

Barnstorming through New England

The Boston Celtics in the Preseason, 1946-1991

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Preface

2016 marked the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Basketball Association of America, a forerunner of today's NBA. Walter Brown and a group of his Arena Managers Association of America colleagues created the new league to fill their arenas on otherwise quiet nights in their schedules between hockey, boxing, and other events. Brown named his entry the Boston Celtics, and after some shaky early years, the team developed into one of the premier sports franchises in the United States.

Celtics history has been well-documented, but some aspects deserve a closer look. For years, general information about Celtics training camp and preseason schedules has been readily available. This article attempts to bring these topics into clearer focus, by listing specific dates, locations, and preseason scores as found in contemporary newspaper reports. More research is still needed; this initial version is incomplete for several reasons. In their early years, Celtics coverage in Boston newspapers was spotty, and national coverage of exhibition games was rare. Even as preseason games were covered more regularly, the precise location of the game would be frequently omitted. Lastly, formal lists of players participating in training camp were not consistently reported in newspapers, especially before the 1970's. Online newspaper archives have been essential to recapturing and compiling this information, but there are many New England-based newspapers whose back issues are available only on microfilm which is much more time-consuming to use. Up to now I have only scratched the surface of the information available on microfilm.

In the following tables:

1. Dates listed for the opening of training camp include cases, beginning in the late 1960's, when rookies were expected to show up a day or two earlier than the veterans as an extension of the main training camp. These dates do NOT include separate rookie/free agent camps or "tryout camps" held earlier in the summer/fall.
2. The lists of "Other Players in Camp" are unofficial and likely incomplete. In these sections, players listed in **bold** played at least one regular season game in the NBA and/or ABA during their careers, while those in normal typeface never reached the pros. If the player had not yet

made their pro debut prior to appearing in Celtics training camp, the player's draft position (if any) or their college information is listed in parenthesis; if the player had already played in the NBA or ABA, his last team is listed in parenthesis.

3. Scores of exhibition games are listed with the Celtics score first, followed by their opponent's point total. The name of the arena where the game was held is listed if known.

This collection ends in 1991 for a simple reason: that year marked the final preseason of Larry Bird's career, and the last time that the Celtics held their training camp at Hellenic College before moving to Brandeis University. Also, on a personal note, the Boston Celtics teams of the 1990's and early 2000's were disappointing to watch, so researching those seasons held little interest for me.

Gearing Up

Preparing for a professional basketball season is equal parts hard work and tedium, exhaustion and tension. Daily practices and drills can get old fast, even when the head coach decides to liven things up by bringing in a female aerobic dance instructor to lead the daily calisthenics (Louise Boland, 1983).¹ And there's plenty of down time, either for searching out a movie theatre ten miles away to watch a James Mason picture in Laconia, New Hampshire (1953)² or eating a light lunch while admiring the view of the Cape Cod Canal (at Mass Maritime, late 1970's).³ Meanwhile, for the players on the fringe of the roster, there is the ever-present notion that today could spell the end of your stay; the realization that when the words of the multi-purpose greeting "Can I see you for a moment?" are spoken in your direction, the conversation that follows could signify the end of your professional dreams – or, for the chosen few, represent a turning point that propels your career forward.

For the coaches, general manager, and other staff, training camp and preseason games are a time to experiment, learn, and face the cold reality of how projections made on paper during the offseason translate on an actual basketball court. This process is imperfect, in part because preseason games are merely "exhibitions." Veteran stars play limited minutes or sit out with minor injuries that would be shrugged off during the regular season, never mind the playoffs, and many of the participants will end up (depending on the era) displaying their talents in the Eastern League, CBA, NBA D-League, or on an asphalt court shooting at a ragged net hanging from a slightly rusted rim during their lunch break from a "real" job.

Several generations of Boston Celtics players have gone through these rituals of fall.

The Boston Celtics franchise was one of the original members of the BAA, and, following a series of "elimination workouts in Chicago, New York and [at] Worcester,"⁴ head coach John "Honey" Russell and a collection of prospects gathered at the Boston Arena gym on September 30, 1946 for the team's first official training camp. With housing in short supply in post-World War II Boston, the players slept in rooms located above the gym, and ate their meals at the nearby Lenox Hotel. The Lenox, which later became Red Auerbach's personal home-away-from-home (he continued

to maintain a residence in Washington, D.C. for his family), would also host the Celtics yearly team dinner on the eve of training camp throughout the 1950's and most of the 1960's. The dinners were primarily a team bonding exercise, but also served as an opportunity for the Celtics, who were always in pursuit of better press coverage, to entertain Boston newspaper writers. These events continued to be held even as the team struggled to find a consistent training site. After a fire damaged the Arena gym in 1948 – sending nine players out into the streets at 6 o'clock in the morning⁵ – the Celtics trained at the Boston Garden in 1949, then experimented with a number of locations, including a Cambridge prep school (Browne & Nichols, in 1954), Northeastern University, and even a high school in Ellsworth, Maine.

Maine might seem to be a strange place to find an NBA training camp, but during the Celtics' first decade-and-a-half of existence, the team played their preseason games almost exclusively in New England. Not only did this save on travel costs, but it provided an opportunity to attract more fans to a league that was still in its infancy. "I thought we had to sell the game, market the game, make people understand just how good these guys were. They really didn't get it,"⁶ Auerbach told author John Feinstein five decades later. During this period of Auerbach's coaching career, the Celtics would play a series of preseason games against a single NBA opponent, mixing in intrasquad contests and exhibitions against local amateur "All-Star" teams. "[T]here were teams we played who had a couple guys who had been local hotshots and they actually walked on the court thinking they had a chance to beat us,"⁷ Auerbach later said. Red added that he would usually tell his players "to win by thirty, no more than forty"⁸ to prove how much better the Celtics were than these "local heroes." How else could he convince notoriously frugal New Englanders to respond to ads in their local papers inviting them to buy tickets to watch the Celtics play in the Garden?

These New England tours also produced a series of stories about the poor driving habits of Auerbach and his players. Frank Ramsey later recalled how Auerbach, driving on a fog-engulfed Maine Turnpike one night, was "following the white lines, and he drove into a Howard Johnson's doing about eighty miles an hour. [Gene] Conley was sitting right next to him, and he swallowed his chewing tobacco."⁹ Fast driving also came naturally to some of the players, including Bill Russell, who once had to have his car rescued from a "50-foot precipice"¹⁰ in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Time failed to mellow Auerbach behind the wheel; after Kevin McHale signed his rookie contract in 1980, he was forced to endure a harrowing ride from the Garden out to Hellenic College as Red's passenger. McHale later told a reporter that Red was "going one hundred miles an hour. He was all over the place, and there was cigar smoke, and he was looking over at me and talking while he was driving. And I was thinking I was going to die on my first day in Boston."¹¹

As the Celtics and the NBA matured, the team began playing more exhibitions outside of New England. After playing the Minneapolis Lakers in towns from Bangor to Greenfield to Newport nearly every night for two weeks in October 1959, the two teams agreed to a similar series the following year. But with the Lakers relocating to Los Angeles for the 1960-61 season, the teams split their 1960 preseason slate in half, playing the first half in New England and the second half in California.

Though NBA exhibition games did not officially count in the standings, the level of competition was frequently intense. In 1957, Richie Guerin of the Knicks missed nearly a month of the regular season after breaking a thumb while throwing a punch at Bill Sharman in their preseason finale.¹² Six years later, new NBA Commissioner Walter Kennedy fined Auerbach \$500 for failing to leave the court after being ejected by Mendy Rudolph

for arguing a call.¹³ In 1973, Tom Heinsohn would earn a third technical foul in an exhibition game for the same infraction.¹⁴ When the NBA deigned to play preseason games against ABA clubs in the 1970's, league pride raised the stakes. As Bob Ryan of the *Boston Globe* wrote following the Celtics first such encounter, a 116-115 loss to the New York Nets on an off-balance prayer by Bill Melchionni that banked in with four seconds left, "[w]hile each club was blasé about the ABA-NBA rivalry beforehand, the way they contested the game in the fourth quarter – both coaches went with their iron – left no doubt as to the desire each team had to win."¹⁵ And one of the most infamous nights of the Celtics-76ers rivalry of the early 1980's occurred on October 16, 1983 at the Garden, as the two teams squared off in a series of colorful altercations featuring Cedric Maxwell vs. Moses Malone, Larry Bird vs. Marc Iavaroni, and Red Auerbach (who had bounded out of his seat in the stands to protest the officiating) vs. Philadelphia coach Billy Cunningham.

Some exhibition games served a nobler purpose as a vehicle for raising money for charity or another good cause. On October 21, 1958, the Celtics participated in a doubleheader (with the St. Louis Hawks, Cincinnati Royals, and Detroit Pistons) to aid Maurice Stokes, who had fallen ill in March with post-traumatic encephalopathy after hitting his head on the floor during the Royals' final game of the regular season. The illness left him partially paralyzed and in need of constant medical care in an era where the NBA had no pension plan.¹⁶ Walter Brown was also an early supporter of efforts to build a Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts, the "birthplace of basketball," and the Celtics participated in several Hall of Fame benefit games during the 1950's and 60's.

There were also games staged to help celebrate a local hero and cash in on his popularity to sell more tickets. In 1960 the Celtics played the Lakers in Bill Sharman's hometown of Porterville, California; 2700 tickets were sold out in a single day, and Sharman was given "the papers for a registered Angus heifer"¹⁷ during a halftime ceremony at the town's new high school gym. A year later, a game in Lexington, Kentucky that was supposed to be a happy homecoming for former University of Kentucky stars Frank Ramsey and Cliff Hagan was marred by segregation policies. The Phoenix Hotel's coffee shop refused to serve Sam Jones and Satch Sanders, and all of the black players on both the Celtics and Hawks refused to play in the game.¹⁸ Ramsey publically supported them; not only was he embarrassed that the incident took place, but a week earlier, Bill Russell and K.C. Jones had suffered the same slight in a hotel bar in Marion, Indiana, which only magnified the impact of the events in Lexington.¹⁹

Back in 1950, the Celtics first black player, Chuck Cooper, made his NBA debut during the preseason, and there were other famous "firsts" during training camp and the exhibition season over the years. Every Celtics player whose number was eventually retired began their career in Boston with a preseason game, except for Bill Russell, who did not report to Boston until December 1956 due to his participation in the Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia. Other debuts occurred by happenstance. Pete Maravich played his first game for the Atlanta Hawks in 1970 on the same night that Dave Cowens debuted for Boston, and Moses Malone first wore his "Sixers" #2 uniform in October 1982 while playing against the Celtics in Providence, Rhode Island. In 1959, the first professional meeting of Bill Russell and Wilt Chamberlain took place at the Minneapolis Armory as part of an exhibition doubleheader that also featured the Minneapolis Lakers and Detroit Pistons. About 2500 fans paid between \$10 and \$100 a ticket²⁰ and watched as Chamberlain "made proud Bill Russell look like an ordinary basketball player" for most of the contest before Russell scored 8 late points.²¹ Chamberlain outscored Russell 26 to 16 overall,²² but Boston won 103-98, setting a precedent that would be repeated many times during the following years.

The Celtics also saw their share of strange events during the preseason. In 1951, owner Walter Brown's home in Newton, Massachusetts was robbed while he and his family were watching the Celtics play in Vermont.²³ Four years later, after playing a series of seven exhibition games against each other, the Celtics and Royals "exchanged" a pair of veteran centers: an injury-plagued Connie Simmons signed with the Royals, then the next day the Celtics bought the Royals' Arnie Risen, who had been holding out. In 1963, first-round draft choice Bill Green refused to accompany the team on a flight at the start of their exhibition tour with the St. Louis Hawks, and was summarily dropped from the squad because of his fear of flying.

There were also some "flights" of a different kind. One day in 1975, Cyrus Mann borrowed teammate Larry Cannon's white Cadillac convertible, drove to Logan Airport and flew out of Boston – without ever telling the Celtics he was leaving.²⁴ Joe Pace also unexpectedly drove out of camp (in his own car) three years later, though Bob Ferry, the general manager of Pace's former employer, the Washington Bullets, remarked that he "had to laugh when Red told me, because [Pace] also walked out of training camp each year he was with us."²⁵ In one case, it was Auerbach who made a player disappear, shipping the newly acquired John Johnson back to Houston after playing in one exhibition game for Boston in 1977, claiming that the Rockets had "totally misrepresented" the length and financial specifics of Johnson's contract.²⁶

But perhaps the strangest, though oddly appropriate, event was Dave Cowens's abrupt retirement in 1980. Cowens had walked away from the game before, missing 30 games during a "leave of absence" in the middle of the 1976-77 season, but now felt that his feet and ankles could not take the pounding of another NBA season. Cowens directly reached out to the fans by penning an unprecedented "retirement letter" which he handed to Bob Ryan of the *Boston Globe* to have it printed in its entirety in the next day's paper.²⁷ "Why is it that athletes who retire always allow other people to write their career obituary?" Cowens began, before explaining that he would feel "guilty" earning his salary without being able to play at his best. "I do not want anyone to suspect that I was only going through the motions as a player. My whole reputation has been one of giving maximum effort, and I want to be remembered as just such a player."²⁸

Throughout the years, the Celtics have seen their share of superstars burst onto the scene during training camp, from Cousy to Bird, along with some tremendous teases that later flamed out (Earl Williams, for one). There have been contract disputes and holdouts, especially in the 1970's and 80's when these became almost yearly occurrences (Havlicek, Chaney, Silas, Havlicek again, Wicks, Archibald, McHale, Parish...), good trades (and bad), and difficult cuts. But most of all, through most of the years documented in these pages, there was plenty of entertaining basketball for Boston fans to enjoy.

1946-47 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Boston Arena gym (Boston, MA)

Camp opened: September 30

Regular Season opener: November 2

Head Coach: John “Honey” Russell

Assistant Coach: Danny Silva

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Al Brightman, Chuck Connors, Warren Fenley, Wyndol Gray, Mel Hirsch, Tony Kappen, Harold Kottman, Connie Simmons, Johnny Simmons, Art Spector, Virgil Vaughn, Red Wallace

Other players in camp: Eddie Boyle (6-3, Temple), Edward Buckley (Harvard), Howie Delmar (6-3, USC), Ray Gaisser (Evansville High School), Wendol Hill (6-2, Iowa), Leo Kane (semi-pro forward, Chelsea High School), Bob Kitterman (5-11 Iowa), Paul Rooney (Pacific Marine Team), Harold Rothman (6-8, Illinois Central), Vic Segal (Iowa)

Exhibition Game Results

None

1947-48 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Boston Arena gym (Boston, MA)

Camp opened: ~October 20 (TBD)

Regular Season opener: November 13

Head Coach: John “Honey” Russell

Assistant Coach: Danny Silva

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12):²⁹ Chuck Connors, Bulbs Ehlers, Jack Garfinkel, Cecil Hankins, Charlie Hoefer, John Janisch, Saul Mariaschin, Mel Riebe, Ed Sadowski, Connie Simmons, Art Spector, Gene Stump

Other players in camp: **John Ambramovic** (1946-47 Pittsburgh Ironmen), **Hank Biasatti** (1946-47 Toronto Huskies), **Al Brightman** (1946-47 Celtics), Dick Childs (Cornell), **Jack Hewson** (1947 draft), **Jerry Kelly** (1946-47 Celtics), Herb (Red) Klotz (Temple), **Ariel Maughan** (1946-47 Detroit Falcons), **George Monroe** (1946-47 St. Louis Bombers),³⁰ **Stan Noszka** (1946-47 Pittsburgh Ironmen), **Ben Scharnus** (1946-47 Cleveland Rebels), **Johnny Simmons** (1946-47 Celtics)³¹

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Fri 11/7	Providence Steam Rollers	Portland Exhibition Building, Portland, ME	65-54	Connie Simmons and Cecil Hankins 13 each to lead Celtics. Ernie Calverly 12 for Steam Rollers
Sat 11/8	Providence Steam Rollers	Waterbury, CT	44-49	
Sun 11/9	Providence Steam Rollers	Worcester, MA	54-50	
?	Providence Steam Rollers	Hartford, CT	CANCELLED	

1948-49 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Boston Arena gym (Boston, MA)³²

Camp opened: October 1

Regular Season opener: November 4

Head Coach: Alvin “Doggie” Julian

Assistant Coach: Henry McCarthy³³

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Johnny Bach, Hank Beenders, Bulbs Ehlers, Jack Garfinkel, Chick Halbert, John Hazen, Al Lucas, Stan Noszka, Mel Riebe, Jim Seminoff, Art Spector, Gene Stump

