

David Cooke Bio

David attended Christian Brothers from 1977-1981. He grew up with a passion for playing baseball and always thought he would one day be a teacher or a professional baseball player. In his sophomore year, he played trombone in the CB Marching Band and played on the J.V. baseball team. With a love for all sports, he decided to run track his junior year. It wasn't until he was trying out for the freshman basketball team that the J.V. coach, Mr. Leige asked him to practice with the J.V. team. That is when David realized his new passion. With an average of 16 points and 11.9 rebounds per game, he drew attention from many Division 1 colleges offering a full scholarship. David was recruited by Stanford, Oregon State, USC, Gonzaga, Washington State, Colorado State, Oregon, San Diego State, University of Kansas, UCLA, Fresno State, University of Pacific, Santa Clara and University of Nevada, Reno.

His accomplishments during high school:

- All City & All Conference Honors following his senior season
- Received a nomination to the McDonald's High School All-America game
- Ranked 24th on the Long Beach Independent Press Telegram's "Best of the West" list.
- 4-1 record as a pitcher while a sophomore in high school
- One 26 rebound game against McClatchy HS to go with a pair of 25 point games as career highs
- Honorable Recognition All-American
- Named to the Optimist Team
- 44 foot triple jumper & 51.3 leg of the mile relay as a junior

After graduating from CB, David chose to attend Saint Mary's in Moraga. He missed the start of his freshman season due to a torn cartilage that was discovered in his knee and it required surgery. Upon his return to the team, he began the process of rehab to get back on the court. Playing center, David was a 3 year starter at St. Mary's averaging 15.1 points per game and 9 rebounds his senior year in 1985. He graduated with not only his degree in Communications but his name etched in St. Mary's basketball history.

His accomplishments during college:

- 7th in career blocked shots (83)
- 12th all time free throws attempted (418)
- 13th in career rebounds (545)
- 30th all time scorer with a career total of (1006)
- 1982-83 led team in steals (27)
- 1984-85 led team in scoring (405)
- First team All-West Coast Athletic Conference
- Named to all tournament teams his senior year at Houston Kettle Classic and Wolfpack Classic in Reno

David Cooke Bio Continued

As an undrafted free agent, David was invited to participate in the Phoenix Suns Rookie Camp which began his career as a professional basketball player. Upon completion of Rookie Camp, the Suns offered a contract to join the team for the upcoming veteran camp. Two months later, David accepted an invitation to join the Sacramento Kings Rookie Camp. After successfully completing the rookie camp, he was offered a contract to join the Kings for their veteran's camp. David is the first born and raised player from Sacramento to play for the Kings. He played with the Kings in the 1985-86 season which was the first season the Kings played in Sacramento. Upon his release from the Kings, he played in the Continental Basketball Association (CBA) for the Wisconsin Flyers who drafted him in the 1st round of CBA draft.

The year of 1986 would be the start of David's European career. The first season was in Malaga, Spain which is where his daughter, Aletta was born. He spent 5 seasons playing throughout Spain accompanied by his wife, Decoras and Aletta. In 1991, his team Club Basquet Liria won the Spanish Championship. David would also play 2 seasons in Israel. Two seasons in Switzerland where his team Spirou Basket Club won the Swiss Championship in 1996. One season in Argentina and 1 season split between Belgium and France.

After retiring from professional basketball in 1998, David, Aletta and Decoras moved to San Diego where they currently reside. Currently, he works for Astra Zeneca Pharmaceuticals and has been in the pharmaceutical industry for 17 years. He is a member of the National Basketball Retired Players Association and attends almost all of the All Star Weekends and conferences held each every summer. He lends his time to the NBA Cares Program as well as speaking and volunteering to those who are less fortunate.

COOKE LEARNING RAPIDLY FREE AGENT FINDS KINGS' CAMP TOUGH

THE SACRAMENTO BEE - October 5, 1985 by R.E. Graswich Bee Staff Writer

As David Cooke bends down to tie his shoelaces, he finds comfort in uncertainty. 'I'm just glad to be here,' he says, repeating the free agent's creed. 'I didn't come here with any expectations, none at all. You can't have expectations when you don't know how long you're going to be around.'

Like all free agents, Cooke's career is measured in days, not years. He celebrated an anniversary Friday, completing his first week at the **Sacramento Kings' Yuba College training camp**.

Cooke, a 6-foot-7 rookie forward from St. Mary's and **Christian Brothers High School**, still has a long road to travel. He must demonstrate his abilities in exhibition games and bridge the canyon from college play to the NBA.

But, as he says, at least he is here. The satisfaction of progressing from the Kings' summer camp for rookies and free agents to the veteran's camp now in progress helps Cooke overcome his anxieties.

'I've got a lot to learn,' he says. 'I've got to improve all aspects of my game, everything. But when I get down on myself, I just think of how far I've come in this game, and all the things I've accomplished. That helps me keep my confidence up.'

Cooke praises the summer camp for making the current stage of his life easier. He says the Kings' system is difficult to learn, and hints his situation might have been hopeless if not for the education he received in the July league. 'It helped tremendously,' he says. 'There is so much to learn, and there are new things you've got to learn every day. You've got to catch it or it passes you by. What I'm saying is, there really isn't a lot of time to catch on.'

