

WILDCATS IN THE PROS

WILDCAT NBA DRAFT PICKS

YEAR	RND	PICK	PLAYER	TEAM
1973	16	4	Sam Barber	Boston
1972	SUP		Aulcie Perry	Boston
1969	4	6	Johnnie Allen	San Diego
1968	5	6	Carl Fuller	Detroit
1967	7	6	Carl Fuller	St. Louis

WILDCAT NBA/ABA PLAYERS

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR(S)
John Postley	Pittsburgh (ABA)	1968
Carl Fuller	Florida (ABA)	1970-72
Aulcie Perry	Virginia (ABA)	1974-75

ERIC LEWIS, NBA Official

Former B-CU basketball team member Eric Lewis has completed his 12th season as a National Basketball Association referee, officiating 749 regular season games and 24 playoff games during his time in the show.

Lewis got the call after spending three seasons working the NBA Development League, where he called the 2004 League Finals and the 2003 and 2004 Playoffs. He also spent two years working in the United States Basketball League, officiating the Finals in 2002 and 2004.

He tallied eight years in the college ranks, participating in the Atlantic Sun, Ohio Valley, Sunshine State, Florida Sun and Mid-Florida conferences. Lewis officiated in Florida high schools for six years.

As a student, he was a member of the basketball team at both Bethune-Cookman and Mainland High School. In the offseason, Lewis works with troubled teens.



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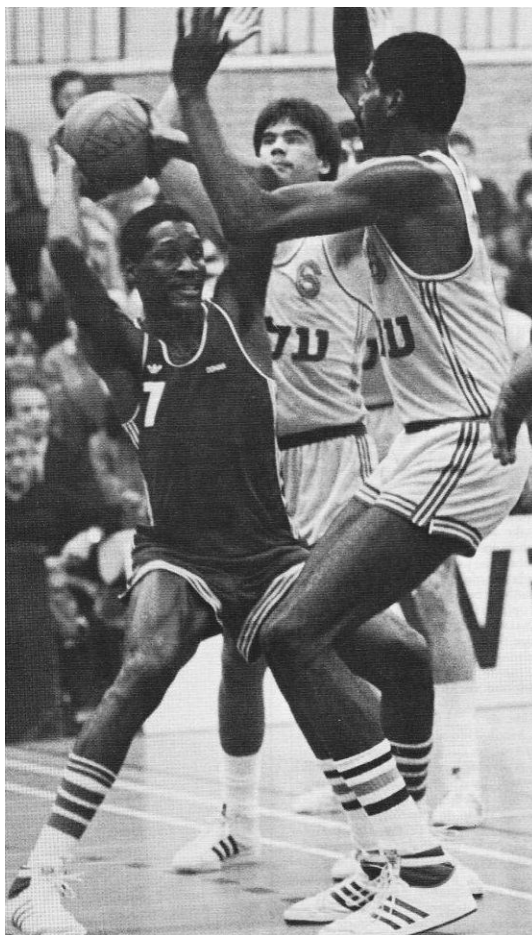
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AULCIE PERRY

One of the most prolific rebounders in Bethune-Cookman basketball history found professional success and stardom in Israel.

The 6 foot 10 inch, 215 pound center was signed to the Virginia Squires of the American Basketball Association in 1974. Perry was cut from the team during the 1974–75 season, however, and spent the balance of the season with the Allentown Jets of the Eastern Professional Basketball League (the predecessor to the Continental Basketball Association). The following season he was signed by the New York Knicks, but he never played for the team. Released by the Knicks, Perry returned to the Jets.

During the summer of 1976, Perry was spotted by a scout for Maccabi Tel Aviv while playing at the Rucker courts in Harlem. Maccabi Tel Aviv signed Perry for \$6,000 a month, a small sum by American standards but one of the highest salaries in the European league in which Israel competed. The other players on the team responded to his leadership and the team had what *Sports Illustrated* writer Alexander Wolff described as "the most extraordinary season in its remarkable history" and what Perry called "the best nine months of [his] life". In 1977 Perry led the team to its first European Cup championship, a prize they took again four years later. Perry played a total of nine seasons with Maccabi Tel Aviv, during which the team won six Israel Cups and was league champions seven times.



Perry became a celebrity in Israel. He was congratulated by Prime Ministers Yitzhak Rabin and Menachem Begin, who said he helped bring "honor to the people of Israel". He began dating Israeli model Tami Ben Ami, and the couple were the darlings of the press. Everywhere Perry went he was besieged by fans seeking his autograph. His name became a generic phrase for a tall person; one Israeli might remark to another that her child had grown into a real Aulcie Perry, and a children's song by Arik Einstein included the lyrics "If only I were tall like Aulcie Perry".

After the 1977–78 season, Perry converted to Judaism. He adopted the Hebrew name Elisha ben Avraham. Perry became an Israeli citizen. He still resides in Tel Aviv, where he manages a restaurant, sponsors a basketball camp and coaches one of Maccabi Tel Aviv's youth teams.

FORMER WILDCAT STARLING ON TOP DOWN UNDER

Perseverance paid off for former Bethune-Cookman standout Alexander Starling in his Australian adventure this summer.

After his quest to play Australian football was sidelined, and then having the coach who signed him to play basketball dismissed, Starling's resolve – added with his basketball ability – has resulted in him making Central Australian Basketball League (CABL) history for his Woodville Warrior club.

Starling, in addition to being named league MVP by the players, became the first Woodville player to receive the league's highest honor – the Woollacott Medal, voted on by the league's referees to recognize the "fairest and most brilliant player" at the State League level.

He capped off the season with a 36-point, six-rebound effort as the Warriors claimed the CABL championship with an 80-78 win over the West Adelaide Bearcats.

"I understand the history of the award and what it means to Woodville, but I'm still trying to wrap my brain around it," Starling said. "But anytime you receive such prestigious awards, you're humbled. Thanks to God for blessing me with each and every opportunity to share my blessings with others."

He averaged 19.7 points and 10.7 rebounds during the regular season, finishing third in the league in both categories. He also shot 51.7 percent from the field.

Woodville trailed the entire game, but managed the victory on Darren Ng's basket with 2.6 seconds remaining. Starling was named game MVP.



WILDCATS OVERSEAS

ACTIVE:

Adrien Coleman (Finland, Australia)

Travis Elliott (El Salvador)

DeLino Dear (Italy)

Alexander Starling (Australia)

Garrius Holloman (New Zealand, Finland, UK, Canada, Portugal),

ALSO:

Pape Ba (Denmark, Ireland, Yemen)

Freddie Cole (United Kingdom, Argentina)

Damatrius Coleman (Saudi Arabia)

Kevin Dukes (Kosovo)

John Holmes (Luxemburg, Monaco)

Ron Mitchell (Saudi Arabia)

Corey Moore (Germany)

AulciePerry (Israel)

Delvin Thomas

(Taiwan, Chile, Paraguay, Mexico, Colombia),

Maurice Reddick (Brazil, Argentina, Mexico)

Alex Smith (Australia)

Richard Toussaint (Dominican Republic)

Antonio Webb (Iraq, Qatar)

Tyronne White (Hungary)