Other players in camp: Paul Campbell (Dartmouth),³⁴ Joe Dailey (Seton Hall), Lou Desci (Bucknell/Harvard), Neil Dooley (1948 draft), **Tom Kelly** (1948 draft), **Harold Kottman** (1946-47 Celtics), **Al Negratti** (1946-47 Capitols), Ted Nicksick (Texas Wesleyan), Guinn Phillips (1948 draft), **Stan Stutz** (1947-48 Knicks, traded to Baltimore Bullets for Al Lucas the day before the regular season), Dave Wareham (Loras College), Ken Walter (Ohio U.), Ray Wehde (1948 draft)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Wed 10/27	Providence Steam Rollers	Fitchburg Arena, Fitchburg, MA	66-64	Mel Riebe led scorers with 23 and made game-winning layup which was also Boston's first lead of the game. Benefit game for Clarence N. Amriott Scholarship Fund. Attendance 750.
Sat 10/30	Providence Steam Rollers	Portland Exhibition Building, Portland, ME	70-75	
Sun 10/31	Providence Steam Rollers	Memorial Auditorium, Burlington, VT	62-73	Riebe 13; Howie Shannon 16

1949-50 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Boston Garden (Boston, MA)

Camp opened: October 3

Regular Season opener: November 3

Head Coach: Alvin "Doggie" Julian

Assistant Coach: Henry McCarthy

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Johnny Ezersky, Hoot Gibson,³⁵ Sonny Hertzberg, George Kaftan, Bob Kinney, Ed Leede, George Nostrand, Dermie O'Connell, Jim Seminoff, Howie Shannon, Art Spector, Brady Walker

Other players in camp: Jackie Allen (RI State),³⁶ **Johnny Bach** (1948-49 Celtics), Tom Blair (Northeastern), John Borys (Oklahoma), **Ernie Calverley** (1948-49 Providence Steam Rollers), **Joe Camic** (NBL 1948-49 Hammond Calumet Buccaneers), Paul Campbell, John Gallagher (Duquesne), Ken Goodwin (RI State, signed from disbanded Providence Steam Rollers?), Bill Johnson (Baylor), **Joe Mullaney** (3rd Rd 1949), **Les Pugh** (1948-49 Providence Steam Rollers), John Seagrist (Texas Wesleyan), Red Speicher (Bowling Green), Bill Vandenburg (1949 draft), Russ "Tubber" Washburn (1949 draft), Joe Wright (Brigham Young)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Sat 10/22	New York Knickerbockers	Providence, RI	56-66	Shannon 14; Simmons 12
Sun 10/23	Philadelphia Warriors	Rockne Hall, Allentown, PA	76-93	Hertzberg 16, Seminoff 13; Fulks 20, Bornheimer 15
Tue 10/25	Baltimore Bullets	Memorial Auditorium, Burlington, VT	65-66	Kaftan 24; Livingstone 11
Sat 10/29	Baltimore Bullets	Providence, RI	72-74	

1950-51 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Fargo Building (Boston, MA)

Camp opened: September 25

Regular Season opener: November 1

Head Coach: Arnold "Red" Auerbach

Rosters

Regular Season opener (11):³⁷ Chuck Cooper, Bob Cousy, Bob Donham, Andy Duncan, Sonny Hertzberg, Ed Leede, Ed Macauley, John Mahnken, Kenny Sailors, Ed Stanczak, Brady Walker

Other players in camp:³⁸ **Hank DeZonie** (NBL 1948-49 Dayton Rens), Charlie Harmon (Toledo), **Tony Lavelli** (1949-50 Celtics), Ken Reeves (4th Rd 1950), **Isaac Walthour**

Note: Cooper was the first black player drafted and signed by the Celtics. Walthour was the second black player signed by the team³⁹ and was joined in camp by fellow African-Americans DeZonie⁴⁰ and Harmon.⁴¹

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Wed 10/18	Baltimore Bullets	Bangor Auditorium (I), Bangor, ME	102-92	Cooper 18; Rocha 17
Thu 10/19	Baltimore Bullets	Houlton High School, Houlton, ME	100-90	Leede 24; Dick Mehen 18
Sun 10/22	Baltimore Bullets	Memorial Auditorium, Burlington, VT	72-60	Macauley 12; Rehfeldt 15
Mon 10/23	Baltimore Bullets	Newport, NH	86-66	
Thu 10/26	Syracuse Nationals	Memorial Auditorium, Buffalo, NY	73-85	Macauley 24; Seymour/Gabor 14 Doubleheader with Rochester defeating Fort Wayne 68-49 in the other game.
Fri 10/27	Baltimore Bullets	Waterbury, CT		CANCELLED ⁴²
Sat 10/28	Baltimore Bullets	Providence, RI	75-83	Leede 14; Rocha 13
Sun 10/29	Baltimore Bullets	Boston Arena, Boston, MA	98-85	Cousy 20 points on 7 for 22 shooting, and “shot, passed and dribbled in spectacular fashion” ⁴³ ; Don Rehfeldt 14

1951-52 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Boston Arena (Boston, MA)

Camp opened: September 24

Regular Season opener: November 4

Head Coach: Arnold “Red” Auerbach

Rosters

Regular Season opener (10):	Bob Brannum, Chuck Cooper, Bob Cousy, Dick Dickey, Bob Donham, Bob Harris, Ed Macauley, John Mahnken, Bones McKinney, Bill Sharman
Other players in camp:	John Furlong ⁴⁴ (3 rd Rd 1951), Rip Gish (5 th Rd 1951), Kleggie Hermesen (1950-51 Celtics), Frank Kudleka (1950-51 Celtics), Jim Luisi (6 th Rd 1951), Ted Shiro (Colby College) ⁴⁵

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Mon 10/15	Baltimore Bullets	Houlton High School, Houlton, ME	90-71	Minor 12
Tue 10/16	Baltimore Bullets	Bangor Auditorium (I), Bangor, ME	99-85	Macauley 28, Cousy 22
Wed 10/17	Baltimore Bullets	Waterville, ME	100-87	Macauley 17; Rehfeldt/Eddie Calhoun 17
Fri 10/19	New York Knicks	Albany Armory, Albany, NY	82-88	Cousy, Sharman 20; McGuire 15
Sat 10/20	Baltimore Bullets	Barre, VT	75-91	Cooper 13; Barksdale 19
Sun 10/21	Baltimore Bullets	Memorial Auditorium, Burlington, VT	96-74	Cooper 14; Frank Saul 13
Sat 10/27	Baltimore Bullets	Uline Arena, Washington, DC	90-88	Macauley 21; Scolari 19
Sun 10/28	New York Knicks	Boston Arena, Boston, MA	79-78	Cousy made game-winning shot; Max Zaslofsky then made a "70-foot one-hand heave a fraction of a second after the final buzzer sounded..." ⁴⁶ Macauley 18, Boryla/Lumpp 14

1952-53 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Boston Arena (Boston, MA)

Camp opened: September 22

Regular Season opener: October 31

Head Coach: Arnold “Red” Auerbach

Rosters

Regular Season opener (10): Bob Brannum, Chuck Cooper, Bob Cousy, Bob Donham, Bob Harris, Kleggie Hermsen, Ed Macauley, John Mahnken, Kenny Rollins, Bill Sharman

Other players in camp: **Gene Conley** (1952 draft), **Dick Dickey** (1951-52 Celtics), **Mo Mahoney** (6th Rd 1950 – Military Service [Army]), Ken Reeves (4th Rd 1950), **Don Rehfeldt** (1951-52 Hawks), Tom O’Keefe (Georgetown/Army), Jim Dilling (Holy Cross captain)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Mon 10/13	Rochester Royals	Ellsworth High School, Ellsworth, ME	67-65	Sharman game-winning basket
Tue 10/14	Rochester Royals	Bangor Auditorium (I), Bangor, ME	70-78	Cousy 22
Wed 10/15	Rochester Royals	Houlton High School, Houlton, ME	94-91 ot	Cousy 22, Harris 21; Wanzer 24
Thu 10/16	Rochester Royals	Calais, ME	91-89	Cousy 18; Christensen 19
Sat 10/18	Rochester Royals	Portland Exhibition Building, Portland, ME	85-75	Cousy 21; Christensen/Johnson 14
Sun 10/19	Rochester Royals	Memorial Auditorium, Burlington, VT	77-86	Macauley 19; Wanzer 16
Sat 10/25	Rochester Royals	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	80-74	Cousy 22; Wanzer 22 Opening game of doubleheader; New York Knicks defeated College All-Stars 66-61 in nightcap, benefit for Millicent Hearst Free Milk Fund.

1953-54 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Ellsworth High School (Ellsworth, ME)⁴⁷

Camp opened: September 29

Regular Season opener: November 1

Head Coach: Arnold "Red" Auerbach

Rosters

Regular Season opener (10): Don Barksdale, Ernie Barrett, Bob Brannum, Chuck Cooper, Bob Cousy, Bob Donham, Bob Harris, Ed Macauley, Ed Mikan, Bill Sharman

Other players in camp: Chet Noe (2nd Rd 1953)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Mon 10/12	Rochester Royals	Houlton High School, Houlton, ME	84-73	McMahon 15, Spears 13
Tue 10/13	Rochester Royals	Millinocket, ME	83-80	Brannum 15; Davies 19. Celtics led by 14 in third quarter, then Royals rallied for a 72-68 lead before Boston went on a 9-0 run to take the lead for good.
Wed 10/14	Rochester Royals	Bangor Auditorium (I), Bangor, ME	99-86	Cousy 30; Wanzer/Davies 12
Thu 10/15	Rochester Royals	Portland Exhibition Building, Portland, ME	68-72	Cousy/Barrett 13; Swanson 11
Fri 10/16	Rochester Royals	Worcester, MA	76-74	Cousy game-winning shot with 3 seconds left. Macauley 18; Swanson 15. Charity game for Assumption College which had been destroyed by a tornado in June.
Sat 10/17	Rochester Royals	Waterville, ME	70-86	Sharman 18; Risen/Swanson/Coleman 12

Sun 10/18	Rochester Royals	Memorial Auditorium, Burlington, VT	85-86 ot	Macauley 25; Davies 19 Former Celtic Jack Garfinkel served as a referee, along with Jim Gaffney
Mon 10/19	Rochester Royals	Springfield High School, Springfield, VT	80-65	Harris 18; McMahon 14
Tue 10/20	Philadelphia Warriors	Dartmouth Alumni Gymnasium, Hanover, NH	85-48	Sharman 14; Johnston 14
Wed 10/21	Philadelphia Warriors	Tilton, NH	70-62	Cousy 16; Grabowski 12
Sat 10/24	Syracuse Nationals	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	77-69	Harris 18; King 11. First game of a doubleheader; in the second game, played "for the benefit of the free milk fund," ⁴⁸ the New York Knicks defeated a College All-Star team 89-71. Sid Borgia and Jack Garfinkel referees.
Sun 10/25	New York Knicks	New London, CT	99-98	Cousy 31; Gallatin 24

1954-55 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Browne & Nichols School (Cambridge, MA)⁴⁹

Camp opened: September 27

Regular Season opener: October 30

Head Coach: Arnold "Red" Auerbach

Rosters

Regular Season opener (10): Don Barksdale, Bob Brannum, Bob Cousy, Ed Macauley, Red Morrison, Jack Nichols, Togo Palazzi, Frank Ramsey, Fred Scolari, Bill Sharman

Other players in camp: Jim Buchanan (6th Rd 1952), **Gene Conley** (1952-53 Celtics),⁵⁰ Hank Daubenschmidt (3rd Rd 1954), Tony Daukas (10th Rd 1954), Jim Iverson (2nd Rd 1952), Jules Mugnier (8th Rd 1952),⁵¹ **Worthy Patterson** (Military Service [Army], then 1957-58 Hawks), **Skippy Whitaker** (1952 draft by Indianapolis Olympians)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Mon 10/11	Rochester Royals	Houlton High School, Houlton, ME	86-92	Ramsey 16; Risen 17. Celtics first game with 24-second clock rule.
Tue 10/12	Rochester Royals	Ellsworth High School, Ellsworth, ME	102-85	Sharman 28; Spoelstra 13
Wed 10/13	Rochester Royals	Portland Exhibition Building, Portland, ME	68-83	Cousy 16; Davies 17
Thu 10/14	Rochester Royals	Alumni Gymnasium, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH	84-81	Macauley 18, Sharman 16; Davies 19
Fri 10/15	Rochester Royals	Lewiston Armory, Lewiston, ME	93-94	Macauley 26; Davies 16
Sat 10/16	Rochester Royals	Rumford Armory, Rumford, ME	85-83	Cousy 19; Davies 21
Sun 10/17	Rochester Royals	Manchester, NH	100-94	Sharman 24; Wanzer 15
Mon 10/18	Rochester Royals	State Armory, Hartford, CT	95-99	Macauley 22; Spears 14. Attendance 2700 despite poor court conditions. ⁵²
Tue 10/19	Rochester Royals	Bristol Arena, Bristol, CT	87-86	Sharman 17 including game-deciding free throw; Davies/Christensen 12
Wed 10/20	Rochester Royals	New London, CT	84-97	Cousy pulled a tendon in right leg in first quarter
Fri 10/22	Rochester Royals	Case Gym, Willimantic, CT	100-98	Sharman 20; Coleman 16
Sun 10/24	Rochester Royals	Bridgeport Brass Recreation Center, Bridgeport, CT	83-93	Sharman 21; McMahon 17
Mon 10/25	College All-Stars ⁵³	Boston Garden, Boston, MA	107-106	Cousy 25; Pettit 15 Second game of doubleheader, Knicks defeated Royals 83-81.

1955-56 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Northeastern University (Boston, MA)**Camp opened:** September 26**Regular Season opener:** November 5

Head Coach: Arnold “Red” Auerbach

Rosters

Regular Season opener (10): Ernie Barrett, Bob Cousy, Dick Hemric, Jim Loscutoff, Ed Macauley, Red Morrison, Jack Nichols, Togo Palazzi, Arnie Risen, Bill Sharman

Other players in camp:⁵⁴ **Don Barksdale** (1954-55 Celtics), Henry Dooley (13th Rd 1955), **Bob Harris** (1953-54 Celtics), Carl Hartman (11th Rd 1955), Bob Hughes (Texas Southern), Vern McNeal (Tennessee State), Dean Parsons (8th Rd 1955), Jerry Pease (USC), **Connie Simmons** (1954-55 Nationals)

Note: Frank Ramsey spent the season in the military.

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Mon 10/10	Philadelphia Warriors	Bangor Auditorium (I or II), Bangor, ME ⁵⁵	92-70	Loscutoff 16; Davis 17. First appearance for Tom Gola (4 points).
Tue 10/11	Philadelphia Warriors	Houlton High School, Houlton, ME	139-140 ot	Sharman 32, Palazzi 27; Johnston 41, Arizin 38. Rookie Tom Gola broke a bone in his right hand while attempting to grab a rebound. “The middle finger of my right hand hit the ball and I heard something snap.” ⁵⁶ Cast put on at Madigan Hospital.
Wed 10/12	Philadelphia Warriors	Fort Fairfield, ME	100-97	Cousy 23; Arizin 24
Fri 10/14	Rochester Royals	Augusta, ME	104-94	Barrett 23; Twyman 20
Sat 10/15	Rochester Royals	Woodsville High School, Woodsville, NH	111-128	Palazzi 24, Cousy 22; Stokes 18
Sun 10/16	Rochester Royals	Bradley High School, Manchester, NH	109-115	Hemric 25; Twyman 20 (both rookies)
Mon 10/17	Rochester Royals	Otis Air Force Base, Cape Cod, MA	112-111	Cousy game-winning shot with 20 seconds left. Palazzi 19, Cousy/Sharman 18 each; Stokes 23

Tue 10/18	Rochester Royals	Worcester Auditorium, Worcester, MA	110-103	Cousy 21, Palazzi 15 (both from Holy Cross); Twyman 28
Wed 10/19	Rochester Royals	Morze Gym, Gardner High School, Gardner, MA	99-97 ot	Cousy 20; McMahon 16
Thu 10/20	Rochester Royals	Eastern States Coliseum, West Springfield, MA	81-104	Royals outscored Celtics 35-12 in third quarter. Sharman 18; Coleman 20. Benefit game for Basketball Hall of Fame. Walter Brown shipped the Boston Garden parquet floor to the arena for the game. ⁵⁷
Sun 10/23	College All-Stars	Boston Garden, Boston, MA	102-95	Macauley 24; Fleming 23 (and a broken nose)
Mon 10/24	Rochester Royals	Willimantic, CT	93-104	Sharman 22; Stokes/Regan 17
Tue 10/25	Rochester Royals	Rochester, NH	89-88	Sharman 25. Celtics ended game on a 16-5 run over the final four minutes - Sharman and Cousy combined to score all of Boston's points.
Wed 10/26	Rochester Royals	Fort Devens, MA	119-97	Palazzi 21; Fleming 27
Thu 10/27	Rochester Royals	State Armory, Hartford, CT	75-89	Sharman 14; Wanzer 16. Benefit for Hartford Fireman's Protective Association; attendance 2100. ⁵⁸ Celtics conducted clinic at Weaver High School in afternoon.
Fri 10/28	New York Knicks	Bridgeport Brass Recreation Center (Brass Center), Bridgeport, CT	64-95	Nichols 15; Sears 12
Tue 11/1	New York Knicks	Convention Hall, Saratoga Springs, NY	119-133	Braun 25. Second game of a doubleheader that featured the Saratoga Kaycee vs. the Hudson Falls Greenjackets

1956-57 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Northeastern University (Boston, MA)

Camp opened: September 24

Regular Season opener: October 27

Head Coach: Arnold “Red” Auerbach

Rosters

Regular Season opener (10): Bob Cousy, Dick Hemric, Tom Heinsohn, Jim Loscutoff, Jack Nichols, Togo Palazzi, Andy Phillip, Arnie Risen, Bill Sharman, Lou Tsioropoulos

Other players in camp: Dick Estergard (7th Rd 1954), Vic Molodet (8th Rd 1956), Johnny Silk (Boston College), Buzzy Wilkinson (3rd Rd 1955), Jim Young (8th Rd 1954)

Note: Frank Ramsey spent the start of the season in the military. Palazzi would be dropped from the roster when Bill Russell joined the team in December after competing in the Olympics, but the Celtics maintained Palazzi’s rights until they sold him to Syracuse on December 29.