After one week of training camp, Cooke's grasp of the game has impressed Kings coach Phil Johnson. 'He's very smart and he reported in good shape,' Johnson says. 'He's doing a very good job. It's difficult to compare how guys progress, because everyone's different. But it really shows that he worked hard in the summer league.'

Johnson was uncertain Friday of the role Cooke will be given during the Kings' first exhibition game Sunday against the Indiana Pacers. 'Some guys won't play in the first game, but David will get time during the exhibition season,' Johnson says.

When Cooke does play, he expects to find the pace of play more ferocious than anything he's experienced before. 'It's nothing like college ball,' he says of the training camp's physical demands. 'The players are so much better. And there's a lot more intensity out there.'

Cooke's intensity might be fueled by the fact that he is the only homegrown talent represented on Sacramento's first major-league franchise. 'My old friends from school have been very helpful,' he says, adding that his status as a semi-celebrity hasn't produced dozens of calls from people he hasn't seen in years. 'No one's asked me for any tickets,' he says.

FOR COOKE, BRIEF STINT IN NBA WAS A BITTERSWEET EXPERIENCE

THE SACRAMENTO BEE - November 24, 1985 written by S. L. PRICE

Barring a career-ending injury, there is perhaps no worse feeling in sports than what David Cooke is feeling now. Let go. Abandoned. Not good enough. For a short, short time, Cooke's passage read much like a Horatio Alger success story. Now, apparently, it's over.

A product of **Christian Brothers High School**, the 6-foot-7 forward was passed over completely in the 1985 draft, but so impressed the Sacramento Kings with his potential that the club waived two proven veterans - Peter Verhoeven and Ed Nealy - to keep him.

A new team in a new city. And the local boy made good. The story was a natural, but so was what happened next. Cooke played in six of the team's first 10 games, averaging 1.5 points and 1.7 rebounds in 6.3 minutes, and the Kings, off to a 4-7 start, suddenly felt they could gamble no longer.

The team signed free-agent forward Terry Tyler, a seven-year vet, to an offer sheet Monday and two days later completed the deal with Detroit, and Cooke was immediately waived to make room for him.

It all happened so quickly, the success and the release, that Cooke is still confused about his reaction.

'I wasn't surprised - I read the same things in the paper that everybody else reads,' Cooke said. 'I wasn't really surprised as much as shocked, really.'

'I felt like I was a part of the team,' said Cooke, pausing for a moment. 'When something like this happens ... I was a little shocked.'

'But I don't look at it as a knock on myself. It's just a move that's better for them right now. I don't feel it was a knock - he's a better ballplayer right now and I have to work hard to achieve that.'

Cooke received the news Wednesday from coach Phil Johnson, and is taking it harder than he first expected. When he didn't know what his chances were in training camp, Cooke had said he wasn't sure what he'd do if he didn't make the club, but he didn't know then if basketball was something worth chasing.

He didn't know if he wanted to play in the Continental Basketball Association or try for a job in the field he graduated with from St. Mary's communications. But now, after tasting a bit of the NBA life, his appetite has been sharpened. He knows.

'I really didn't know what to expect, playing in the NBA,' Cooke said of life in the league. 'Now that I've played, though, it makes me want to play harder to get back.'

Cooke's agent, Paul Pelosi, is currently looking into Cooke's options the CBA, European ball, or a job hunt for a more conventional occupation, but the cut still hurts.

'I felt that they gave me a fair opportunity, a good look,' Cooke said. 'I'm happy with the chance to be able to play; I think the organization was good to me.'

KINGS WHITTLE ROSTER DOWN TO OPENING-NIGHT 12

THE SACRAMENTO BEE - October 21, 1985 By S.L. Price Bee Staff Writer

The Sacramento Kings leave this morning for Reno, but don't expect Joe Axelson and Phil Johnson to spend all night at the blackjack table. Their bets have already been placed.

And after studying the odds and arguing the pros and cons, the Kings general manager and coach decided to place their money on a trio of long shots. In an emphatic shift toward youth, the Kings made their final roster cuts Sunday morning, releasing veteran forwards Peter Verhoeven, Ed Nealy and six-year guard Geoff Huston and keeping the three rookies - Michael Adams, David Cooke and Carl Henry - who had the most to prove when camp opened almost a month ago. Spin the wheel, roll the dice.

'It's the toughest (decision) I've ever made, ever had to do since I've been coaching,' said Kings coach Phil Johnson of the decision.

Figure it: The Kings knew Huston from his six-year stint in the league and they've been watching Verhoeven and Nealy for the past few years; looking for off-the-bench minutes, they knew none of those players would hurt them. But the team passed on the experience factor and instead decided to fill out their roster with players who, at the outset, didn't seem to have much of a chance.

'It was a tough debate,' said Kings general manager Joe Axelson. 'But I'd rather have four guys with potential to improve than older guys who set their level. If a Cooke turns out to be a guy who can play meaningful minutes... and he might, we don't know that he can, and we don't know that he can't.'

Henry, a 6-foot-5 guard from the University of Kansas, was cut from the squad last year and had to come in hungry. And he did, proving it by winning the one-mile and two-mile runs, shooting well and handling the ball better than he ever has. Then there was Adams, the guard from Boston College who is listed at 5-11, but looks more like 5-9. While Huston impressed the Kings during the team's rookie/free agent summer league, Adams was forced to sit out because of a knee injury and was pretty much a mystery when fall camp began.

