

# WILDCATS 24-126 SHROPSHIRE

A season of hope and promise started with this first game against Shropshire for whom coach Athanasios Noltsis had coached this group for a couple of years and a club started by Richard Parkes back in 1989.

But the hope and promise flickered as Wildcats went into a baptism of fire against a Shropshire side who included three players on the verge of International honours and saw the Salopians get off to a flier with a two minute 7-0 lead.

Wildcats came back strongly and reduced the deficit to three points after five minutes 9-6.

The Shropshire coach at this point decided to press something he did for the rest of the game, and with the Wildcats ill prepared for this type of pressure defense started committing numerous unforced errors and allowed the Salopians the luxury of a n 18-2 spell to lead 27-8 as the game moved into the second quarter.

The second quarter saw numerous turnovers from the Wildcats mainly through a failure of coming to meet the pass, or not looking to get open to make the guards job easier, as a result the half finished with a total of 39 Wildcats turnovers which is about 20 more than one would want in a whole game. This enabled the Shropshire side to outscore the Wildcats 26-2 to lead at the break

53-12

The second half saw Shropshire again have the better of the opening exchanges 8-4, before Neil good was replaced due to foul trouble and so the Wildcats was now always going to struggle under the boards and as the game entered the final quarter Shropshire were in the middle of a 44-0 spell as Wildcats committed a further 41 second half turnovers.....

A couple of late 3-pointers from head and Stevens enabled the Wildcats to finish on a good note after going down 126-24.

A long hard season is ahead for the Wildcats, but the potential and promise is still there and with hard work the squad will be better prepared for the 2000-2001 season.



**Chris Stevens 10 pts**

This will be after work on basic fundamentals and work on getting free and proper spacing on the court.

	Ms	2G	3G	TG	FT	D	O	[T]	To	S	A	B	F	Pts
C. Stevens	40	11-02 18%	4-2 50%	15-04 27%	0-0	3	2	[ 5 ]	5	4	0	0	2	10
B. Head	40	04-02 50%	4-1 25%	08-03 38%	2-1	3	1	[ 4 ]	22	1	3	2	3	8
E Parry	35	07-00	0-0	07-00	0-0	8	2	[10]	10	1	0	1	2	0
C. Frost	28	04-03 75%	0-0	04-03 75%	0-0	3	0	[ 3 ]	22	1	0	0	2	6
N. Goode	27	01-00	0-0	01-00	0-0	11	0	[11]	13	2	1	1	5	0
J. Brackett	20	01-00	0-0	01-00	2-0	4	1	[ 5 ]	5	2	0	0	0	0
A. Binder	06	01-00	0-0	01-00	0-0	1	0	[ 1 ]	2	0	0	0	0	0
D. Tolgyesi	04	00-00	0-0	00-00	0-0	0	0	[ 0 ]	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	200	29-07 24%	8-3 38%	37-10 27%	4-1 25%	33	6	[39]	79	19	4	4	14	24

Total Possessions 118 - Lost Possession 67% - lost ball every 1.49 possessions - points per possession 0.203