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Mon 10/8	Rochester Royals	Houlton High School, Houlton, ME	108-95	Cousy, Heinsohn, Tsioropoulos 16; Twyman 15
Tue 10/9	Rochester Royals	Bangor Auditorium (II), Bangor, ME	100-102	Hemric 17; Wanzer 16
Wed 10/10	Rochester Royals	Boothbay Region High School, Boothbay Harbor, ME	92-97	Heinsohn 16; Ricketts 20
Thu 10/11	Rochester Royals	St. Dominic Arena, Lewiston, ME ⁵⁹	90-89	Cousy 18; Burrows 17
Fri 10/12	Rochester Royals	Farnsworth Field House, Bethel, ME	96-90	Nichols 17; Green 20
Sat 10/13	Rochester Royals	Andover, MA	75-85	Nichols 15, Cousy 14; Twyman 16
Sun 10/14	Rochester Royals	Fort Devens, MA	94-99	Nichols 15; Twyman 20
Mon 10/15	Rochester Royals	Otis Air Force Base, Cape Cod, MA	88-78	Cousy 19; Burrows/Regan 12 Attendance 1500
Tue 10/16	Rochester Royals	Gardner, MA	77-84	Tsioropoulos 15; Twyman 13
Thu 10/18	Rochester Royals	Adams Memorial Gym, North Adams, MA	102-88	Sharman 28; Regan 16
Fri 10/19	Rochester Royals	Springfield, VT		CANCELLED

Sat 10/20	Rochester Royals	New Haven Arena, New Haven, CT	103-96	Cousy 20; Ricketts 18
Sun 10/21	New York Knicks	Convention Hall, Saratoga Springs, NY	99-105	Heinsohn 24; Braun 19

1957-58 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Northeastern University (Boston, MA)

Camp opened: September 23

Regular Season opener: October 22

Head Coach: Arnold "Red" Auerbach

Rosters

Regular Season opener (11):⁶⁰ Bob Cousy, Tom Heinsohn, Sam Jones, Jim Loscutoff, Jack Nichols, Andy Phillip, Frank Ramsey, Arnie Risen, Bill Russell, Bill Sharman, Lou Tsioropoulos

Other players in camp: Jim Ashmore (4th Rd 1957), George "Trigger" Burke (U. Mass), Mark "Buzzie" Davis (12th Rd 1955), **Dick Hemric** (1956-57 Celtics), **Maurice King** (6th Rd 1957, then entered Military Service), **Jackie Moore** (1956-57 Warriors), Johnny Moore (7th Rd 1955, then Military Service), Chuck Schramm (3rd Rd 1957), **Dan Swartz** (4th Rd 1956), Bill Von Weghe (8th Rd 1957)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Fri 10/4	Cincinnati Royals	Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Plattsburgh, NY	100-98	Russell 24, Cousy 20; Marshall 20
Sat 10/5	Cincinnati Royals	Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Plattsburgh, NY	93-108	Russell 20; King 19, Paxson 17
Sun 10/6	Cincinnati Royals	Rutland High School, Rutland, VT	102-84	Russell 13; Lovellette 19

Mon 10/7	Cincinnati Royals	Brattleboro High School, Brattleboro, VT	79-77	Risen 11; Marshall 16
Tue 10/8	Cincinnati Royals	Boothbay Harbor, ME	98-108	Russell 20; Stokes/Ricketts 17 Risen, Loscutoff, Nichols out with the flu.
Wed 10/9	Cincinnati Royals	Houlton High School, Houlton, ME	92-88	Russell 19; Lovellette 20
Thu 10/10	Cincinnati Royals	Bangor Auditorium (II), Bangor, ME	98-103	Cousy 16; Lovellette 27
Fri 10/11	Cincinnati Royals	Lewiston Armory, Lewiston, ME	96-90	Cousy 18, all in second half. Russell out with "bad cold." Marshall 16.
Sat 10/12	Cincinnati Royals	Westbrook, ME	94-106	Jones 16; Marshall/Piontek/Duckett 17
Sun 10/13	New York Knicks	New Haven Arena, New Haven, CT	102-100	Richie Guerin broke his right thumb when he punched Bill Sharman in the head. Knicks owner Ned Irish was outraged and exchanged angry comments with Auerbach and Brown in the press.

1958-59 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Boston Arena (Boston, MA)

Camp opened: September 22

Regular Season opener: October 25

Head Coach: Arnold "Red" Auerbach

Rosters

Regular Season opener (11):⁶¹ Gene Conley, Bob Cousy, Tom Heinsohn, K.C. Jones, Sam Jones, Jim Loscutoff, Frank Ramsey, Bill Russell, Bill Sharman, Ben Swain, Lou Tsioropoulos

Other players in camp: Jim Cunningham (3rd Rd 1958), Dom Flora (4th Rd 1958), Joe Hughes (Holy Cross), **Red Morrison** (1957-58 Hawks)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Mon 10/6	Cincinnati Royals	Bangor Auditorium (II), Bangor, ME	106-89	Russell 25; Green 14
Tue 10/7	Cincinnati Royals	Houlton High School, Houlton, ME	113-101	Russell 16; Piontek 23
Wed 10/8	Cincinnati Royals	Westbrook, ME	98-96	Ramsey/Russell 16; Twyman 21
Thu 10/9	Cincinnati Royals	Lewiston Armory, Lewiston, ME	92-86	Ramsey 17; Palmer 15. Si Green "collapsed at the start of the game and was hospitalized. His condition was reported not serious." ⁶² Occurred during warmups, and returned to the team the next day but did not play.
Fri 10/10	Cincinnati Royals	Newport, NH	116-113	Heinsohn 24; Bockhorn 24, Twyman 23
Sat 10/11	Cincinnati Royals	Memorial Auditorium, Burlington, VT	85-94	Heinsohn 19; Twyman 27
Sun 10/12	Cincinnati Royals	Rutland, VT	93-86	Russell 18; Palmer 19
Mon 10/13	Cincinnati Royals	Glens Falls, NY	84-62	Cousy 20
Tue 10/14	Cincinnati Royals	Brattleboro High School, Brattleboro, VT	101-95	Heinsohn/Sam Jones 20; Hatton 21
Wed 10/15	Cincinnati Royals	Carl Nichols Gym, Greenfield High School, Greenfield, MA	102-97	Russell 22; Twyman 19. Opening night for new gym. 1300 attendance, standing room only crowd. ⁶³
Fri 10/17	Cincinnati Royals	Dean Junior College, Franklin, MA	100-85	Heinsohn 22; Twyman 19. Dedication of new \$300,000 gym; Lou Pieri, part owner of the Celtics, was president of Dean's board of trustees
Sat 10/18	Cincinnati Royals	Chicopee High School, Chicopee, MA	125-103	Heinsohn 28, Sharman 22; Embry 24. New gym.
Sun 10/19	Cincinnati Royals	State Armory, Hartford, CT	96-98	Cousy 23; Palmer 22. Benefit for Hartford Fireman's Protective Association; attendance 2100
Tue 10/21	St. Louis Hawks	Cincinnati Gardens, Cincinnati, OH	108-106	K.C. Jones 15 points in fourth quarter. First game of a doubleheader to benefit Maurice Stokes who fell ill in March 1958. In the second game Detroit defeated Cincinnati 108-103. Attendance 5511

				and Cincinnati officials said they raised \$10,121.40. ⁶⁴
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1959-60 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Babson Institute (Wellesley, MA)

Camp opened: September 21

Regular Season opener: October 17

Head Coach: Arnold "Red" Auerbach

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Gene Conley, Bob Cousy, Gene Guarilia, Tom Heinsohn, K.C. Jones, Sam Jones, Maurice King,⁶⁵ Jim Loscutoff, Frank Ramsey, John Richter, Bill Russell, Bill Sharman

Other players in camp: Gene Brown (5th Rd 1958), Bart Leach (4th Rd 1955)⁶⁶, Joe Liebler (5th Rd 1955 by Pistons),⁶⁷ Jay Manning (George Washington; Hudson High School coach), **Ben Swain** (1958-59 Celtics, knee injury), **Lou Tsioropoulos** (1958-59 Celtics, back injury)⁶⁸

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Thu 10/1	Minneapolis Lakers	Houlton High School, Houlton, ME	110-104	Sam Jones 17; Leonard 19.
Fri 10/2	Minneapolis Lakers	Bangor Auditorium (II), Bangor, ME	104-98	Cousy 16; Garmaker 31
Sat 10/3	Minneapolis Lakers	Central Maine Youth Center, Lewiston, ME ⁶⁹	100-94	Russell 20; Leonard/Hamilton 16 Heinsohn out with a knee injury, LaRusso ejected with two technical fouls.

Sun 10/4	Minneapolis Lakers	Boston Garden, Boston MA	107-84	7pm start. First of a doubleheader with Boston Bruins vs. Providence Reds hockey game as the nightcap. AP story says the floor was "slippery."
Mon 10/5	Minneapolis Lakers	Dover, NH	125-110	
Tue 10/6	Minneapolis Lakers	Littleton, NH	123-107	Sam Jones 25; Hawkins 20 Heinsohn and Krebs ejected for fighting Cousy out ill, Baylor still in military service
Wed 10/7	Minneapolis Lakers	Windsor, VT	117-101	Heinsohn 22. Jim Krebs ejected for the second game in a row for arguing with referees
Thu 10/8	Minneapolis Lakers	Carl Nichols Gym, Greenfield High School, Greenfield, MA	123-97	Sharman 26; Fleming 20. Boston led 38-13 after the first quarter.
Fri 10/9	Minneapolis Lakers	Pittsfield Armory, Pittsfield, MA	114-117	K.C. Jones/Richter 19, Cousy 18 in first game back. Hawkins 27.
Sat 10/10	Minneapolis Lakers	Andover Academy, Andover, MA	125-102	Loscutoff/Heinsohn 19
Sun 10/11	Minneapolis Lakers	State Armory, Hartford, CT	134-108	Garmaker 24. Baylor and Russell DNP. Benefit for Hartford Fireman's Protective Association; attendance 1800
Mon 10/12	Minneapolis Lakers	Rogers High School, Newport, RI	101-97	Heinsohn 21; Garmaker 21 (Baylor DNP "holdout")
Tue 10/13	Minneapolis Lakers	Keaney Gym, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI	105-104	Heinsohn 23, Russell 21; LaRusso 18
Wed 10/14	Philadelphia Warriors	Minneapolis Armory, Minneapolis, MN	103-98	Chamberlain 26, Russell 16 but "even on backboards" (in first meeting as pros). Doubleheader in which Lakers defeated Detroit Pistons 100-94.

1960-61 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Babson Institute (Wellesley, MA)

Camp opened: September 19

Regular Season opener: October 22

Head Coach: Arnold “Red” Auerbach

Rosters

Regular Season opener (11): Gene Conley, Bob Cousy, Gene Guarilia, Tom Heinsohn, K.C. Jones, Sam Jones, Jim Loscutoff, Frank Ramsey, Bill Russell, Satch Sanders, Bill Sharman

Other players in camp:⁷⁰ Sid Cohen (4th Rd 1960), Dave Keleher (6th Rd 1958), **Togo Palazzi** (1959-60 Nationals), Harold Sappington,⁷¹ Jim Smith (2nd Rd 1958), **Guy Sparrow** (1959-60 Warriors)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Fri 9/30	Los Angeles Lakers	Bangor Auditorium (II), Bangor, ME	129-137	Heinsohn 22; Baylor 34 First NBA game for “Los Angeles Lakers”; Vice President Richard Nixon spoke in Bangor earlier in the day as part of his presidential campaign. ⁷²
Sat 10/1	Los Angeles Lakers	Norwich University, Northfield, VT	132-126	Heinsohn 25, Ramsey 23; Baylor 22, West 20
Sun 10/2	Los Angeles Lakers	Memorial Auditorium, Burlington, VT	104-98	Cousy 20; Baylor 37
Mon 10/3	Los Angeles Lakers	Worcester, MA	120-108	Heinsohn 22, Ramsey 16, Sparrow 14 Baylor 25, West 23, Joliff 16
Tue 10/4	Los Angeles Lakers	Lenox High School, Lenox, MA ⁷³	118-103	Sanders 17/17 (Russell out injured) Baylor 25/13/4 (pts/reb/ast), West 14/11
Wed 10/5	Los Angeles Lakers	Alumni Hall, Providence College, Providence, RI	110-119	Baylor 40, Lakers led by as much as 28 (106-78).
Thu 10/6	Los Angeles Lakers	Keaney Gym, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI	105-104	Cousy/Sam Jones 14; Baylor 23
Fri 10/7	Los Angeles Lakers	Rogers High School, Newport, RI	126-128 ot	Russell 27, Sam Jones 22; Baylor 27, West/Krebs 21

Sun 10/9	Los Angeles Lakers	Los Angeles Sports Arena, Los Angeles, CA	106-101	Cousy 17, Sam Jones 13; Baylor 30 This was the Lakers first game in Los Angeles ⁷⁴
Mon 10/10	Los Angeles Lakers	Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, CA	98-108	Russell 25; Baylor 25. Game broadcast locally on Channel 11 KTTV with Bill Welsh on play-by-play
Tue 10/11	Los Angeles Lakers	Swing Auditorium, San Bernardino, CA	110-96	Cousy 23; Baylor 18
Wed 10/12	Los Angeles Lakers	Municipal Auditorium, Long Beach, CA	117-113 ot	Sharman 23, Russell 21/37 102-all at end of regulation
Thu 10/13	Los Angeles Lakers	U. of California-Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA	119-100	Sharman 29, Russell 16/19; Selvy 25 Baylor and West both out.
Fri 10/14	Los Angeles Lakers	Porterville Junior High School, Porterville, CA	102-82	Sharman 23, K.C. Jones 20; LaRusso 17 Bill Sharman had attended high school in Porterville and was honored at halftime.
Sat 10/15	Los Angeles Lakers	San Diego, CA	97-91	Russell 18/27, Baylor 42/23
Sun 10/16	Los Angeles Lakers	Anaheim High School, Anaheim, CA	106-98	Heinsohn 21; Baylor/Hundley 23

1961-62 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Babson Institute (Wellesley, MA)

Camp opened: September 18

Regular Season opener: October 21

Head Coach: Arnold "Red" Auerbach

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12⁷⁵): Al Butler, Carl Braun, Bob Cousy, Gene Guarilia, Tom Heinsohn, K.C. Jones, Sam Jones, Jim Loscutoff, Gary Phillips, Frank Ramsey, Bill Russell, Satch Sanders

Other players in camp: Dick Davies (11th Rd 1960 by Hawks), Mike Graney (3rd Rd 1960), Wayne Lawrence (5th Rd 1960, played for Tuck Tapers in the NIBL)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Sat 9/30	Los Angeles Lakers	University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA	106-111	Russell 24; Baylor 35, West 29
Sun 10/1	Los Angeles Lakers	University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA	120-114	Russell 19; Baylor 26
Mon 10/2	Los Angeles Lakers	Cal Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA	121-116	Sam Jones 25; West 31. Loscutoff and Ray Felix fought in second quarter "but neither landed a solid blow, and neither was ejected." ⁷⁶
Tue 10/3	Los Angeles Lakers	Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, CA	107-106	Ramsey 24; West 30, Baylor 28. West lost ball while attempting to drive for a game-winning basket in the final seconds.
Wed 10/4	Los Angeles Lakers	Los Angeles Sports Arena, Los Angeles, CA	102-111	Heinsohn 24; Baylor 34
Fri 10/6	Syracuse Nationals	Worcester Boys' Trade High School, Worcester, MA	127-117	Heinsohn 25, Sam/K.C. 21; Greer 16 Cousy out with "[bone] spur on his right elbow" Benefit game for "N.E. Colleges fund"
Sat 10/7	Syracuse Nationals	Memorial Auditorium, Utica, NY	106-112	Heinsohn 24
Mon 10/9	Chicago Packers	Evansville, IN	93-91	Heinsohn 23, S. Jones 18; Hatton 19
Tue 10/10	Chicago Packers	Berry Bowl, Logansport, IN	102-97	Heinsohn 21; Cable 21/9, Bellamy 16/22. Carl Braun and Bob Leonard were ejected for fighting
Wed 10/11	Chicago Packers	Marion, IN	99-109	Ramsey 15, Cousy 6 in return from injury. Bellamy 29 (partly vs. Russell). Russell and K.C. Jones refused service at hotel bar.
Fri 10/13	Philadelphia Warriors	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	88-97	Heinsohn 19, Auerbach ejected in third quarter for arguing with referee; Chamberlain 25/27, 19 points in second half. First game of doubleheader.
Sun 10/15	St. Louis Hawks	Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, MO	124-127 ot	Sam Jones 22; Pettit 39
Mon 10/16	St. Louis Hawks	Wichita, KS	104-113	Sam Jones 23; Pettit/Hagan 22
Tue 10/17	St. Louis Hawks	U. of Kentucky Field House, Lexington, KY	103-128	Ramsey 24; Hagan 21. Game was held to celebrate the two former University of Kentucky stars. None

Wed 10/18	Syracuse Nationals	Peavey Gym, Babson Institute, Wellesley, MA	114-111	of the black players participated due to incident at Phoenix Hotel. Russell 27; Kerr 19 Benefit for Dr. Gordon Trim Memorial Fund ⁷⁷
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1962-63 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Babson Institute (Wellesley, MA)

Camp opened: September 19

Regular Season opener: October 20

Head Coach: Arnold "Red" Auerbach

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Bob Cousy, Gene Guarilia, John Havlicek, Tom Heinsohn, K.C. Jones, Sam Jones, Jim Loscutoff, Clyde Lovellette, Frank Ramsey, Bill Russell, Satch Sanders, Dan Swartz

Other players in camp: Tom Chappelle (11th Rd 1962 by Hawks), Chuck Chevalier (8th Rd 1962), Jim Hadnot (3rd Rd 1962), **Gary Phillips** (1961-62 Celtics), Ned Twyman (6th Rd 1961)

Note: Jack Foley (2nd Rd 1962) did not report to the Celtics until he completed his stint in the Coast Guard in mid-December. Foley received a 30-day roster exemption and played sparingly for the team until the exemption expired; he was then sold to the Knicks.