And of course there's Cooke, the longest shot of all. Passed over completely in the 1985 draft, the former St. Mary's center and drummer in the Christian Brothers High School marching band kept working and improving at the unfamiliar small forward spot to the point where the Kings couldn't ignore his potential.

Before Cooke came to the team's summer league, Axelson had seen him play just once, and figured to give him an invitation because of his local ties. 'We had seen a tape of him and we weren't impressed,' said Axelson. 'He played center for them, and he was like a poor man's Elvin Hayes. If he had been from Key West, Florida, he wouldn't be here today.'

But he is, and on the way to Reno for tonight's 8 o'clock exhibition contest against the Golden State Warriors. For his part, it was quite a gamble for Cooke to go to the Kings' fall camp in the first place. He had been offered guaranteed money to play in Spain, and the Phoenix Suns had also invited him to their fall session. But he wanted to work in his hometown.

'My first reaction was "Thank God,"' said Cooke. 'I was really excited; I didn't know when it was coming. I was just ready to jump, make noise - I was real excited.'

While he's aware of the odds Cooke overcame, Axelson feels that Henry was the biggest upset of the three. To make the team, Henry had to play well enough to convince the team that it needed to carry five guards. And he also had to show improvement over last year's camp. He did.

'He convinced me he wanted to play in the league,' said Johnson. 'He convinced me he can shoot the basketball. A guy that can shoot the open shot there's got to be a place for him in this league.'

'I think this year I'm taking my time to run through things,' said Henry. 'I'm not in a hurry anymore. In the early part of camp, I was kind of erratic, but now I feel good; I just get out there and play.'

With the team's opening game just five days away, there were no big plans to celebrate for any of the rookies, who with center Joe Kleine make up a third of the team.

'I'm not going to celebrate,' said Adams. 'With the season coming up, now I'm just looking forward to playing. I'm calling my mom to tell her I made it, but that's the only celebrating I'm going to do.'

Johnson told Nealy, Verhoeven and Huston of his decision before practice Sunday morning, in what Verhoeven calls 'about the longest 45 seconds there is.'

'I had just gotten taped,' said Verhoeven, who was cut by Portland a year ago. 'And he came in and gave me a funny look and said I've got to talk to you. I told him, "you sure know how to ruin a guy's day."'

'First you go into shock,' said Verhoeven of his immediate reaction. 'You don't know what to say and your stomach drops out. And they don't know what to say; you know, they thank you for your hard work. And then ...' And then you wait.

Verhoeven and Nealy plan to go home, and hope that another team calls. After a six-year term with three teams, Huston, too, will wait it out. He was also waived by a different club - the Cleveland Cavaliers - last fall, but he's not allowing the failure to make the Kings to discourage his quest for a comeback.

'I respect their decision to go with youth, but all I can do is know I gave it my best shot,' said Huston, who took the cut philosophically. 'That's the route they wanted to go; who am I to argue? Of course, my dream doesn't stop.'

Kings notebook - The cuts bring the Kings to the required limit of 12 players, but the Kings said they would continue to scan the waiver wires about possibilities. Axelson is not completely satisfied with Adams as a backup; he thinks he'll do fine in spot situations, but is wary should a starter be knocked out because of injury. Still, he doesn't believe the Kings will be making any drastic moves. 'No roster is completely set, but we're not anticipating making a change,' he said ... The Kings practice was punctuated Sunday morning by the overwhelming smell of wet paint, as arena workers go into overdrive trying to finish the building in time for the opener. Tonight's game at the Lawlor Events Center kicks off a weeklong string of events leading up to Friday night's big event ... Center LaSalle Thompson, on the presence of four rookies on the team: 'I think that's good they want to go with youth especially since I'm young.'

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS "FALCONS"



Christian Brothers High School

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL

NO.	NAME	HT.	WT.	YR.
10	Greg Murphy	6-3	180	12
11	Cesar Plasencia	6-1	145	12
12	Dan Sullivan	6-2	178	12
13	Rob Delgado	5-9	145	11
14	Paul Hovey	6-0	170	12
15	Larry Kopple	5-10	165	12
20	Jim Jimenez	6-2	165	11
21	Victor Bruce	6-4	175	12
22	Bruce Slaughter	6-0	180	12
23	Bob Stancell	6-0	163	12
24	Anthony Rowel	6-2	155	12
25	Jim Daly	6-3	180	11
30	Rob Mulligan	5-9	156	11
31	Steve Heppell	6-5	185	12
32	Dave Cooke	6-6	220	12

Enrollment.....	800
Colors.....	Red & Blue
Mascot.....	Falcons
League.....	Metro
Last Years Record.....	4-26
Varsity Coach.....	Joe Gill
Assistant Coach.....	Jim Gill
Sophomore Coach.....	Jon Kaempler
Freshman Coach.....	Steve Perich
Athletic Director.....	Ron Limberger
Principal.....	Br. Jerome Gallegos, F.A.C.
Manager.....	Matt Kuroski
Trainer.....	Waltrido Montemayor



Staff Photo by Scott Sommerdorf

St. Mary's Antoine Murchison, 6-foot-6½, applies defensive pressure to Christian Brothers' David Cooke, 6-8. St. Mary's won the battle of the big men and the game, 55-43, Friday to advance to the finals of the Jesuit Christmas Classic.

Jesuit's huge cheering section claims to be the Marauder's "sixth man." Rumors are beginning to circulate that it's an unusually loud prayer group.

