

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008

International College     37  
vs  
Sturminster Newton     38

This was an early fixture in the calendar for the team, it is common for games not to start until the spring term so the boys had not had a lot of time to get together and practice as a team. Never the less, they rose to the challenge and put in a fantastic performance. The game could have gone either way and in the end the College only fell short by the narrowest of margins.

Sturminster Newton were a very good side, they had more experience of playing team basketball and more experience of playing together so the International College team can be very proud that they pushed them all the way to the end. The IC team, having never played a game together before, started by showing excellent composure and playing controlled basketball. They defended as a unit, passed the ball around well, made few mistakes and took advantage of open shooting opportunities. Paul had a brilliant shooting performance leading the team in scoring as well as controlling the tempo for the IC team.

The team competed hard throughout the game, the lead changed hands a number of times and the score was always close and either team could have been the victor when time ran out. Unfortunately it was not to be for the IC boys. At the end of the game they just couldn't quite manage to get their noses in front but they should be very proud of a fantastic effort and of playing a very good standard of basketball throughout the match. The boys should take away a lot from this game, it was a great learning experience and the team have hopefully seen areas they can improve in as well as seeing how well they are able to play.

Well done everyone.

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Team: Paul  
Eric  
Ian  
James  
Ben  
Jeffery  
Vincent  
Nick  
King  
Gene