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Fri 10/5	New York Knicks	White Plains, NY	111-104	Cousy 17, Havlicek 13 in debut; Naulls 20/12
Sat 10/6	New York Knicks	New Haven Arena, New Haven, CT	92-99	Sanders 20; Butler 21
Mon 10/8	St. Louis Hawks	Galesburg, IL	94-97	Sam Jones 19; Pettit 28
Tue 10/9	St. Louis Hawks	Memorial Hall, Kansas City, KS	127-108	Sam Jones 24, Russell 23; Pettit 30

Wed 10/10	St. Louis Hawks	Parsons High School, Parsons, KS	116-104	Tom Heinsohn 18; Pettit 27
Thu 10/11	St. Louis Hawks	Quincy, IL	119-134	Heinsohn/K.C. Jones 16; Vaughn 27 Havlicek, Beaty, Bob Duffy all missed game due to the College All-Stars game in New York on Friday.
Fri 10/12	Syracuse Nationals	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	115-108	Russell 21; Bianchi 18 (16 of the Nats' 20 in the third quarter). Doubleheader which also featured the Knicks defeating the College All-Stars 132-112.
Sat 10/13	St. Louis Hawks	Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, MO	129-130	Havlicek 21; Pettit 23
Sun 10/14	St. Louis Hawks	Boylan High School, Rockford, IL	135-122	Sam Jones 22, Heinsohn/Sanders 20; Vaughn 26. Hawks traded the injured Clyde Lovellette to the Celtics the next day.
Mon 10/15	Detroit Pistons	Fort Wayne, IN	122-115	Ramsey 20; Scott 20
Wed 10/17	Syracuse Nationals	Memorial Auditorium, Utica, NY	110-124	Heinsohn 18; Costello 22. Cousy out with a shoulder injury suffered vs. Detroit.

1963-64 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Babson Institute (Wellesley, MA)

Camp opened: September 18

Regular Season opener: October 16

Head Coach: Arnold "Red" Auerbach

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): John Havlicek, Tom Heinsohn, K.C. Jones, Sam Jones, Jim Loscutoff, Clyde Lovellette, Johnny McCarthy, Willie Naulls, Frank Ramsey, Bill Russell, Satch Sanders, Larry Siegfried

Other players in camp: Vinnie Ernst (6th Rd 1963), Bill Green (1st Rd 1963), **Gene Guarilia** (1962-63 Celtics), Jim Hadnot (3rd Rd 1962), Chuck Kriston (3rd Rd 1963), Connie McGuire (4th Rd 1963), **W.D. Stroud** (5th Rd 1963), Joe Williams (Johnson C. Smith College, Charlotte, NC)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Tue 10/1	New York Knicks	Oceanside High School, Oceanside, NY	95-92	Havlicek 26; Heyman 18. Mendy Rudolph ejected Auerbach for arguing a call; Auerbach then pulled the team off the floor. Commissioner Kennedy fined Auerbach \$500 for his actions. ⁷⁸
Wed 10/2	New York Knicks	Upsala College, East Orange, NJ	112-108	Havlicek 18; Heyman/Green 19
Thu 10/3	Baltimore Bullets	Wharton Field House, Moline, IL	103-101	Russell 20; McGill 21 (14 in fourth). Boston had led by as many as 23 early in the fourth quarter.
Sat 10/5	St. Louis Hawks	Ottumwa, IA	96-99	Sam Jones 26; Pettit 21. Auerbach two more technical fouls; before the game first-round pick Bill Green was released for refusing to fly from St. Louis to Ottumwa. ⁷⁹
Mon 10/7	St. Louis Hawks	Southwest Missouri State, Springfield, MO	116-134	Heinsohn 27; Pettit 30, Beaty 19/22
Tue 10/8	St. Louis Hawks	Lincoln University Field House, Jefferson City, MO	108-92	Havlicek/Heinsohn 19; Bridges 17
Wed 10/9	St. Louis Hawks	Roberts Stadium, Evansville, IN	98-114	Sam Jones 27; Hagan 25, Pettit/Beaty 23. Auerbach was ejected after drawing two technical fouls; Heinsohn, who did not play due to injury, replaced him as coach and was also ejected.
Thu 10/10	St. Louis Hawks	Murray State College, Murray, KY	106-117	Havlicek 22; Pettit 20
Sat 10/12	St. Louis Hawks	Kiel Auditorium. St. Louis, MO	109-129	Pettit 25. Russell (back in Boston with a sick kid) and Heinsohn did not play.

1964-65 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Babson Institute (Wellesley, MA)**Camp opened:** September 14**Regular Season opener:** October 17

Head Coach: Arnold “Red” Auerbach

Rosters

Regular Season opener (11): Ron Bonham, John Havlicek, Tom Heinsohn, K.C. Jones, Sam Jones, Willie Naulls, Bevo Nordmann, Bill Russell, Satch Sanders, Larry Siegfried, John Thompson

Other players in camp: Jeff Blue (8th Rd 1964), Duane Corriveau (10th Rd 1964), Rich Falk (7th Rd 1964), Ray Flynn (4th Rd 1963 by Nationals/76ers), Charlie Kelley (9th Rd 1964), **Joe Strawder** (4th Rd 1964), **Levern Tart** (6th Rd 1964), Nick Werkman (5th Rd 1964)

Note: Mel Counts (1st Rd 1964) joined team in late October after the 1964 Summer Olympics ended (he played his first game for the Celtics on October 31).

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Thu 10/1	New York Knicks	Springfield College, Springfield, MA	104-100	Hall of Fame enshrinement ceremony; “all proceeds ticketed for the Hall of Fame” ⁸⁰
Fri 10/2	New York Knicks	Huntington Station, NY	106-103	Sam Jones 22; Boozer 29
Sat 10/3	New York Knicks	Westchester County Center, White Plains, NY	108-120	Bonham 14; Reed 20
Mon 10/5	St. Louis Hawks	Civic Coliseum, Knoxville, TN	101-117	Bonham 18; Guerin 17; basketball floor was transported from Greensboro, NC for the game.
Tue 10/6	St. Louis Hawks	Memphis, TN	105-116	Havlicek 30; Beaty 24
Wed 10/7	St. Louis Hawks	Ed Diddle Arena, Bowling Green, KY	113-106	Sam Jones 31; Pettit 25
Thu 10/8	St. Louis Hawks	Omaha Civic Auditorium, Omaha, NE	114-108	Bonham 28; Bridges 21; proceeds for Douglas County Multiple Sclerosis Society
Fri 10/9	St. Louis Hawks	Denver, CO	122-119	Heinsohn 20; Guerin 21
Sat 10/10	St. Louis Hawks	Milwaukee Arena, Milwaukee, WI	112-108	Sam Jones 33

Mon 10/12	Baltimore Bullets	Cleveland Arena, Cleveland, OH	85-111	Sanders 20; Howell 26. Russell coached Celtics because Auerbach returned to Boston to meet with the Celtics/Garden staff.
Tue 10/13	Philadelphia 76ers	"C.Y.O. Gym", Scranton, PA	109-121	Siegfried 25; Greer 24. 52-52 at half

1965-66 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Babson Institute (Wellesley, MA)

Camp opened: September 13

Regular Season opener: October 16

Head Coach: Arnold "Red" Auerbach

Rosters

Regular Season opener (11): Ron Bonham, Sihugo Green, John Havlicek, K.C. Jones, Sam Jones, Willie Naulls, Bill Russell, Satch Sanders, Larry Siegfried, John Thompson, Ron Watts

Other players in camp: **Mel Counts** (1964-65 Celtics, injured to start season), George Deehan (7th Rd 1965), Ollie Johnson (1st Rd 1965), **Woody Sauldsberry** (1962-63 Hawks), Richie Tarrant (4th Rd 1965)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Fri 9/24	Los Angeles Lakers	Seattle Coliseum, Seattle, WA	117-109	Siegfried 29; West 21, Baylor 19
Sun 9/26	Los Angeles Lakers	University of Montana Fieldhouse, Missoula, MT	98-120	Siegfried 29; Goodrich 19
Mon 9/27	Los Angeles Lakers	Utah State University, Logan, UT	112-123	Sam Jones 29; West 21
Tue 9/28	Los Angeles Lakers	Los Angeles Sports Arena, Los Angeles, CA	110-115	Sam Jones 26; West 24. Second game of doubleheader; Warriors-Royals (without holdout Oscar Robertson) in opener

Thu 9/30	Los Angeles Lakers	Cal Western, Point Loma, CA	111-124	Sam Jones 28; West 30
Fri 10/1	San Francisco Warriors	Cow Palace, San Francisco, CA	110-128	Russell injured knee in third quarter. Second game of doubleheader; Lakers defeated Royals 115-104 in opener
Sun 10/3	Philadelphia 76ers	Loyola Fieldhouse, New Orleans, LA	CANCELLED	Game cancelled in September due to damage from Hurricane Betsy
Mon 10/4	St. Louis Hawks	Lawton High School, Lawton, OK	98-99	Bonham 27, Russell 5/17 and 6 blocks; Beaty 19. Attendance 3000 to 6000.
Tue 10/5	St. Louis Hawks	Tulsa, OK	97-93	Sam Jones 29; Wilkens 25
Wed 10/6	Philadelphia 76ers	Reynolds Coliseum, Raleigh, NC	100-103	Sam Jones 22; Wally Jones 24 Tournament featuring Boston, St. Louis, Baltimore, and Philadelphia. St. Louis def. Baltimore 103-81 in the first game, then played Philadelphia on 10/7.
Thu 10/7	Baltimore Bullets	Reynolds Coliseum, Raleigh, NC	115-108	Bonham 25; Howell/Johnson 18
Fri 10/8	Philadelphia 76ers	Charlotte Coliseum, Charlotte, NC	126-128 ot	Bonham 30; Greer 37. Tournament featuring Boston, St. Louis, Baltimore, and Philadelphia. Baltimore 118 def. St. Louis 105
Sat 10/9	St. Louis Hawks	Charlotte Coliseum, Charlotte, NC	97-91	Baltimore vs. Philadelphia
Mon 10/11	Philadelphia 76ers	Kentucky State Fairgrounds Coliseum (Freedom Hall), Louisville, KY ⁸¹	104-93	Sam Jones 29, Russell 24; Chamberlain 27. Tournament featuring Boston, St. Louis, Cincinnati, and Philadelphia. St. Louis def. Cincinnati 113-104 in the first game [7pm & 9:15pm].
Tue 10/12	St. Louis Hawks	Kentucky State Fairgrounds Coliseum (Freedom Hall), Louisville, KY	100-97	Sam Jones 26; Beaty 22. Cincinnati def. Philadelphia 112-103 in the first game [7pm & 9:15pm].
Wed 10/13	Baltimore Bullets	Springfield College, Springfield, MA	101-143	Sam Jones 31; Bellamy 24 The late Walter Brown and the Celtics Promotion Director and league statistician Bill Mokray were inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

1966-67 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Babson Institute (Wellesley, MA)

Camp opened: September 12

Regular Season opener: October 15

Head Coach: Bill Russell

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Jim Barnett, Wayne Embry, John Havlicek, Bailey Howell, K.C. Jones, Sam Jones, Toby Kimball,⁸² Don Nelson, Bill Russell, Satch Sanders, Larry Siegfried, Ron Watts

Other players in camp: **John Austin** (4th Rd 1966), **Willis (Spider) Bennett** (Winston-Salem State, 1968-69 Dallas/Houston ABA), Leon Clark (2nd Rd 1966), **Art Heyman** (1965-66 76ers), Charlie Hunter (6th Rd 1966), Gary Turner (3rd Rd 1966)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Fri 9/30	New York Knicks	Herricks High School, Herricks, NY	132-108	Howell 20; Bellamy 30
Sat 10/1	New York Knicks	IBM Field House, Endicott, NY	108-104	Siegfried 20; Bryant 21
Sun 10/2	New York Knicks	Memorial Auditorium, Utica, NY	97-113	Bellamy 25
Mon 10/3	St. Louis Hawks	Owensboro Sports Center, Owensboro, KY	95-90	Sam Jones 25; Beaty 17
Tue 10/4	St. Louis Hawks	Municipal Auditorium, Nashville, TN	112-91	Howell 26; Guerin 15
Wed 10/5	St. Louis Hawks	St. Petersburg, FL	98-106	Sam Jones 24, Howell 21; Wilkens 27, Hudson 23
Thu 10/6	St. Louis Hawks	Rapides Parish Coliseum, Alexandria, VA	96-97	Howell 21; Bridges 16
Fri 10/7	Philadelphia 76ers	Loyola Fieldhouse, New Orleans, LA	117-129	Havlicek 27; Walker 33

Sat 10/8	Cincinnati Royals	Ball State University, Muncie, IN	116-124	Sam Jones 22, Heyman 18; Robertson 31, Lucas 23/19
Sun 10/9	Cincinnati Royals	University of Dayton Fieldhouse, Dayton, OH	100-104	Sam Jones 22, Russell 22 rebounds; Robertson 33
Mon 10/10	Cincinnati Royals	Columbus Fairgrounds Coliseum, Columbus, OH	112-107	Havlicek 27; Robertson 23
Tue 10/11	Cincinnati Royals	Rock Island high School, Rock Island, IL	101-89	Sanders 22; Robertson 21 Don Nelson served as the promoter for this game.