For the second straight night, the Marauders pulled out a win in their seventh annual Christmas Classic on a last-second prayer of a shot. Jesuit downed Sacred Heart of San Francisco 47-46 Friday to advance to the finals against unbeaten St. Mary's of Stockton, 55-43 winner over Christian Brothers.

In other games, Bishop of Phoenix, Ariz., advanced to the consolation championship, as did Bellarmine of San Jose, by downing St. Patrick's of Vallejo 69-69. Bellarmine beat Loyola of Los Angeles 69-61.

In an ending resembling that of a trite made-for-television movie, Steve Chelini hit an 18-foot jump shot from the left corner with time running out to give Jesuit the win. As if the fact that the shot came at the last second wasn't enough, the ball rolled around for "at least an hour," according to Marauder Coach John Dille, before dropping as the red light flashed behind the backboard.

"AT FIRST I THOUGHT it was going to swish," Chelini said of his shot. "Then, when it started rolling around I thought, 'Oh, no, it's coming out.' The thing hung there for three seconds, but it seemed like forever."

Chelini had hit only one other basket, also in the final quarter. The last shot was supposed to be taken by Tom Arndorfer, whose jumper with 15 seconds remaining carried Jesuit past St. Patrick's in the opening round.

Arndorfer finished with a game-high 26 points Friday, but playing second banana to Chelini didn't disturb him in the least.

"We were going for a sideline break," Arndorfer explained. "I was going to cut to the free-throw line and take a pass. But when I got the ball, I was 30 feet out and I had no shot. But Chili (Chelini) made a great one. It was scary, though."

While Chelini's shot was the clincher, some rather risky strategy by Dille allowed the shot to be so meaningful. With Jesuit down 46-43 and 25 seconds remaining, Arndorfer fouled John Carey. Jesuit called two consecutive timeouts. Carey missed the first end of his one-and-one and Chelini scored. Jesuit then used its last timeout, fouled Dave Villaroman intentionally and

then gathered in the missed shot to set up the winning basket.

"At least we got a couple of minutes of rest out of those timeouts," Dille said. "God, we needed it, the way we were running that full-court press."

Sacred Heart employed full-court pressure throughout the game, but Jesuit's dogged fourth-quarter drained the life blood out of the Fighting Irish offense, which could produce only eight fourth-quarter points.

AS IS OFTEN THE CASE when two larger-than-life players meet on the court, it is the lesser stars who shine most brightly. It worked out that way when the Christian Brothers Falcons, led by 6-foot-4 center Dave Cooke, met the St. Mary's Rams of Stockton, whose key player is center Antoine Murchison.

St. Mary's increased its record to 9-0 by dousing the Falcons, but it did so on the strength of some clutch free-throw shooting by Ron Green and a relentless zone

Prep basketball

press and not because the 6-4; Murchison outshined Cooke.

Cooke finished with eight points and Murchison with 11. Both men had their moments — Murchison stealing the ball from Cooke on several occasions and Cooke halting two of his opponent's shots into the stands — and pretty much divided up control of the boards. But Reggie Washington, the Rams' other big man, hit 13 points and helped out on Cooke. At times, there were so many arms around Cooke that he needed a snorkel to breathe.

"He (Murchison) isn't the best I've played," Cooke said. "But he plays good pressure defense."

"There were gangling up on me, so I knew we had someone open and I was looking to pass. Part of our trouble, though, was that some of the guys were forcing the ball in to me and we weren't driving like we should have."

Green led the Ram press that limited the Falcons to nine fourth-quarter points, and hit all six of his free throws in the final quarter. He finished with 14 points, while Stan Heppell led Christian Brothers with 16.

Mark Alarie scored 29 points and grabbed 18 rebounds to lead Roughy to a 60-58 win over St. Patrick's of Vallejo in a boys' bracket game.

Grant, JFK Dominate All-City Cage Squad

Earl Smith, the 5-foot-4 guard whose perimeter shooting and accurate dribbling, passing and defensive skills led Grant High School to the finals of the Sacramento Section AAA Tournament of Champions, is The

Bee's Most Valuable Basketball Player for 1980-81.

The senior guard made his first appearance on The Bee's All-Metro team last year. This season, he compiled a 17.4 scoring average. The Pacers were

27-7, completing the Capital Athletic League schedule without a defeat. St. Mary's of Stockton beat Grant 76-65 for the section championship.

Steve Williams of Grant, completing his second season, is Coach of the Year.

Playing for the championship against St. Mary's was the final triumph for a Pacer season that witnessed frustration, tragedy and success.

Grant was forever looking up at opponents. Grant's biggest players were 6-2. But with aggressive leaping and strong offensive rebounding, the Pacers neutralized most foes.

On Thursday, Dec. 18, the Pacers played Academics of Lafayette in the opening round of the Anderson Invitational Tournament. After the game, Grant forward Claus Jessie Atkins collapsed in the gymnasium's bleachers. Within an hour, Atkins was pronounced dead at Memorial Hospital in Redding.

Cause of death was listed as cardiopulmonary failure, but Shasta County Coroner Joe Kohn said, "We don't know why and I don't think anybody ever will."

The Pacers continued in the tournament at the request of Atkins' parents and lost to Anderson 45-47 in the championship game. As a team, the Pacers have never spoken of Atkins' death, according to Williams.

Prior to the St. Mary's game March 7, the Pacers' most recent defeat was Feb. 7, when top-ranked Kennedy beat Grant 66-55.

