - Calabar High School – **52-37** (M. Pusey 18pts & J. Brown 12pts)
- vi. Defeated - Vauxhall High School – **59-6** (J. Brown 24pts & M. Pusey 10pts)
- vii. Defeated - Tivoli High School – **27-24** (J. Brown 8pts & M. Pusey 8pts)
- viii. Defeated - Campion College "A" – **44 – 27** (J. Brown 14pts & M. Pusey 14pts)

Based on its performance in the preliminary rounds the Team finished second in the zone to Ardenne High School - 'A' team.

For the Play-Offs the team was placed in a zone containing St, Georges College 'A'; Campion College "A" and St. Jago High School, the team finished as winners of the zone as we



- i. Defeated - St. Georges College "A" – **32 – 31** (J. Robinson 10pts & J. Brown - 7pts)
- ii. Defeated - St. Jago High School – **48- 16** (M. Pusey 20pts & J. Brown 13pts)
- iii. Defeated - Campion College "A" – **32 – 16** (M. Pusey 10pts & J. Brown 10pts)

Following this we played Jamaica College "A" in the semi- final and defeated them (**37-17**) with captain Jamie-Hugh-Brown and Jakiem Robinson 11pts and 9pts respectively doing the bulk of the scoring and moved to the final where we faced Ardenne High School "A" defeating them (**35 – 34**) with Jakiem Robinson 12pts and captain Jamie-Hugh Brown 9 pts leading the way to the Championship.

Under 14 All-Island Tournament

On Saturday, June 18, 2011 the team traveled to Montego Bay, St. James to compete in the All-Island Tournament. In the first round the team defeated:

- i. Muschette High School – **40 -20** (M. Pusey 11pts & J. Bennett 8pts)
- ii. Glenmuir High School – **51-22** (J. Robinson 14pts & M. Pusey 12pts)

These results carried us into the finals where we faced Ardenne High School "A" Team again defeating them 21-20 with captain Jamie-Hugh Brown and Malik Pusey 7pts and 4pts respectively the main scorers.

For his overall performance during the tournament, Malik Pusey was named Most Valuable Player (MVP) for the All-Island Tournament and coaching staff was named Best Coaching Staff. Jamie-Hugh Brown averaged 11.3 points per game throughout the season was the most outstanding player on this team and he was also the team captain.

The full team was made up as follows:

Jamaine Bennett

Jamie-Hugh Brown – Captain

Dimitri Clarke

Dennis Gray

Keston Green

Jevo'n Hayden

Daveyan Hill

Travis Morris

Kimani O'Sullivan

Malik Pusey



Jakiem Robinson

Rajiv Thomas

Coaches – Marland Nattie, Dennis Thompson, Richard Lindsey

The Most Outstanding Players for each age group were as follows:

Under 14 – Jamie-Hugh Brown

Under 16 – Andre’ Helps

Under 19 – Kemoy Wright

The following are some recommendations we feel will make positive impacts on the school’s programme:

1. The KC Basketball Development Committee should oversee development of the sport in the school
2. Clear provision must be made for playing gears for ALL three teams inclusive of at least vests, shorts socks and sneakers. **(It’s an ISSA rule that socks of the same colour above ankle length must be worn by all school teams.)**
3. Proper Protective padding should be secured for all four supports
4. Efforts should be made to acquire a table top type Scoreboard/ Timer for official games.
5. Basketball should be taught in physical education classes.
6. Provision must be made for all sports requiring the use of weights in its programme be given access in a timely manner. Currently Track and Field Athletics seemingly has a monopoly on the weights.

Kingston College Basketball Development Committee