1967-68 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Boston State College (Boston, MA)⁸³

Camp opened: September 14

Regular Season opener: October 14

Head Coach: Bill Russell

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Wayne Embry, Mal Graham, John Havlicek, Bailey Howell, Johnny Jones, Sam Jones, Don Nelson, Bill Russell, Satch Sanders, Larry Siegfried, Tom Thacker, Rick Weitzman

Other players in camp: Lou Alexander (Prairie View), **Willis (Spider) Bennett** (undrafted, 1968-69 Dallas/Houston ABA), **Don Carlos** (8th Rd 1967 by Lakers), Ed Hummer (6th Rd 1967)⁸⁴, Guy Hughes (South Carolina State), Neville Shedd (4th Rd 1967), Gary Turner (3rd Rd 1966)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Fri 9/29	Philadelphia 76ers	San Juan, Puerto Rico	98-99	Sam Jones 18, Nelson 17; Walker 31, Greer 21. Game held outdoors at a baseball stadium and

				was delayed twice by rain. Chamberlain was unsigned and did not play in Puerto Rico.
Sat 9/30	Philadelphia 76ers	San Juan, Puerto Rico	CANCELLED	8:30pm start was delayed to 9:10pm but rain returned and the game was cancelled.
Sun 10/1	Philadelphia 76ers	San Juan, Puerto Rico	123-94	Howell 27; Cunningham 25. John Vanak and Bill Kunkel refereed both games (9/29 and 10/1).
Tue 10/3	St. Louis Hawks	Mid-South Coliseum, Memphis, TN	114-112 ot	Sam Jones 20, Havlicek 18, Russell 16/20 in 29 minutes; Snyder 24, Caldwell 23
Thu 10/5	Detroit Pistons	Wharton Fieldhouse, Moline, IL	106-116	Howell 18, Russell 17; Tresvant 26, Walker 23
Fri 10/6	Chicago Bulls	Milwaukee Arena, Milwaukee, WI	106-98	Havlicek 22, Russell 16 rebounds; Rodgers 27
Sat 10/7	Chicago Bulls	East Chicago, IN	111-114	Sam Jones 22; Clem Haskins 35
Sun 10/8	Detroit Pistons	IBM Country Club Fieldhouse, Binghamton, NY	124-98	Sam Jones 22; Strawder 15, Walker 13
Tue 10/10	Philadelphia 76ers	Kingston Armory, Kingston, PA	111-113	Embry 23, Havlicek 17; Walker 25, Cunningham 21. Chamberlain DNP had not reported

1968-69 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Tobin Gym (Roxbury, MA)⁸⁵

Camp opened: September 16⁸⁶

Regular Season opener: October 18

Head Coach: Bill Russell

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12*): Emmette Bryant, Mal Graham, John Havlicek, Bailey Howell, Rich Johnson, Sam Jones, Bud Olsen, Don Nelson, Bill Russell, Satch Sanders, Larry Siegfried⁸⁷

Other players in camp: **Al Beard** (former Globetrotter, ABA 1967-68 New Jersey Americans), Bill Butler (9th Rd 1968), Ed Hummer (6th Rd 1967), Thad Jaracz (5th Rd 1968), Bill Langheld (12th Rd 1968), George Plimpton (writer), Floyd Thread (Kentucky State), **Rick Weitzman** (1967-68 Celtics, joining Army)

*Note: Celtics only carried 11 players to open the season because first-round pick Don Chaney was scheduled to return from military service (Camp Polk, Louisiana) in January and would take the 12th roster spot.

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Tue 9/24	Atlanta Hawks	Salem, VA	89-102	Beatty 26, Russell 18 rebounds (but 1-for-11 from the floor and 0-for-4 from the line) Writer George Plimpton played the final two minutes for the Celtics after attending training camp.
Wed 9/25	Atlanta Hawks	Kingsport, TN	92-99	Howell 18; Hudson 28; Writer George Plimpton played again, but did not score.
Sun 9/29	Philadelphia 76ers	Salesianum School, Wilmington, DE	100-140	Howell 24; Greer, Jones 26. 76ers 50 points in second quarter on 20-28 FG shooting (74-63 half)
Mon 9/30	Philadelphia 76ers	Kingston Armory, Kingston, PA	115-138	Havlicek, Jones, Siegfried 20; Jackson 25, Cunningham 24
Sat 10/5	Philadelphia 76ers	Memorial Auditorium, Burlington, VT	108-116	Howell 28, Havlicek 27; Greer 24
Sun 10/6	Cincinnati Royals	Ohio State Fairgrounds Coliseum, Columbus, OH	114-124	Siegfried 25; Dierking 31/Robertson 28
Mon 10/7	Cincinnati Royals	Connersville High School, Connersville, IN	102-108	Siegfried 20; Van Arsdale 19 Royals led by 22 in first quarter.
Tue 10/8	Cincinnati Royals	Ball State University, Muncie, IN	98-86	Howell 26; Robertson 23
Wed 10/9	Atlanta Hawks	Waterloo, IA	102-111	Siegfried 23; Beatty 28
Thu 10/11	Atlanta Hawks	Memorial Auditorium, Des Moines, IA	132-109	Siegfried 27; Bridges 22
Sat 10/12	Detroit Pistons	Hackett High School, Kalamazoo, MI	114-115	Siegfried 36; Bing 22 Russell 27 rebounds
Tue 10/14	Philadelphia 76ers	Bangor Auditorium (II), Bangor, ME	116-110	Siegfried 26/Sanders 24; Jackson 22

1969-70 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Boston State College (Boston, MA)

Camp opened: September 15⁸⁸

Regular Season opener: October 17

Head Coach: Tom Heinsohn

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Jim Barnes, Emmette Bryant, Don Chaney, Hank Finkel, John Havlicek, Bailey Howell, Rich Johnson, Steve Kuberski, Rich Niemann, Don Nelson, Satch Sanders, Larry Siegfried

Other players in camp: Andy Benson (University of Houston), **Johnny Jones** (ABA 1968-69 Kentucky Colonels), **Jim Kissane** (ABA 1968-69 Memphis Pros), Bill/Henry Pickens (Georgia Southern), Gordon Smith (9th Rd 1969), **Jo Jo White** (1st Rd 1969, Military Service⁸⁹), John Thomas (South Dakota State)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Wed 9/24	Atlanta Hawks	Columbia Coliseum, Columbia, SC	103-91	Havlicek 17; Hudson 32
Thu 9/25	Atlanta Hawks	Mississippi Coliseum, Jackson, MS	109-113	Howell 18 ⁹⁰ ; Jim Davis 23. Second game of doubleheader. Opener: Marques Haynes Fabulous Magicians def. Miss. College Stars 56-52.
Sat 9/27	Atlanta Hawks	Gainesville, GA	133-125	Siegfried 26; Caldwell 20
Mon 9/29	Cincinnati Royals	Jackson Coliseum, Jackson, TN ⁹¹	98-111	Finkel 21; Tom Van Arsdale 23 First game for Cousy coaching against Celtics
Tue 9/30	Cincinnati Royals	Charleston Civic Center, Charleston, WV	108-123	Havlicek 39; Robertson 32
Sat 10/4	Philadelphia 76ers	Atlantic City Convention Hall, Atlantic City, NJ	136-133	Nelson 23, Havlicek 21, Finkel 19/18; Cunningham 42/12, Clark 29

Sun 10/5	New York Knicks	Memorial Auditorium, Utica, NY	105-108	Bryant 17; Reed 22/15
Thu 10/9	Cincinnati Royals	Bloomfield High School, Bloomfield, CT	109-108	Siegfried 28, Finkel 19/13. None of the Royals normal starters started.
Fri 10/10	New York Knicks	Bangor Auditorium (II), Bangor, ME	101-120	Howell 19; Frazier 19
Sat 10/11	Philadelphia 76ers	War Memorial Auditorium, Rochester, NY	118-116	Havlicek 31, Sanders 19; Clark 35, Cunningham 25

1970-71 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Hellenic College (Brookline, MA)

Camp opened: September 14

Regular Season opener: October 13

Head Coach: Tom Heinsohn

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Don Chaney, Dave Cowens, Bill Dinwiddie, Hank Finkel, John Havlicek, Rich Johnson, Steve Kuberski, Don Nelson, Garfield Smith, Jo Jo White, Art Williams, Willie Williams

Other players in camp: Tom Carter (5th Rd 1970), Jon McKinney (4th Rd 1970), **Rex Morgan** (2nd Rd 1970), **Satch Sanders** (injured to start the season), Gordon Smith (9th Rd 1969)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Tue 9/22	Atlanta Hawks	Florida State, Tully Gym, Tallahassee, FL	121-105	Chaney 19; Hudson 17 First game for Dave Cowens – 16 and game-high 17 rebounds; First game for Pete Maravich (did

				not play in an earlier exhibition – the Maurice Stokes game) 16 points in 32 minutes.
Wed 9/23	Atlanta Hawks	Jacksonville Coliseum, Jacksonville, FL	119-111	Chaney 26, Cowens 16/13; Hudson 28, Maravich 4-for-16 vs. Chaney (14 pts).
Fri 9/25	Atlanta Hawks	Municipal Auditorium, Columbus, GA	161-136	Chaney/Nelson 26; Maravich 22 White absent due to military reserves commitment.
Sat 9/26	Atlanta Hawks	Bayfront Center, St. Petersburg, FL	118-121	Chaney 27; Hudson 30, Maravich 22
Sun 9/27	New York Knicks	University of Hartford, Hartford, CT	107-120	White 27; Stallworth 23
Tue 9/29	Buffalo Braves	Horseheads Junior High School West Gym, Horseheads, NY	88-130	Art Williams 13; Don May 20
Wed 9/30	Buffalo Braves	State University of New York at Binghamton, Binghamton, NY	119-123	White 27; Don May 21. Celtics led 62-42 at half.
Sun 10/4	New York Knicks	Memorial Auditorium, Utica, NY	129-102	Finkel 23, Cowens 17/23; Reed 24
Mon 10/5	Philadelphia 76ers	Franklin & Marshall College Mayser Gym, Lancaster, PA	119-130	White 27, Cowens 10/14; Clark 20
Wed 10/7	Philadelphia 76ers	Bristol Central High School, Bristol, CT	115-119	Nelson 23; Cunningham 24

1971-72 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Gordon College (Wenham, MA)

Camp opened: September 16

Regular Season opener: October 15

Head Coach: Tom Heinsohn

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Don Chaney, Dave Cowens, Clarence Glover, Hank Finkel, John Havlicek, Steve Kuberski, Rex Morgan, Don Nelson, Satch Sanders, Garfield Smith, Jo Jo White, Art Williams

Other players in camp: Leroy Chalk (13th Rd 1971), **Bill Dinwiddie** (1970-71 Celtics), Ed Hummer (6th Rd 1967), Jon McKinney (4th Rd 1970), Jim Rose (2nd Rd 1971), Skip Young (7th Rd 1971)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Sat 9/25	New York Knicks	Memorial Auditorium, Utica, NY	85-121	White 20; Meminger 15
Sun 9/26	New York Knicks	Trinity College, Hartford, CT	88-106	Nelson 18; Frazier 20
Tue 9/28	Philadelphia 76ers	St. Joseph's High School, Hazleton, PA	122-112	Nelson 25; Greer 22. Cowens and Awtry engaged "in a wild swinging match that covered half the court." ⁹²
Sat 10/2	Buffalo Braves	Fredonia State College, Fredonia, NY	117-111 ot	Havlicek 31; Garrett 22
Sun 10/3	New York Nets (ABA)	Island Garden, West Hempstead, NY	115-116	White 21; Barry 24. Melchionni "28-foot off balance jumper banked in with four seconds to play" gave Nets lead. Havlicek then missed two game-winning shot attempts.
Mon 10/4	Philadelphia 76ers	Pottsville High School, Pottsville, PA	129-113	Cowens 21, Nelson 19; Wohl, Foster 18
Tue 10/5	Carolina Cougars (ABA)	Charlotte Coliseum, Charlotte, NC	107-100	Cowens 27/20; McDaniels 25
Wed 10/6	Memphis Pros (ABA)	Mid-South Coliseum, Memphis, TN	115-94	White 21; Neumann 24
Thu 10/7	Buffalo Braves	Onondaga County War Memorial Auditorium, Syracuse, NY	110-98	White 21, Cowens 13/12; Kauffman 22

1972-73 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Massachusetts Maritime Academy (Buzzards Bay, MA)

Camp opened: September 11

Regular Season opener: October 11

Head Coach: Tom Heinsohn

Assistant Coach: John Killilea

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Don Chaney, Dave Cowens, Hank Finkel, John Havlicek, Steve Kuberski, Mark Minor, Don Nelson, Satch Sanders, Paul Silas,⁹³ Paul Westphal, Jo Jo White, Art Williams

Other players in camp: **Bill Dinwiddie**⁹⁴ (1971-72 Bucks), **Clarence Glover** (1971-72 Celtics), Wayne Grabiec (3rd Rd 1972), **Rex Morgan** (1971-72 Celtics), **Garfield Smith** (1971-72 Celtics)

Exhibition Game Results⁹⁵

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Fri 9/22	Milwaukee Bucks	Montreal Forum, Montreal, Canada	103-107	Cowens 19; Robertson 28, Abdul-Jabbar 21
Tue 9/26	Philadelphia 76ers	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	102-106	Cowens 20/7; Carter 27 First game of a doubleheader, second game featured Knicks vs. Braves
Wed 9/27	Virginia Squires (ABA)	Norfolk Scope, Norfolk, VA	127-111	White 23; Barr 20
Sat 9/30	New York Nets (ABA)	Nassau County Coliseum, Uniondale, NY	118-94	Havlicek 25; Paultz 20
Tue 10/3	New York Knicks	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	111-97	Cowens 32/21; Frazier 21
Wed 10/4	Carolina Cougars (ABA)	Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, NC	124-104	White 31; Lewis 19, 22-0 run by Cougars in 4 th quarter

Thu 10/5	Atlanta Hawks	Flowers Hall, Florence State University, ⁹⁶ Florence, AL	120-122	White 38; Maravich 42
Sat 10/7	Atlanta Hawks	Savannah, GA	123-102	White and Westphal combined for 40; Hudson 32

1973-74 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Massachusetts Maritime Academy (Buzzards Bay, MA)

Camp opened: September 11

Regular Season opener: October 12

Head Coach: Tom Heinsohn

Assistant Coach: John Killilea

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Don Chaney, Dave Cowens, Steve Downing, Hank Finkel, Phil Hankinson, John Havlicek, Steve Kuberski, Don Nelson, Paul Silas, Paul Westphal, Jo Jo White, Art Williams

Other players in camp: **Clarence Glover** (1971-72 Celtics), Martinez Denmon (3rd Rd 1973), Wayne Grabiec (3rd Rd 1972), Byron "Snake" Jones (5th Rd 1973), John Laing (Augustana (Illinois) College), Sam McCamey⁹⁷ (8th Rd 1972)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Fri 9/21	Buffalo Braves	Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, ME	96-88	Westphal 16; McMillian 15 First NBA game for Ernie DiGregorio
Sat 9/22	Buffalo Braves	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	100-140	Kuberski 14; McMillian 25. 21-2 run from second to third quarter extended Braves 57-50 lead to 78-52; First game of a doubleheader with Phoenix Suns defeating New York Knicks 93-89 in the second game.

Mon 9/24	New York Knicks	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	98-108	Chaney 22; Frazier 16 Second game of a doubleheader; Phoenix Suns defeated Atlanta Hawks 104-99 in the first game
Fri 9/28	New York Knicks	Providence Civic Center, Providence, RI	89-95	Chaney 23; DeBusschere 25
Sun 9/30	Carolina Cougars (ABA)	Greensboro Coliseum, Charlotte, NC	86-93	White 20; Calvin 21, Cunningham 15. Originally scheduled for 9/29 but the floor (laid over an ice rink) was too slippery to play on.
Tue 10/2	Indiana Pacers (ABA)	Indiana State Fair Coliseum, Indianapolis, IN	110-100	White 26; McGinnis 21
Thu 10/4	Utah Stars (ABA)	Salt Palace, Salt Lake City, UT	94-105	Chaney 21; Boone 22 Second game of a doubleheader: Denver Rockets 113, Phoenix Suns 111
Sun 10/7	New York Nets (ABA)	Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Uniondale, NY	121-102	Havlicek 37; Erving 23

1974-75 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Massachusetts Maritime Academy (Buzzards Bay, MA)

Camp opened: September 19

Regular Season opener: October 18

Head Coach: Tom Heinsohn

Assistant Coach: John Killilea

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Jim Ard, Don Chaney, Ben Clyde, Steve Downing, Hank Finkel, John Havlicek, Glenn McDonald, Don Nelson, Paul Silas, Kevin Stacom, Paul Westphal, Jo Jo White

Other players in camp: **M.L. Carr** (5th Rd 1973 by Kings), **Dave Cowens** (broken foot at start of season), **Phil Hankinson** (knee injury at start of season), Byron "Snake" Jones (5th Rd 1973), **Dave Sorenson** (1972-73 76ers)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Sat 9/28	Denver Nuggets (ABA)	Asheville Civic Center, Asheville, NC	98-106	Chaney 16; ⁹⁸ Simpson 25, Bobby Jones 23/12 in pro debut Cowens injured his right arch (contusion, not a break) and missed the second half and the next four preseason games. First basketball game played at the new Asheville Civic Center.
Sun 9/29	Denver Nuggets (ABA)	Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, NC	100-122	Nelson 18; Simpson 25
Fri 10/4	Buffalo Braves	Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, Ontario, Canada	103-113	Havlicek/Westphal 17; McAdoo 31
Sat 10/5	Milwaukee Bucks	Buffalo Memorial Auditorium, Buffalo, NY	98-112	White 19, Jabbar 24 (injured in fourth quarter) ⁹⁹
Sun 10/6	Detroit Pistons	St. John's Arena (Ohio State), Columbus, OH	106-100	Havlicek/White 19; Lanier 27/11
Tue 10/8	Milwaukee Bucks	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	96-106	White 24; Dandridge 35 Cowens played but broke a bone in his right foot in the third quarter. ¹⁰⁰ Second game of a doubleheader; Braves 119, Knicks 83 in opener.
Thu 10/10	New York Knicks	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	101-92	Havlicek 22; Monroe 23. Second game of a doubleheader; Braves 108, Bucks 99 in opener
Sun 10/13	Philadelphia 76ers	Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, ME	101-99	White 26, Havlicek 24; Mix 26 Benefit for Maine Sports Hall of Fame