In that game, Kennedy demonstrated the strength that kept the Cougars No. 1 since the season's first week, the inside shooting of 6-5 senior Mike Westbrook and 6-4 junior Kirwin Matthews and the anywhere-on-the-court attack of 6-2 junior Ernest Lee.



Bee Photos

Coach of the Year Steve Williams, left, and Most Valuable Player Earl Smith was top honors for Grant.



DAVE COOKE

MIKE MOUNTS

Christian Brothers

The biggest player in the metro area, Cooke's defensive presence forced opponents into the perimeter. Cooke, who will attend St. Mary's College in Moraga, is also a capable ball-handler and strong shooter. He averaged 16 points per game and 11.8 rebounds for Christian Brothers, which finished 14-14.



JON JORDAN
Highlands

The Highlands Scots had a difficult season — three starters were removed from the team for disciplinary reasons — but Jordan held the squad together, leading Highlands to the semifinals of the Sac-Joquin Section AAA Tournament of Champions. Grant beat the Scots in the TOC, but Jordan finished the regular season with an 18.6 scoring average and a 13.2 rebound average.

Davis

At Davis, Mounts was surrounded by multi-talented teammates; the Blue Devils struggled through the Delta League season. Mounts, occasionally shooting from the perimeter and forever dominating the inside on offense and defense, became the most consistent scorer and rebounder. He averaged 23.7 points per game — best in the metro area.



MIKE WESTBROOK
Kennedy

Kennedy was an explosive team, often breaking open a close game during a three- or four-minute push in the second or third quarter. Westbrook generally provided the spark. Against St. Mary's, he scored 12 points in the third quarter as the Cougars shook early game ineffectiveness. Westbrook finished the regular season with a 16.2 point average and a comparable rebounding figure.

Kennedy dominates the All-Metro team and honorable mention category with Westbrook, Matthews and Lee representing the Cougars. Westbrook was second for MVP honors.

Kennedy pushed St. Mary's to double overtime in section semifinals before falling 65-64. The Cougars, 25-2, were defeated by Highlands 76-72 during the second week of December.

The Bee's 1981 All-Metro Team

Dave Cooke, Christian Brothers, 6-6, senior
Mike Mounts, Davis, 6-7, senior
Mike Westbrook, Kennedy, 6-5, senior
Jon Jordan, Highlands, 6-4, senior

Most Valuable Player

Earl Smith, Grant, 5-6, senior

Coach Of The Year

Steve Williams, Grant

Special Dedication

Claus Jessie Atkins, Grant senior who died Dec. 18 of undetermined causes at Anderson Invitational Tournament

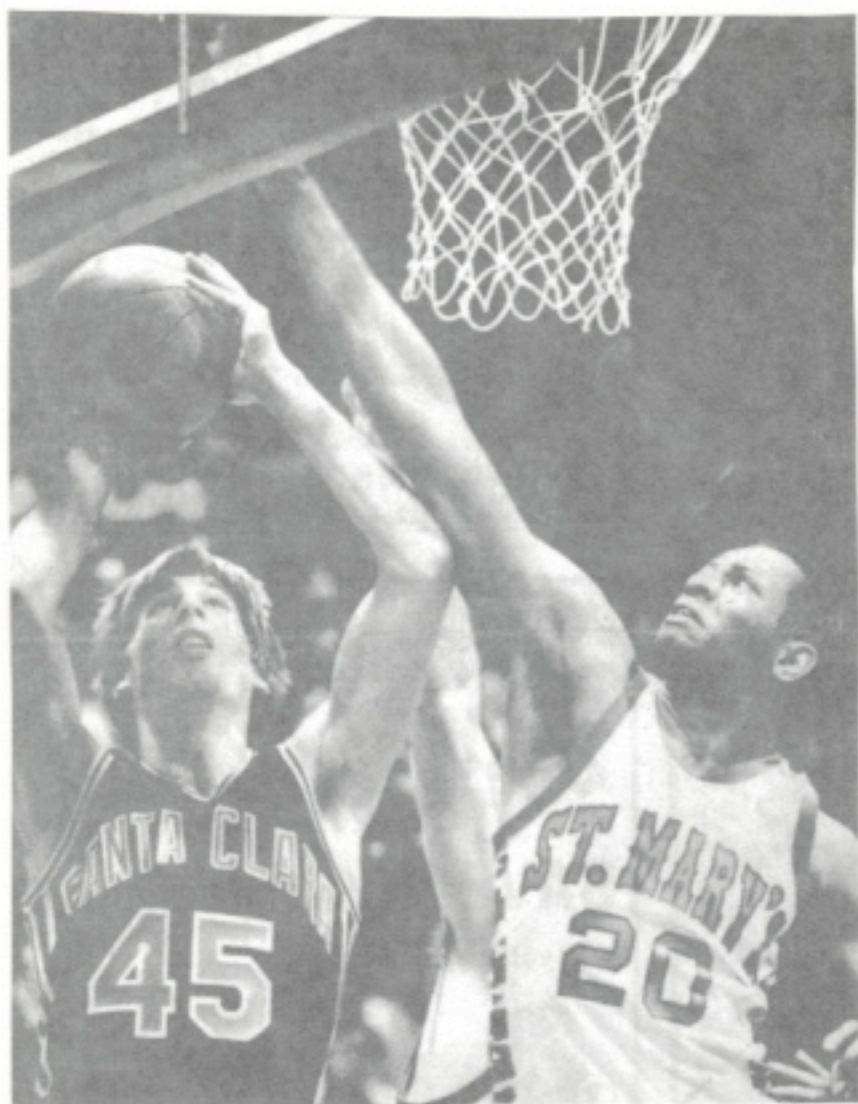
Honorable Mention

Tom Anderson, Jesuit, 6-2, senior; Robbie Bosco, Roseville, 6-3, senior; Tyrone Davenport, Norte Del Rio, 6-4, senior; Kale Fitzhugh, Nevada Union, 5-10, senior; Jeff Hook, Del Campo, 6-5, senior; Jon Leake, C.K. McClatchy, 6-1, senior; Derek Lee, Sacramento, 6-2, junior; Ernest Lee, Kennedy, 6-2, junior; Karwin Matthews, Kennedy, 6-6, junior; Derrick Monroe, Johnson, 6-1, senior; Ladd McConnell, Endev, 6-3, senior; Darryl McDaniel, Burbank, 6-7, junior; Ken Nachbar, San Juan, 6-0, senior; Luke Norgard, Elk Grove, 6-5, senior.

NOTE — Athletes from the following leagues are eligible for All-Metro Team: Metropolitan, Capital Athletic, Delta, Capital Valley, Sierra Football and Golden Empire.



OPTIMIST ALL STARS 1981



OVER

Williams burns Gaels

By DON ZUPAN
Associate sports editor

MORAGA — Santa Clara's Derryll Williams missed practice all week long because of a hamstring injury but emphasized, "I tried to keep my head into the game."

Thursday night the 6-4 senior came off the bench in the second half to spark Carroll Williams' Broncos to a 74-48 victory over the St. Mary's College Galloping Gaels.

Derryll, playing 21 minutes, garnered 16 of his 14 points after intermission.

His driving layup with 1:30 remaining and a pair of free throws 37 seconds later gave Santa Clara a 70-43 advantage after the Gaels closed within three on a David Cooke field goal.

That proved enough to hold off the young Gaels and head Bill Oates' squad its fourth loss against one West Coast Athletic Conference victory. The Broncos are 2-3.

Santa Clara, a team hit hard by injuries this week, led at the half, 35-20 as Michael Norman connected with a pair of free throws after being fouled by SMC's Peter Thibeaux.

Suggested Oates, "That was a crucial call right at the half-time buzzer, it didn't look like a foul to me."

The Broncos built their lead to 51-36 before Thibeaux sparked a St. Mary's rally with help from freshman guard Paul Pickett and senior guard David Vann.

Norman and Thibeaux tied for game scoring honors with 14 points apiece. Thibeaux had nine rebounds.

The 6-7 Norman, usually a forward, was moved into the pivot because starting center Dan Larson is out with a leg injury.

Pickett, getting a rare starting appearance, netted 14 points for the Gaels and Vann had 13. Oates said soph guard Franklin Rhodes did not play because of disciplinary reasons.

Pickett, the former San Mateo High star, added, "I guess I earned the starting job."

He indicated the Broncos' 3-2 defense gave the Gaels problems. "It was hard to get inside."

Bronco Coach Carroll Williams heaved a sigh of relief after the contest saying, "That was a nice win. Derryll really contributed after not being able to practice Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Hopkins (Gary) was hurting too. He had a dislocated finger, the worst I've ever seen."

"But he did a great job of defending Vann. He held David to a pair of field goals in the first half, that was a big plus for us. Thibeaux and Vann are super players."

Saturday night the ninth-ranked University of San Francisco Dons pay a visit to McKesson Pavilion. Tip-off is 7:30 p.m.

The Gael Goal Club is hosting a chicken barbecue dinner in the old gym beginning at 4:30 p.m.

CELEBRATING THE 'ORIGINAL' SACRAMENTO KINGS
Kings: They ruled Tuesday nights

► FROM PAGE C1
 autograph and mug for pictures -
 for free - at the current Arco Arena
 starting at 2 p.m. They will also
 be recognized at halftime of the
 7 p.m. game against the Los
 Angeles Clippers.

"That first year was the year,"
 said Kluga director of player per-
 sonnel Jerry Reynolds, whose first
 NBA job was as an assistant coach
 that season. "It was like a great
 marriage. Everything was so new
 and exciting. And the Kings
 changed the image of the city. I
 think a lot of people always felt
 down-trodden compared to San
 Francisco and Los

Angeles. There was
 never a reason to
 feel that way, but
 it was true.

"But with the
 Kings, Sacramento
 was able to com-
 pete against New
 York, Chicago and
 Los Angeles. It was
 something special."

First, there was
 the adjustment for
 the players. Kansas
 City fans were
 apathetic to the
 Kings. Former
 coach Cotton

Fittonness once
 suggested the team
 was the fourth-
 most popular in the
 region behind the
 Chiefs, the Royals
 and golfer Tom



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 Sacramento
 News-Journal
George Lusk brought
 the Kings from Kansas
 City, Mo., to Sacramento.

W. J. ...



Fans packed the first Arco Arena during the 1985-86 season to watch players such as, from left, Reggie Theus, LaSalle Thompson and Eddie Johnson.