1975-76 Boston Celtics**Training Camp:** Massachusetts Maritime Academy (Buzzards Bay, MA)**Camp opened:** September 26**Regular Season opener:** October 24

Head Coach: Tom Heinsohn
Assistant Coach: John Killilea

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Jim Ard, Tom Boswell, Dave Cowens, Hank Finkel,¹⁰¹ John Havlicek, Glenn McDonald, Don Nelson, Paul Silas, Charlie Scott, Ed Searcy, Kevin Stacom, Jo Jo White

Other players in camp: **Jerome Anderson** (3rd Rd 1975), Darryl Brown (5th Rd 1975), **Larry Cannon** (1973-74 76ers), **Phil Hankinson** (1974-75 Celtics), Cyrus Mann (4th Rd 1975), Larry Robinson (4th Rd 1974 by Rockets)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Fri 10/3	Washington Bullets	University of Dayton Fieldhouse, Dayton, OH	108-109	Scott 26; Leonard Robinson 21
Sat 10/4	Kansas City Kings	St. John's Arena (Ohio State), Columbus, OH	106-117	Scott 21; Archibald 25
Sun 10/5	Philadelphia 76ers	Hartford Civic Center, Hartford, CT	109-113	White 19; McGinnis 26
Thu 10/9	New York Knicks	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	97-109	White 16; Frazier 24
Sat 10/11	Chicago Bulls	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	112-82	Nelson 17; Poindexter 16
Sun 10/12	Portland Trail Blazers	Memorial Coliseum, Portland, OR	85-82	Nelson 20, Cowens 9/15; Petrie 19
Tue 10/14	Portland Trail Blazers	Gill Coliseum (Oregon State), Corvallis, OR	95-114	White 24; Martin 18. Cowens out with sprained ankle, Walton out with injuries from Sunday. ¹⁰² Proceeds to benefit the Oregon State University Student-Athletic Scholarship Fund.
Fri 10/17	Denver Nuggets (ABA)	McNichols Sports Arena, Denver, CO	114-124	Havlicek 24, Nelson 22, Cowens 19/11; Simpson 35, Thompson 33

1976-77 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Massachusetts Maritime Academy (Buzzards Bay, MA)

Camp opened: September 23

Regular Season opener: October 21

Head Coach: Tom Heinsohn

Assistant Coach: John Killilea

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Jim Ard, Tom Boswell, Norm Cook, Dave Cowens, John Havlicek, Steve Kuberski, Curtis Rowe,¹⁰³ Fred Saunders, Charlie Scott, Kevin Stacom, Jo Jo White, Sidney Wicks

Other players in camp: **Jerome Anderson** (3rd Rd 1975), Darryl Brown (5th Rd 1975), Jerry Fort (3rd Rd 1976), Lewis Linder (4th Rd 1976), **Glenn McDonald** (1975-76 Celtics), Louis McKinney (5th Rd 1976), **Ed Searcy** (1975-76 Celtics), **Dave Sorenson** (1972-73 76ers)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Wed 10/6	Kansas City Kings	Wichita State, Henry Levitt Arena, Wichita, KS	104-112	Scott 22; Boone 26
Thu 10/7	Kansas City Kings	City of Omaha Auditorium, Omaha, NE	123-129	Scott 24, White 23, Havlicek 22; Boone 34
Fri 10/8	Philadelphia 76ers	The Spectrum, Philadelphia, PA	103-134	Scott 18; Collins 21
Sun 10/10	Cleveland Cavaliers	St. John's Arena (Ohio State), Columbus, OH	99-103	White 23; C. Russell 20
Tue 10/12	Denver Nuggets	McNichols Sports Arena, Denver, CO	104-108	Scott 28; Thompson 28
Thu 10/14	New York Knicks	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	99-141	Carter 23; Cowens out with back spasms, newly acquired Sidney Wicks out with groin pull

Fri 10/15	Philadelphia 76ers	Hartford Civic Center, Hartford, CT	115-116	White 27, Ard 21/18 (pts/reb); Mix 20, Caldwell Jones 11/12; Cowens, Wicks, Scott out injured
Sat 10/16	New York Knicks	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	122-119 ot	White 32; Moe Layton 34 Cowens, Wicks, Monroe out injured

1977-78 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Massachusetts Maritime Academy (Buzzards Bay, MA)

Camp opened: September 21

Regular Season opener: October 19

Head Coach: Tom Heinsohn¹⁰⁴

Assistant Coach: Satch Sanders¹⁰⁵

Rosters

Regular Season opener (11):¹⁰⁶ Dave Bing, Tom Boswell, Dave Cowens, John Havlicek, Cedric Maxwell, Curtis Rowe, Fred Saunders, Charlie Scott, Kevin Stacom, Jo Jo White, Sidney Wicks

Other players in camp: **Jim Ard** (1976-77 Celtics), Darryl Brown (5th Rd 1975 – failed physical), Skip Brown (3rd Rd 1977), Biff Burrell (6th Rd 1975 by Suns), **Norm Cook** (1976-77 Celtics), Jeff Cummings (4th Rd 1977), Mike Dabney (3rd Rd 1976 by Lakers), Jerry Fort (3rd Rd 1976), Tom Harris (8th Rd 1977), **John Johnson** (1976-77 Rockets),¹⁰⁷ **Steve Kuberski** (1976-77 Celtics), Bill Langloh (5th Rd 1977)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Sat 10/1	Philadelphia 76ers	The Spectrum, Philadelphia, PA	98-120	Dave Bing 15, Maxwell 9/4/5 in first game; McGinnis/Collins 19 White (heel) and Cowens (sore throat) out Game two of doubleheader; Milwaukee-New York in opener

Tue 10/4	Buffalo Braves	Cumberland County Civic Center, Portland, ME ¹⁰⁸	108-105 ot	Cowens 16/12, Scott 16, White 14; Knight 21, Archibald/Smith 19
Wed 10/5	Philadelphia 76ers	Hartford Civic Center, Hartford, CT	109-103	Cowens 20/6/4 (pts/reb/ast); McGinnis 14. Erving did not play with knee injury.
Thu 10/6	Washington Bullets	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	115-118	Bing/Boswell/Fred Saunders 14; Grevey 26, Larry Wright 25. First game of a doubleheader; Knicks defeated 76ers 104-98
Sat 10/8	New York Knicks	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	103-131	Maxwell 18/14; Shelton 23. McAdoo out with pulled leg muscle
Sun 10/9	Cleveland Cavaliers	St. John's Arena (Ohio State), Columbus, OH	92-99	Rowe 23; Fouts Walker 15
Tue 10/11	New York Knicks	University of Dayton Fieldhouse, Dayton, OH	109-113	White 21; Haywood 27/12
Thu 10/13	Chicago Bulls	Freedom Hall, Louisville, KY	120-99	White 22; Gilmore 24/17 Cowens 8/16, Ard 10/15, Boswell 12/13 (Celtics outrebounded Bulls 74-46)

1978-79 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Hellenic College (Brookline, MA)

Camp opened: September 15

Regular Season opener: October 13

Head Coach: Satch Sanders¹⁰⁹

Assistant Coach: K.C. Jones, Bob MacKinnon¹¹⁰

Rosters

Regular Season opener (11): Dennis Awtrey, Tony Archibald, Marvin Barnes, Don Chaney, Dave Cowens, Jeff Judkins, Billy Knight, Cedric Maxwell, Earl Tatum, Jo Jo White, Earl Williams

Other players in camp: **Bob Bigelow** (1977-78 Celtics), Biff Burrell (6th Rd 1975 by Suns), **Joe Pace** (1977-78 Bullets), **Curtis Rowe** (heel injury – began season on five-game injured list), Dana Skinner (3rd Rd 1978), **Chuckie Williams** (1976-77 Cavaliers)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Fri 9/22	New York Knicks	Metro Center, Halifax, Nova Scotia	103-98	Knight 26; Haywood 22 Cowens (back), Earl Monroe and Jim McMillian (unsigned FAs), McAdoo (injured ankle), and Ray Williams (swollen knee) did not play.
Sun 9/24	New York Knicks	Providence Civic Center, Providence, RI	100-97	Tatum 18, Earl Williams 16/11; Beard 18
Fri 9/29	New Jersey Nets	Rutgers Athletic Center, Piscataway, NJ	99-116	Earl Williams 13/17; Boynes 19
Sat 9/30	Philadelphia 76ers	The Spectrum, Philadelphia, PA	113-132	Earl Williams 22/19, Maxwell 19/11
Wed 10/4	Cleveland Cavaliers	Cumberland County Civic Center, Portland, ME	103-108	Knight 25, Furlow 21. Cowens returned from back trouble to play 15 minutes; Williams injured left index finger in fourth quarter (torn ligaments). Benefit for Maine Sports Hall of Fame
Thu 10/5	Washington Bullets	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	106-113	Knight 29; Grevey 22. Williams missed game (injury). First game of a doubleheader (6pm); Philadelphia def. New York 92-84.
Sat 10/7	New York Knicks	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	109-110	Knight 41; Haywood 25. Second game of a doubleheader. Detroit def. Washington 109-105.
Sun 10/8	Philadelphia 76ers	St. John's Arena (Ohio State), Columbus, OH	102-110	Earl Williams 24/13, Knight 24; Erving 23. Marvin Barnes missed flight from New York to Ohio.

1979-80 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Hellenic College (Brookline, MA)

Camp opened: September 14

Regular Season opener: October 12

Head Coach: Bill Fitch

Assistant Coach: K.C. Jones

Rosters

Regular Season opener (11): Tony Archibald, Larry Bird, M.L. Carr, Don Chaney, Dave Cowens, Eric Fernsten, Chris Ford, Gerald Henderson, Jeff Judkins, Cedric Maxwell, Rick Robey

Other players in camp: Steve Castellán (7th Rd 1979), Nick Galis (4th Rd 1979), **Wayne Kreklow** (3rd Rd 1979), **Ricky Marsh** (1977-78 Warriors), **Curtis Rowe** (1978-79 Celtics), **Kevin Stacom** (1978-79 Celtics),¹¹¹ Glenn Sudhop (8th Rd 1979), David Thompson, Stan Wright (undrafted, University of Rhode Island)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Thu 9/27	Philadelphia 76ers	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	90-115	Bird 18/6 in Celtics debut; B. Jones 16 First game of a doubleheader; Knicks defeated Nets 126-94 in the second game.
Fri 9/28	Washington Bullets	The Spectrum, Philadelphia, PA	116-101	Cowens 25, Bird 13/11
Sat 9/29	New York Knicks	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	106-131	Bird 36/15, pulled from game with Celtics trailing 93-90 with 9:27 left.
Tue 10/2	Philadelphia 76ers	Providence Civic Center, Providence, RI	117-98	Bird, Carr 19; Erving 15
Wed 10/3	Indiana Pacers	Hulman Center, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN	90-99	Maxwell 21, Bird 17/16 (6 for 18 shooting); Johnson 25 for Pacers. Attendance 10,226
Fri 10/5	New York Knicks	War Memorial Auditorium, Rochester, NY	111-102	Bird 19/19; Williams 24
Sat 10/6	Philadelphia 76ers	Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, ME	101-120	Cowens 19/13, Bird 14/8; Erving 23
Sun 10/7	New York Knicks	St. John's Arena (Ohio State), Columbus, OH	122-119	Bird 25/12/6; Glenn 20

1980-81 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Hellenic College (Brookline, MA)

Camp opened: September 12¹¹²

Regular Season opener: October 10

Head Coach: Bill Fitch

Assistant Coaches: K.C. Jones, Jimmy Rodgers

Rosters

Regular Season opener (11): Tony Archibald, Larry Bird, M.L. Carr, Eric Fernsten, Chris Ford, Gerald Henderson, Wayne Kreklow, Cedric Maxwell, Kevin McHale, Robert Parish, Rick Robey

Other players in camp: Jim Brandon (8th Rd 1980 by Jazz), **Dave Cowens** (retired), **Greg Deane** (1979-80 Jazz), Ken Evans (6th Rd 1980), B.B. Flenory (undrafted, Duquesne), Arnette Hallman (2nd Rd 1980), Rufus Harris (5th Rd 1980), Les Henson (7th Rd 1980), **Pete Maravich** (retired), Don Newman (3rd Rd 1980), Ronnie Perry (3rd Rd 1980)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Sun 9/21	New Jersey Nets	New Haven Coliseum, New Haven, CT	106-99	Henderson 16; O'Koren 16 First game for McHale (4/3 in 10 minutes) and the Boston debut for Parish (6/5 in 19 minutes).
Tue 9/23	New York Knicks	Cumberland County Civic Center, Portland, ME	113-104	Henderson 20; Ray Williams 19
Thu 9/25	Milwaukee Bucks	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	110-121	Henderson 20, Bird 16/11, Parish 8/10; Cummings 19, Lanier out with groin pull First game of doubleheader; Nets beat Knicks 111-101 in nightcap
Fri 9/26	Milwaukee Bucks	Hartford Civic Center, Hartford, CT	95-104	Cowens 17/9; M. Johnson 23

Sat 9/27	New York Knicks	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	107-113	Cowens/Henderson 20, Parish 17/10, McHale 8/11; Williams 26 Bird played 10 minutes then sat out with the flu.
Mon 9/29	Indiana Pacers	Market Square Arena, Indianapolis, IN	97-105	Maxwell/Henderson 16; McGinnis 29 Cowens last game with Celtics (4/5 in 24 minutes).
Wed 10/1	Chicago Bulls	Roberts Stadium, Evansville, IN	113-103	Bird 37/7/3; Kenon 25, Gilmore 17/16
Fri 10/3	New York Knicks	Hulman Center, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN	124-103	Henderson 24, Bird 23/17/9; R. Williams 22

1981-82 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Hellenic College (Brookline, MA)

Camp opened: September 27¹¹³

Regular Season opener: October 30¹¹⁴

Head Coach: Bill Fitch

Assistant Coaches: K.C. Jones, Jimmy Rodgers

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Tony Archibald, Larry Bird, Charles Bradley, Terry Duerod, Eric Fernsten, Chris Ford, Gerald Henderson, Tracy Jackson, Cedric Maxwell, Kevin McHale, Robert Parish, Rick Robey

Other players in camp: Jim Brandon (8th Rd 1980 by Jazz), **M.L. Carr** (right leg injury, began season on 10-day injured list), **Ernie DiGregorio** (1977-78 Celtics), **Glenn Hagan** (2nd Rd 1978 by 76ers), John Johnson (3rd Rd 1981), **Wayne Kreklow** (1980-81 Celtics), George Morrow (8th Rd 1981)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Fri 10/9	Philadelphia 76ers	Hartford Civic Center, Hartford, CT	103-94	Bird 33, McHale 16; Erving, Toney 12
Sat 10/10	New York Knicks	Providence Civic Center, Providence, RI	93-89	Maxwell/McHale 14; Newlin 22
Mon 10/12	Los Angeles Lakers	The Forum, Inglewood, CA	102-111	Parish 24/15, Bird 18/12; Jabbar 42, Magic 17/13/15 (pts/reb/ast)
Thu 10/15	Seattle SuperSonics	Seattle Center Coliseum, Seattle, WA	88-98	Celtics starters sat out fourth quarter; Gus Williams 18/8 ast in 30 minutes. Rolling Stones concert at the Kingdome, the Sonics usual home.
Sat 10/17	Seattle SuperSonics	Vancouver Coliseum, Vancouver, B.C.	112-106	Bird 30/12, Parish 14/12; Shelton 26, Sikma 19/15
Sun 10/18	Portland Trail Blazers	Memorial Coliseum, Portland, OR	99-114	Maxwell 18; Natt 19
Wed 10/21	Milwaukee Bucks	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	104-88	Bird 19/8 then sat out second half, McHale 18/10; M. Johnson 15 Game one of a doubleheader. Nets defeated Knicks 89-82.
Mon 10/26	Denver Nuggets	Springfield Civic Center, Springfield, MA	130-112	Hall of Fame Game ¹¹⁵ Bird 26/11, Parish 19/12; English 23, Issel 18/10

1982-83 Boston Celtics**Training Camp:** Hellenic College (Brookline, MA)**Camp opened:** September 30**Regular Season opener:** October 29**Head Coach:** Bill Fitch**Assistant Coaches:** K.C. Jones, Jimmy Rodgers

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Danny Ainge, Tony Archibald, Larry Bird, Charles Bradley, Quinn Buckner, M.L. Carr, Gerald Henderson, Cedric Maxwell, Kevin McHale, Robert Parish, Rick Robey, Darren Tillis