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And where the heck was Marcia...
...book who was raised in sunny Southern California, offered a curt response when initially informed the Kings would relocate West: "Sacramento ain't California."
But a funny thing happened. Later in the 1984-85 season, the Kings stopped by Sacramento after a game at Golden State. Some 5,000 fans greeted the team at the airport. Thousands packed into American River College to watch them practice.
"It was wild, like a concert," said LaSalle Thompson, then the Kings' starting center and still a Sacramento resident. "The fans in Kansas City didn't care anymore. The fans here were rabid."
The Kings started 9-22 that season, but raucous Alton was bursting at the seams. The 10,533 who wedged inside the arena didn't seem to really care when the Milwaukee Bucks roared to a 34-point

lead during our game. They cheered everything.
They offered standing ovations to such NBA stars as Abdul Jabbar, Julius Erving and Larry Bird, then proceeded to rattle their eardrums. It only got louder when the Kings got better. Coach Phil Johnson tinkered with the lineup. Woodchen ignored his bad knee and the push was on.
The Kings were 11-0 on Tuesday nights, a quiet feat that drew additional attention, but the real test during that streak came when the eventual NBA champion Boston Celtics visited town Feb. 11, 1986. Bird, the league MVP that season and an 88.8 percent career free-throw shooter, missed two foul-shot attempts late to seal a 105-100 Kings victory and later that night peered up his last bet wagers with brews to Soyuzdelb, a fellow French Lick, Ind., native. For years, Bird said that Alton season was the loud one he had ever encountered.
"That old Alton, we'll never see anything like it again," said cur-

rent Los Angeles Lakers assistant Frank Hamblen, who was then a Kings assistant. "That crowd came on to the playoffs."
The Kings finished 37-45 and inched into the postseason. That they were swept by the NBA Finals-bound Houston Rockets in three first-round games hardly seemed to matter. The Kings were here.

The future appeared bright. The team averaged 108.8 points, led by a young core of Johnson (18.7), Thoma (18.5), Woodson (15.6), Thompson (12.8) and Thorpe (11.9).
But the Kings' future was altered on opening night, Oct. 25, 1985, when the Clippers came to town (hence, the reason for tonight). Two bad things happened. The Clippers won 108-106, making for a disaster for thousands who had marched in wowing tandem, and Derek Smith torched the Kings for 36 points.
If Kings management hadn't already been a bit enamored of

Smith, they were salivating at the prospect of acquiring him by this time.
After the season, general manager Joe Aronson made the most, vilified, crippling trade in the Kings' Sacramento tenure, shipping Woodson, Drew and a No. 1 draft pick for Smith, Franklin Edwards and Junior Bridgeman.
The team learned years later the Clippers didn't intend to match any free-agent offers for Smith, so all their soul to acquire him.

"I think Aronson panicked, because he wound Derek so bad," Thompson said.
"I killed our team. You can lay that dust on Joe's lap. We had a great thing going, great chemistry, good team."
Smith was a bust, slowed by knee injuries and an inability to get along with teammates. Before long, the original Sacramento Kings team was intertwined away by trades and cuts. The Kings didn't make the playoffs for 10 more

seasons.
Kleiser found out he was traded to Boston in 1989, when he was plucked out of the delivery room, where his wife, Dana, was giving birth to their first child.
"It was an overwhelming day," Kleiser said from Fayetteville, Ark., where he owns a barbecue restaurant and lives with Dana and their four children. "I hated to leave."
"I'll always remember that first year and how great the fans were and how loyal they were. Even when we played awful, terrible basketball years later, those fans were still there. Everything would change - players, coaches, general managers - but not the fans."
"The biggest disappointment for the original Kings is we could never give the fans something real special back."

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DEPORTES

BALONCESTO

La incertidumbre crece entre los jugadores al no recibir noticias por parte de la directiva

Cooke: «Yo quiero seguir en Liria, pero no sé si la directiva desea que me quede»

JORGE AGUADÉ

La continuidad de muchos jugadores del Liria está en el aire. La preocupación está presente en la mayoría de los integrantes de la primera plantilla, ya que sólo Paco Jiménez y Paco Aulioles tienen clara su continuidad en el conjunto edetano.

La directiva está trabajando en el tema de la documentación que le exige la ACB, y Morató, que se encontraba ayer en Barcelona, espera a tener al menos más claro el tema de su ingreso en la liga profesional para renovar a sus jugadores o contratar a otros.

La incertidumbre no sólo reina en Liria, sino que tanto Bilbao como Mallorca y Andorra siguen a la espera de que la liga pueda rechazar la admisión del Liria para presentar con celeridad sus candidaturas. El Cajabibao estará en la asamblea de la ACB que se celebrará el próximo 7 de junio, aunque no es equipo de la competición al haber descendido tras el play-off ante el Puleva. Los vascos están preparando todos los papeles para, en caso de que el Liria no ascenda, presentar rápidamente su candidatura a la plaza vacante.

Uno de los jugadores al que no se le ha dado respuesta es David Cooke. El norteamericano espera a que el equipo se dirija a él para darle una explicación sobre su futuro. El pivote norteamericano del Liria no ha recibido todavía ninguna explicación: «No sé nada todavía, aunque éste es un tema que lleva mi agente. A mí —comenta Cooke— me gustaría seguir en Liria, pero la directiva no me ha comentado nada.»

En la misma situación se encuentran otros jugadores que tras la buena campaña realizada han recibido ofertas de otros equipos de ACB. La mayoría de ellos, ya que se lo han ganado



Cooke quiso despedirse de la afición hasta el próximo año, juntos, en la ACB.