Other players in camp: **Terry Duerod** (1981-82 Celtics), **Eric Fernsten** (1981-82 Celtics), **Chris Ford** (1981-82 Celtics), Panagiotis Glannakis (9th Rd 1982), Tony Guy (2nd Rd 1982), Darryl Mitchell, **Perry Moss** (3rd Rd 1982), **John Schweitz** (6th Rd 1982)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Fri 10/8	Philadelphia 76ers	Providence Civic Center, Providence, RI	101-105	Bird 25/8; Malone 22/6 (first game for 76ers)
Tue 10/12	New York Knicks	Cumberland County Civic Center, Portland, ME	113-88	Bird 21; Grunfeld 18
Wed 10/13	Milwaukee Bucks	Boston Garden, Boston, MA	104-105	Parish 19/11; Lister 18, Cowens 14/6 in 25 minutes playing for former teammate Don Nelson
Fri 10/15	Los Angeles Lakers	Hartford Civic Center, Hartford, CT	110-105	Bird 22; Nixon 18
Sat 10/16	New York Knicks	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	111-81	Bird/Parish 18
Tue 10/19	San Antonio Spurs	Strahan Coliseum (Southwest Texas State), San Marcos, TX	132-107	Parish 22/8; Gervin 21
Thu 10/21	San Antonio Spurs	Hemisfair, San Antonio, TX	110-101	Bird 19/12, McHale 16/13; Gervin 30
Sat 10/23	Philadelphia 76ers	Stokely Athletic Center, Knoxville, TN	103-101	Parish 18; Erving 18, Malone 12/13

1983-84 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Hellenic College (Brookline, MA)

Camp opened: September 30

Regular Season opener: October 28

Head Coach: K.C. Jones

Assistant Coaches: Jimmy Rodgers, Chris Ford

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Danny Ainge, Larry Bird, Quinn Buckner, M.L. Carr, Carlos Clark, Gerald Henderson, Dennis Johnson, Greg Kite, Cedric Maxwell, Kevin McHale, Robert Parish, Scott Wedman

Other players in camp: Paul Atkins (6th Rd 1983), **Charles Bradley** (1982-83 Celtics), Winfred King (3rd Rd 1983), Craig Robinson (3rd Rd 1983), **John Schweitz** (6th Rd 1982)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Sat 10/8	Phoenix Suns	Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Phoenix, AZ	126-118	Bird 31/9/6, Johnson 20 in Celtics debut; Nance 20
Mon 10/10	Phoenix Suns	ASU (Arizona State) Activity Center, Tempe, AZ	114-117	Bird 22; Nance 25
Tue 10/11	Los Angeles Lakers	The Forum, Inglewood, CA	121-103	Bird 20/13/10 in 29 minutes; Kareem, Worthy, Rambis all out, Scott not yet signed
Thu 10/13	Los Angeles Lakers	The Forum, Inglewood, CA	129-126	Maxwell 30, McHale 29, Bird 25; Wilkes 20, Nater 18
Sun 10/16	Philadelphia 76ers	Boston Garden, Boston, MA	99-86	McHale 20/14, Wedman 18; Threatt 18 Malone-Maxwell and Bird-lavaroni fights
Wed 10/19	Philadelphia 76ers	UTC Arena (University of Tennessee-Chattanooga), Chattanooga, TN	110-120	McHale 27; Toney 32
Fri 10/21	Los Angeles Lakers	Hartford Civic Center, Hartford, CT	127-98	Parish 29/11, Bird 24/9; Kareem 17/5, Magic 10/6/5
Sat 10/22	Los Angeles Lakers	Worcester Centrum, Worcester, MA	102-100	Bird 25/11; Magic 18/9/11

1984-85 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Hellenic College (Brookline, MA)

Camp opened: September 28

Regular Season opener: October 26

Head Coach: K.C. Jones

Assistant Coaches: Jimmy Rodgers, Chris Ford¹¹⁶

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Danny Ainge, Larry Bird, Quinn Buckner, Rick Carlisle, M.L. Carr, Carlos Clark, Dennis Johnson, Greg Kite, Cedric Maxwell, Kevin McHale, Robert Parish, Scott Wedman

Other players in camp: **Gerald Henderson** (1983-84 Celtics; traded to Seattle October 16), Ronnie Williams (2nd Rd 1984), **Michael Young** (1st Rd 1984)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Tue 10/9	Philadelphia 76ers	Hartford Civic Center, Hartford, CT	122-108	Bird, McHale 23; Malone 19 (Barkley 6 points, 4 reb in third preseason game)
Wed 10/10	Houston Rockets	Worcester Centrum, Worcester, MA	124-105	Bird 20/12, McHale 19; Olajuwon 20
Fri 10/12	Houston Rockets	Boston Garden, Boston, MA	113-118	Bird 24, McHale 20; Olajuwon/Lloyd 17
Sun 10/14	Utah Jazz	Thomas & Mack Center, Las Vegas, NV	111-101	Bird 36, McHale 30; Drew 26
Tue 10/16	Houston Rockets	The Summit, Houston, TX	114-101	Johnson 26, Bird 23, Parish 20/18; Sampson 25
Thu 10/18	Dallas Mavericks	Reunion Arena, Dallas, TX	118-116	Bird/McHale 22; Aguirre/Ellis 18
Fri 10/19	Detroit Pistons	Cincinnati Gardens, Cincinnati, OH	113-115	Bird 33; Thomas 34

Sun 10/21	Phoenix Suns	Providence Civic Center, Providence, RI	97-109	Wedman 16; Macy 23. Bird out with neck injury.
Tue 10/23	Utah Jazz	Springfield Civic Center, Springfield, MA	104-105	Johnson 24; Drew 21. Bird out with neck injury. Hall of Fame Game. Rick Barry and Bill Russell debut as WTBS partners.

1985-86 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Hellenic College (Brookline, MA)

Camp opened: September 28

Regular Season opener: October 25

Head Coach: K.C. Jones

Assistant Coaches: Jimmy Rodgers, Chris Ford

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Danny Ainge, Larry Bird, Rick Carlisle, Dennis Johnson, Greg Kite, Kevin McHale, Robert Parish, Jerry Sichting, Sam Vincent, Bill Walton, Scott Wedman, Sly Williams

Other players in camp: Andre Battle (2nd Rd 1985), **Carlos Clark** (1984-85 Celtics), Rick Lamb (5th Rd 1983 by Suns), Tracy Mitchell (Texas Christian University; Lowell (MA) High School),¹¹⁷ **David Thirdkill** (1984-85 three teams; re-signed by Celtics on December 5 after Sly Williams was released on December 3)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Fri 10/4	Philadelphia 76ers	Boston Garden, Boston, MA	111-109	Bird 30/17; Erving/Barkley/Malone 17 USA Today sportswriter David DuPree briefly played for the Celtics in the fourth quarter ¹¹⁸
Sun 10/6	Los Angeles Lakers	Providence Civic Center, Providence, RI	111-124	Bird 15; Jabbar 24

Tue 10/8	Los Angeles Lakers	Hartford Civic Center, Hartford, CT	110-109	McHale 18/11; Magic 33, Kupchak 22/11
Wed 10/9	Washington Bullets	Worcester Centrum, Worcester, MA	95-101	McHale 23/11; Ruland 20
Sun 10/13	New Jersey Nets	Cumberland County Civic Center, Portland, ME	121-110	Johnson 22, Parish 20/14; Birdsong 28. Attendance 8122
Tue 10/15	Indiana Pacers	Market Square Arena, Indianapolis, IN	94-98	McHale 20; Stipanovich 22/11. Bird played just 9 minutes due to back problems.
Thu 10/17	Los Angeles Lakers	The Forum, Inglewood, CA	124-128	McHale 25, Wedman 20; Jabbar 22, Johnson/Scott 20. Bird out with back problems. 8 technical fouls called.
Sat 10/19	Los Angeles Lakers	The Forum, Inglewood, CA	124-116	McHale 39; Scott 21. With six seconds remaining in the opening period, Maurice Lucas shoved Robert Parish over a press table during a fight; both were ejected, along with Sly Williams. 5 technical fouls called in the game.

1986-87 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Hellenic College (Brookline, MA)

Camp opened: October 3

Regular Season opener: October 31

Head Coach: K.C. Jones

Assistant Coaches: Jimmy Rodgers, Chris Ford

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Danny Ainge, Larry Bird, Rick Carlisle, Dennis Johnson, Greg Kite, Kevin McHale, Robert Parish, Fred Roberts, Jerry Sichting, David Thirdkill, Sam Vincent, Bill Walton

Other players in camp: **Scott Wedman** (on injured list to start season)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Fri 10/10	Philadelphia 76ers	Boston Garden, Boston, MA	130-114	Bird 33; Toney 17 Alex English played for the Celtics in the second quarter as part of a movie shoot (2 points). ¹¹⁹
Sat 10/11	Washington Bullets	Baltimore, MD	115-105	Bird 20/8/12; Whatley 12, Malone 11/13
Tue 10/14	Washington Bullets	Providence Civic Center, Providence, RI	101-96	Bird 24; D. Henderson 14
Fri 10/17	Houston Rockets	Hartford Civic Center, Hartford, CT	113-104	Bird 28/10/8; Olajuwon 15/11 Sellout 15,133
Mon 10/20	Detroit Pistons	Worcester Centrum, Worcester, MA	104-111	McHale 21, Bird 17/13; V. Johnson/Rodman 19 Ainge out injured (back injury suffered on 10/17)
Wed 10/22	Indiana Pacers	Hulman Center, Terre Haute, IN	117-119 ot	McHale 29; Williams 29
Fri 10/24	Dallas Mavericks	Reunion Arena, Dallas, TX	99-102	McHale 21, Bird 18; Aguirre 18, Tarpley 17/12 in 21 minutes
Sat 10/25	Houston Rockets	The Summit, Houston, TX	102-100	Bird 22/8, Parish 20/11; Olajuwon 28/12 Same night as Red Sox Game 6 World Series loss
Mon 10/27	Dallas Mavericks	Springfield Civic Center, Springfield, MA	102-89	Bird 36/7/4 (21 in third quarter); Aguirre/Blackman 12. Hall of Fame Game

1987-88 Boston Celtics**Training Camp:** Hellenic College (Brookline, MA)**Camp opened:** October 9 (Rookie camp began October 4)**Regular Season opener:** November 6**Head Coach:** K.C. Jones**Assistant Coaches:** Jimmy Rodgers, Chris Ford*Rosters*

Regular Season opener (12): Mark Acres, Danny Ainge, Larry Bird, Darren Daye, Conner Henry, Dennis Johnson, Greg Kite, Reggie Lewis, Brad Lohaus, Robert Parish, Fred Roberts, Jerry Sichting

Other players in camp: **Rick Carlisle** (1986-87 Celtics), Gerry Corcoran (7th Rd 1987), Choo Kennedy (4th Rd 1987), **Kevin McHale** (on injured list to start season), **Mike O'Koren** (1986-87 Bullets), Tom Sheehey (4th Rd 1987), **Sam Vincent** (1986-87 Celtics, traded October 16), **Bill Walton** (on injured list to start season), **Scott Wedman** (1986-87 Celtics, traded October 16), Anthony Welch (3rd Rd 1986 by Mavericks)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Fri 10/16	Houston Rockets	The Summit, Houston, TX	99-104	Roberts 15, Reggie Lewis 12 points in debut; Olajuwon/Maxwell 16. At halftime, after not playing in the first half, Wedman and Vincent were informed that they were traded to Seattle. ¹²⁰
Sun 10/18	Dallas Mavericks	Reunion Arena, Dallas, TX	121-119	Acres 19/11; Aguirre 37
Tue 10/20	Atlanta Hawks	Providence Civic Center, Providence, RI	119-97	Bird 24/9, Ainge 15; McGee 21, Webb 10/5
Thu 10/22	Philadelphia 76ers	Hartford Civic Center, Hartford, CT	111-107	Ainge 28; Barkley 36
Sun 10/25	New Jersey Nets	Worcester Centrum, Worcester, MA	117-98	Ainge 18; Williams 15/10
Wed 10/28	Houston Rockets	Boston Garden, Boston, MA	125-106	Ainge 20, Bird 17/9/5; Olajuwon 20. The Hawks announced that they were matching the Celtics offer sheet to Antoine Carr.
Fri 10/30	Utah Jazz	BYU Marriott Center, Provo, Utah	109-95	Bird 28/10, Ainge 21; Malone 20
Sun 11/1	Detroit Pistons	Centennial Hall, Toledo, Ohio	104-100	Bird 36/14/4; Dantley 18

1988-89 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Hellenic College (Brookline, MA)

Camp opened: October 9 (Rookie camp began October 4)

Regular Season opener: November 6

Head Coach: Jimmy Rodgers

Assistant Coaches: Chris Ford, Lanny Van Eman

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Mark Acres, Danny Ainge, Larry Bird, Ron Grandison, Dennis Johnson, Reggie Lewis, Brad Lohaus, Kevin McHale, Robert Parish, Jim Paxson, Ramon Rivas, Brian Shaw

Other players in camp: **Gerald Paddio** (3rd Rd 1988), **Ennis Whatley** (1987-88 Hawks)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Thu 10/13	Cleveland Cavaliers	Providence Civic Center, Providence, RI	80-121	McHale16, Bird 10; Nance 24, Daugherty 16/9
Fri 10/14	Atlanta Hawks	Worcester Centrum, Worcester, MA	121-100	Parish 23/15; Bird 21/10/8; Shaw 8/11/10
Sun 10/16	Atlanta Hawks	Hartford Civic Center, Hartford, CT	124-109	Bird 22, Shaw 20/10/9; Wilkins 27
Fri 10/21	Yugoslavian National Team	Palacio de Desporte, Madrid, Spain	113-85	Bird 27; Tony Kukoc 17, Dino Radja 15, Vlade Divac 9/8 McDonald's Open semifinals Real Madrid defeated Scavolini Pesaro (Italian champs) 108-96
Sun 10/23	Real Madrid	Palacio de Desporte, Madrid, Spain	111-96	Bird 29; Drazen Petrovic 22/6/6 McDonald's Open championship game Yugoslavia defeated Scavolini Pesaro 100-91 for third place
Wed 10/26	Milwaukee Bucks	Boston Garden, Boston, MA	126-117	Bird 27/6/12, Parish 20/15; Cummings 19, Breuer 15/11

Thu 10/27	Milwaukee Bucks	Cumberland County Civic Center, Portland, ME	128-84	Bird 24 in 24 minutes; Roberts 15. Moncrief and Cummings did not play for Milwaukee.
Sat 10/29	Washington Bullets	Thompson-Boling Arena, Knoxville, TN	113-120	Parish 30; Grant 20 Attendance of 23,811 was reportedly “the largest in NBA exhibition history” ¹²¹

1989-90 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Hellenic College (Brookline, MA)

Camp opened: October 6

Regular Season opener: November 3

Head Coach: Jimmy Rodgers

Assistant Coaches: Chris Ford, Lanny Van Eman

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): John Bagley, Larry Bird, Kevin Gamble, Dennis Johnson, Joe Kleine, Reggie Lewis, Kevin McHale, Robert Parish, Jim Paxson, Ed Pinckney, Charles Smith, Kelvin Upshaw

Other players in camp: Scooter Barry (Undrafted from Kansas, son of Rick Barry),¹²² **Dave Popson** (1988-89 two teams), **Michael Smith** (1st Rd 1989 – on injured list to start season)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Fri 10/13	New Jersey Nets	Worcester Centrum, Worcester, MA	96-74	Lewis 17, Bird 13/8/8 in return from heel surgery; Morris 19
Mon 10/16	Philadelphia 76ers	Providence Civic Center, Providence, RI	114-90	McHale 21/9; Hawkins 18
Tue 10/17	San Antonio Spurs	Hartford Civic Center, Hartford, CT	111-99	Bird 22/8/8; Robinson/Elliott 22

Sat 10/21	San Antonio Spurs	HemisFair Arena, San Antonio, TX	115-97	Pinckney 17/16; Robinson 23/8
Sun 10/22	Houston Rockets	The Summit, Houston, TX	109-100	McHale 22/9, Bird 21/8, Kleine 11/16; Parish and Olajuwon out injured
Wed 10/25	Houston Rockets	Boston Garden, Boston, MA	119-101	McHale 23, Bird 18; Wiggins 25, Thorpe 20
Fri 10/27	Utah Jazz	Riverfront Coliseum, Cincinnati, OH	92-94	Lewis 23; Malone 20
Sun 10/29	Washington Bullets	St. John Arena, Columbus, OH	123-89	Lewis 24, Pinckney 23/9; Horton 16

1990-91 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Hellenic College (Brookline, MA)

Camp opened: October 5

Regular Season opener: November 2

Head Coach: Chris Ford

Assistant Coaches: Don Casey, Jon Jennings

Rosters

Regular Season opener (12): Larry Bird, Dee Brown, Kevin Gamble, Joe Kleine, Reggie Lewis, Kevin McHale, Robert Parish, Ed Pinckney, Dave Popson, Brian Shaw, Michael Smith, Stojko Vrankovic