J. V. ROJAS

en la pista, desearían seguir en Liria. Al ser profesionales y recibir ofertas de otros equipos, podrían pensárselo dos veces y marcharse. Además, estos equipos tiene la certeza de estar la próxima temporada en la ACB, mientras que en Liria el temor a la encerrona de la máxima competición crece día a día.

Despedida

El jugador norteamericano ha querido despedirse de la afición edetana tras un año entre ellos.

David Cooke, que mantiene la esperanza de seguir en Liria, con un «nos veremos el año que viene todos en la liga ACB» se marcha de vacaciones a California, desde donde recibirá información de su agente de las diferentes ofertas que pueda disponer.

Cooke ha ofrecido al resto de sus compañeros la parte de la prima que le corresponde al haber ascendido al equipo a la liga ACB. El norteamericano quiere agradecer de este modo el apo-

yo que ha tenido tanto por parte de sus compañeros como de la afición, de la que ha dicho: «es increíble».

La prima que el jugador americano puede entregar a sus compañeros puede alcanzar 160.000 pesetas. Otra de las zonas por las que el jugador donado su parte del dinero es el único que ha cobrado la totalidad de sus honorarios, más tras que a sus compañeros les adeudan tres meses.



Colecor 77 / Guadalajara 102

COLOR VISITANTE

Cancha: Polideportivo de la Juventud, Linares. CINCO INICIALES: COLECOR: Padrao, Stone, Brandon, Morrow y García. ELABORADOR: García (m. 22) y Sierra (m. 20). GUADALAJARA: García, Roche, Burges, Miller y Allen. Elaborador Roche (m. 36). Árbitro: Meléndez (3) y María (3).

- El partido fue dominado ampliamente por el Guadalajara de principio a fin.
- Los locales tuvieron un día negro en el tiro a canasta, lo que fue bien aprovechado por el equipo visitante para obtener una cómoda victoria.

José Manuel JARRO

EL GIGANTE DEL PARTIDO: MILLER Y ALLEN MÁXIMO ANOTADOR: ALLEN

Equipo COLECOR			Equipo GUADALAJARA		
Jugador	Pts.	Cab.	Jugador	Pts.	Cab.
Padrao	0	1	García	7	2
Stone	0	1	Pradigo	7	2
Brandon	0	1	Roche	11	2
Simon	13	1	Burges	14	2
Angulo	0	1	Pradigo	0	1
Brandon	28	0	Miller	30	3
Sierra	6	1	Allen	20	2
Morrow	23	0	Estrella	2	1
García	7	1			
Cabaca	1	0			

Coronas 74 / Liria 80

ABURRIMIENTO GENERALIZADO

Cancha: Polideportivo de Tamaracito, 1.500 personas y 250.000 pesetas de recaudación. CINCO INICIALES: CORONAS: Sobis, Shelton, Eric Lorenzo, C. Pérez y Stewart. LIRIA: Sotik, Palombizio, Pérez, Asdrubal y Alvarado. Árbitro: Cuadros (8) y Herrera (8).

- A pesar de la mala actuación arbitral, el Liria fue superior al Coronas y logró una victoria justa.
- La desastrosa actuación de Shelton con 5 faltas de 22 acciones propició el resultado adverso para su equipo.

Hernando TARRA

EL GIGANTE DEL PARTIDO: DESERTO MÁXIMO ANOTADOR: PALOMBIZO

Equipo CORONAS			Equipo LIRIA		
Jugador	Pts.	Cab.	Jugador	Pts.	Cab.
Sobis	3	0	Sotik	16	2
Shelton	15	0	Palombizio	20	2
E. Lorenzo	8	0	Pérez	0	1
C. Pérez	6	1	Asdrubal	7	1
Stewart	26	2	Alvarado	6	1
E. Pérez	11	1	Cuadros	2	1
Pérez	7	0	De Pablo	6	1
Polo	0	1	Fernando	0	1

Coalsa 73 / Caixa Ourense 90

NO DAN UNA

Cancha: Pabellón de los Deportes, 2.000 espectadores. CINCO INICIALES: COALSA: Elio, Sipi, Herremaginos, Yrausa y Balboa. ELABORADOR: Elio (m. 37), Chao (m. 26) y Sipi (m. 40). CAIXA OURENSE: Fajardo, Gil, Washington, Cuadros y Galván. Elaborador Washington (m. 37). Árbitro: Melero (3) y Herrera (3).

- Continúan las cirruffas sin dar una a derechos. El juego de equipo dejó mucho que desear y no tardaron en rodar cabezas.
- La ausencia, siempre errática, tuvieron en Sergio Cuadros a su mejor momento.

EL GIGANTE DEL PARTIDO: COTERÓN MÁXIMO ANOTADOR: COTERÓN

Equipo COALSA			Equipo CAIXA OURENSE		
Jugador	Pts.	Cab.	Jugador	Pts.	Cab.
Elio	4	0	Fajardo	2	1
Sipi	10	1	Gil	10	2
Yrausa	26	1	Washington	20	3
Herremaginos	4	2	Cuadros	10	3
Balboa	22	0	Galván	6	1
Pavantes	0	1	Mudryga	5	2
Chao	6	3	García	6	1
Rueda	0	1	Cuadros	0	1
Méndez	0	1	Galván	4	1



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**ESCOLTA
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HENRY**



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