Other players in camp: **John Bagley** (1989-90 Celtics, out injured), Carrick DeHart (Cal-Santa Barbara), Sasha Dordevic (Yugoslavia), Eric McArthur (Cal-Santa Barbara), **Jim Paxson** (1989-90 Celtics, on suspended list to start season while Celtics tried to trade him, waived December 12), **Charles Smith** (1989-90 Celtics, injured to start season, waived December 12, re-signed March 4)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Tue 10/16	Detroit Pistons	Hartford Civic Center, Hartford, CT	116-98	Gamble 21, Shaw 12/5/9 in return from a season in Italy
Fri 10/19	Denver Nuggets	McNichols Arena, Denver, CO	173-155	Lewis 32, Bird 16/21/13
Sat 10/20	Utah Jazz	Dee Events Center, Ogden, Utah	114-107	Lewis 20, McHale 17, Bird 15/10; Malone 28, Stockton 26/10
Mon 10/22	Atlanta Hawks	Worcester Centrum, Worcester, MA	122-127	Bird 19/15/10, Brown 19 with 10 assists in debut; Wilkins 34
Wed 10/24	Denver Nuggets	Boston Garden, Boston, MA	158-135	Bird 21/13/15, Shaw 22/6/11; Rasmussen 18
Fri 10/26	Washington Bullets	The Aud, Buffalo, NY	104-96	Lewis 29, Bird out with back injury; ¹²³ Grant 18
Sat 10/27	Cleveland Cavaliers	SkyDome, Toronto, Ontario, Canada	115-121	Lewis 26, Bird out with back injury; Price 26 Attendance 15,025; most of upper deck was closed to limit ticket availability to 20,000
Mon 10/29	Utah Jazz	Providence Civic Center, Providence, RI	120-102	Bird 28/11, Parish 23/11; Malone 31

1991-92 Boston Celtics

Training Camp: Hellenic College (Brookline, MA)**Camp opened:** October 5**Regular Season opener:** November 1**Head Coach:** Chris Ford**Assistant Coaches:** Don Casey, Jon Jennings*Rosters*

Regular Season opener (12): John Bagley, Larry Bird, Rick Fox, Kevin Gamble, Joe Kleine, Reggie Lewis, Kevin McHale, Robert Parish, Ed Pinckney, Kevin Pritchard, Larry Robinson, Brian Shaw

Other players in camp: **Dee Brown** (1990-91 Celtics, out injured), **Ricky Calloway** (1990-91 Kings), Anderson Hunt (UNLV), **Steve Scheffler** (1990-91 Hornets), **Michael Smith** (1990-91 Celtics), **Stojko Vrankovic** (1990-91 Celtics – out injured [flu] to start season), **Kennard Winchester** (1990-91 Rockets), **A.J. Wynder** (1990-91 Celtics)

Exhibition Game Results

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
Fri 10/11	Los Angeles Lakers	Boston Garden, Boston, MA	104-118	Lewis 19, Brown 18; Worthy 21, Scott 20
Sat 10/12	Los Angeles Lakers	Worcester Centrum, Worcester, MA	117-107	Brown 28, Parish 18/9; Johnson 16
Tue 10/15	New York Knicks	Madison Square Garden, New York, NY	106-103	Lewis 22; Ewing 28
Wed 10/16	New York Knicks	Hartford Civic Center, Hartford, CT	101-111	Fox 20; Ewing 25
Fri 10/18	Indiana Pacers	Providence Civic Center, Providence, RI	116-118	Parish 22, Bird/Lewis 20; Schrempf 26, Miller 24
Tue 10/22	Los Angeles Lakers	The Forum, Inglewood, CA	105-121	Bird 24; Divac 21, Johnson 15/16 assists Doubleheader with Bucks defeating Spurs 110-102
Wed 10/23	San Antonio Spurs	The Forum, Inglewood, CA	115-112	Brown 29/7/10, Bird 25/7/7; Anderson 19 Doubleheader with Bucks defeating Lakers 119-98 in “championship game” of four team tournament
Sat 10/26	Washington Bullets	Knickerbocker Arena, Albany, NY	93-86	Lewis 21, Bird 18; Adams/Stewart 16

Boston Celtics Training Camp Summary, 1946-1991

Year	Training camp location	Start of camp	Start of regular season
1946	Boston Arena gym	9/30	11/2
1947	Boston Arena gym	~10/20	11/13
1948	Boston Arena gym	10/1	11/4
1949	Boston Garden	10/3	11/3
1950	Fargo Building	9/25	11/1
1951	Boston Arena	9/24	11/4
1952	Boston Arena	9/22	10/31
1953	Ellsworth High School	9/29	11/1
1954	Browne & Nichols School	9/27	10/30
1955	Northeastern University	9/26	11/5
1956	Northeastern University	9/24	10/27
1957	Northeastern University	9/23	10/22
1958	Boston Arena	9/22	10/25
1959	Babson Institute	9/21	10/17
1960	Babson Institute	9/19	10/22
1961	Babson Institute	9/18	10/21
1962	Babson Institute	9/19	10/20
1963	Babson Institute	9/18	10/16
1964	Babson Institute	9/14	10/17
1965	Babson Institute	9/13	10/16
1966	Babson Institute	9/12	10/15
1967	Boston State College	9/14	10/14
1968	Tobin Gym	9/16	10/18
1969	Boston State College	9/15	10/17
1970	Hellenic College	9/14	10/13
1971	Gordon College	9/16	10/15
1972	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	9/11	10/11
1973	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	9/11	10/12
1974	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	9/19	10/18
1975	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	9/26	10/24

1976	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	9/23	10/21
1977	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	9/21	10/19
1978	Hellenic College	9/15	10/13
1979	Hellenic College	9/14	10/12
1980	Hellenic College	9/12	10/10
1981	Hellenic College	9/27	10/30
1982	Hellenic College	9/30	10/29
1983	Hellenic College	9/30	10/28
1984	Hellenic College	9/28	10/26
1985	Hellenic College	9/28	10/25
1986	Hellenic College	10/3	10/31
1987	Hellenic College	10/9	11/6
1988	Hellenic College	10/7	11/4
1989	Hellenic College	10/6	11/3
1990	Hellenic College	10/5	11/2
1991	Hellenic College	10/5	11/1

Note, since 1992 the Celtics have used two different training sites:

1992-1998 Brandeis University, 1999- HealthPoint facility, Waltham, MA

Partial List of Boston Celtics Preseason Intrasquad and Games against non-NBA/ABA opponents, 1946-1991

Date	Opponent	Location	Score	Notes
10/21/1949	Waterbury Coppers (Eastern League)	Waterbury Armory, Waterbury, CT	88-63	Ed Leede led Celtics with 12 points; Boston led 46-30 at the half.
10/27/1949	Westchester Whirls	Westchester County Center, White Plains, NY	101-92	Whirls, stocked with former New York Rens players, also competed against Knicks and Lakers
10/22/1951	Local All-Stars	Berlin High School, Berlin, NH	90-55	Macauley 18. All-Stars were late, and Celtics held an impromptu scrimmage while waiting. ¹²⁴
10/23/1951	Local All-Stars	Springfield, VT		
10/24/1951	Local All-Stars	New Bedford High School, New Bedford, MA	81-50	Cousy 12; Al Palmieri 16 ("Former Rhode Island State star") for New Bedford. Attendance 1000
10/25/1951	Local All-Stars	Plymouth, NH?		
10/20/1952	Local All-Stars	Lancaster, NH		
10/21/1952	Local All-Stars	Fitchburg, MA		
10/22/1952	Local All-Stars	Athol, MA		
10/23/1952	Local All-Stars	New Bedford, MA		
10/24/1952	Local All-Stars	Plymouth, MA		
10/26/1952	Local All-Stars	Lenox, MA		
10/27/1952	Local All-Stars	Worcester, MA		
10/28/1952	Clinic	Andover, MA		
10/29/1952	Reynolds Club of Everett, MA	Memorial Gymnasium, Sanford, ME		Reynolds Club won "last season's New England semi-professional basketball crown."
10/22/1953	Local All-Stars	Athol, MA		
10/23/1953	Lenox Merchants	State Armory, Westfield, MA	75-73	Cousy 15; Joe Kubachka 26
10/26/1953	Lenox Merchants	Turners Falls High School, Turners Falls, MA	80-74	Macauley 15; Bill Hogan 15, Ken Goodwin 13 Game broadcast on WCOP radio.
10/27/1953	Lenox Merchants	Holyoke, MA		
10/28/1953	Lenox Merchants	North Adams, MA		
10/29/1953	Local All-Stars	Pittsfield, MA		
10/30/1953	Local All-Stars	Gardner, MA		

10/9/1954	Intrasquad	Stonington, ME		
10/21/1954	Lenox Merchants	Lenox, MA	82-87	Sharman 33, Macauley 24, Cousy out injured Ray Felix, holding out from the Knicks, led semi-pro Merchants with 17. Former Celtic Mo Mahoney scored 10. The Merchants regularly played NBA teams during the preseason and the regular season.
10/28/1954	Intrasquad	Natick High School, Natick, MA		Dedication of new 1,000 seat gym in new \$3.5 million high school.
10/22/1955	Lenox Merchants	Adams High School, Adams, MA	104-75	In recent games, the Merchants had defeated the Lakers 111-93, and the Nationals 106-96
10/29/1955	Lenox Merchants	Pittsfield Armory, Pittsfield, MA		Scheduled to be first game for Arnie Risen as a member of the Celtics
10/24/1956	Intrasquad	Draper Gym, Hopedale, MA	102-92	Greens (Loscutoff 33, Cousy 32) defeated Whites (Nichols 22, Sharman 21)
10/16/1957	Intrasquad	Draper Gym, Hopedale, MA	84-78	Cousys (Risen 21, Heinsohn 20) defeated Russells (Tsioropoulos 22, Russell 18)
10/4/1958	Intrasquad	Immaculate Conception Church gym, Newburyport, MA		
9/28/1959	New England College All-Stars	Classical High School gym		"Proceeds will help construct a new playing field for the West Lynn National Little League" All-Stars included Ronnie Perry from Holy Cross.
9/30/1959	Intrasquad	St. Ann's Church, Leominster, MA		
9/23/1960	Intrasquad	Hanscom Air Force Base, Bedford, MA		
9/24/1960	Intrasquad	Lynn, MA		

9/26/1960	Intrasquad	Brockton West Jr. High School, Brockton, MA		
9/27/1960	Intrasquad	Roxbury Catholic High School, Roxbury, MA		
9/28/1960	Intrasquad	Morse Jr. High School, Gardner, MA		
9/28/1961	Intrasquad	Pepperell High School, Pepperell, MA		Dedication of new gym
10/23/1961	Intrasquad	Ware High School, Ware, MA		Dedication of new gym (two days after regular season opener)
9/29/1962	Intrasquad	Peavey Gym, Babson Institute, Wellesley, MA		~300 high school basketball players were expected to attend
10/3/1962	Intrasquad	Hanscom Air Force Base, Bedford, MA		
10/4/1962	Intrasquad	Marlboro, MA		
10/18/1962	Intrasquad	Keene, NH		
9/25/1963	Intrasquad	Peavey Gym, Babson Institute, Wellesley, MA		
9/26/1963	Intrasquad	New Bedford, MA		
9/27/1963	Intrasquad	Biddeford, ME		
9/28/1963	Intrasquad	Fitchburg High School, Fitchburg, MA	107-105	Whites (Heinsohn 34) def. Greens (B. Green 24). Attendance ~1000.
9/30/1963	Intrasquad	Wayland, MA		
9/23/1964	Intrasquad	Peavey Gym, Babson Institute, Wellesley, MA		No admission, but collection for benefit of Bay State Society for the Crippled and Handicapped Children
9/24/1964	Intrasquad	Brookline High School, Brookline, MA		Benefit for Kiwanis Scholarship Fund
9/25/1964	Intrasquad	Rockland, ME		
9/26/1964	Intrasquad	Portsmouth, NH		

9/27/1964	Intrasquad	West Newbury, MA		
9/28/1964	Intrasquad	Harwichport, MA		
9/29/1964	Intrasquad	Chelmsford, MA		
9/30/1964	Intrasquad	Marlboro, MA		
9/18/1965	Intrasquad	Dover, NH		
9/22/1965	Intrasquad	Rockland, ME		
9/18/1966	Intrasquad	Peavey Gym, Babson Institute, Wellesley, MA	115-97	Whites def. Greens Howell/Kimball 21 for White team
9/19/1966	Intrasquad	Northboro High School, Northboro, MA		
9/21/1966	Intrasquad	Keene, NH		
9/22/1966	Intrasquad	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School, Yarmouth, MA	109-99	Greens def. Whites; Attendance 1000
9/22/1967	Intrasquad	New Bedford, MA		
9/24/1967	Intrasquad	Hartford, CT		
10/15/1967	Intrasquad	Patrick Gym, U. of Vermont, Burlington, VT	97-90	Greens (Nelson 40) def. Whites (Embry 28, Havlicek 24). Four 10-minute quarters. 2500 fans.
10/13/1969	Intrasquad	Plymouth, NH		
10/2/1970	Intrasquad	Bishop Feehan High School, Attleboro, MA		
10/8/1970	Intrasquad	Peterboro, NH		
9/24/1971	Intrasquad	Brockton High School, Brockton, MA		
10/1/1971	Intrasquad	University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH		
10/8/1971	Intrasquad	Gordon College, Wenham, MA		

10/24/1981	Intrasquad	Rochester, NY	105-102	Greens (McHale 20/15) def. Whites (Bird 43/14). Jimmy Rodgers coached the Greens, K.C. Jones the Whites. Attendance 5000.
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⁵⁴ Note that Dooley, Hughes, and McNeal were African-Americans. A photo uncovered on Facebook, which includes Walter Brown and what appear to be eight members of the Celtics 1955 rookie class, features four African-American players; if the photo is correct, the fourth player is missing from my list of training camp attendees.

⁵⁵ The new Bangor Auditorium (II) opened on October 1, 1955 to replace the original 1897 building, but the 1897 building continued to be used until it was demolished in 1965. The new facility hosted a Celtics regular season game against the Syracuse Nationals on December 30, 1955 and newspaper articles suggest that the first basketball games held in the new arena were high school games in December, which would mean that the October game was held in the old building. However, an article in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* on October 11, 1955 states that "A capacity crowd of 6000 jammed Bangor's **new** auditorium tonight..." (emphasis mine). Also see David M. Fitzpatrick, "History of the Bangor Auditorium," *Bangor Daily News*, January 16, 2013: <http://bangordailynews.com/2013/01/16/the-weekly/auditoriumhistory-2/>. Walter Brown's brother Paul was the General Manager of the Bangor Auditorium; see "Garden Head Mother Dies," *Boston Herald*, March 5, 1956 (obituary for Walter and Paul Brown's mother).

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⁷⁵ All 12 players played on opening night. Rosters were reduced to 11 on December 15, and the Celtics sold Al Butler to the Knicks on December 10 to reach that limit.

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⁷⁸ Wire story, "Red Auerbach Fined \$500 by NBA's New President," *Berkshire Eagle*, October 3, 1963.

⁷⁹ John J. Archibald, "Green Won't Fly, Celtics Give Him Air," *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, October 7, 1963. When later asked about Green's potential, Auerbach answered, "I sure would have liked to see him play in this series with the Hawks. But he insisted on coming from Boston to St. Louis by bus, and when he got here Friday he said he didn't want to fly to Ottumwa, Ia., with us for Saturday's game. He has a phobia about flying."

⁸⁰ Wire story, "Knicks-Celts to Play Hall of Fame Game," *The Day*, July 24, 1964.

⁸¹ Ads for the game in the (Louisville) *Courier-Journal* used the "Kentucky State Fairgrounds Coliseum" name; game articles used "Freedom Hall."

⁸² Kimball was the Celtics third-round pick in 1965, but spent the 1965-66 season playing in Italy for the Ignis Varese team in the Italian National League under the name "Kimballi." Bill McSweeney, "Celts Complete Team Together," *Boston Record-American*, September 15, 1966; Wire Story, "Celtics Draftee Accepts Offer To Play in Italy," *The Telegraph*, June 15, 1965, and Wire Story, "Kimball To Celtics, Released By Italian 5," *The Norwalk Hour*, September 17, 1966. Ignis won the inaugural European Intercontinental Cup championship in 1965 and Kimball scored 13 points in the title game. See http://www.linguasport.com/baloncesto/internacional/clubes/intercontinental/intercontinental_e.htm

⁸³ Boston State College was merged into University of Massachusetts-Boston in 1982.

⁸⁴ Hummer left camp to attend Georgetown Law School. He would return for a second tryout in 1968.

⁸⁵ Camp was originally scheduled to be held at the Otis Air Force Base on Cape Cod, but the *Boston Globe* reported on September 5 that a scheduling conflict would force the team to move to the Cambridge YMCA for the first four days (rookies only) and then Brandeis University (September 19 and forward). But the *Globe's* articles on September 16 and beyond specifically state that the camp was being held at the Tobin Gym, which was also an occasional practice site during the regular season.

⁸⁶ Rookies reported on the 16th, veterans on the 18th.

⁸⁷ Siegfried held out and did not sign until September 26.

⁸⁸ Rookies reported on the 15th, veterans on the 17th.

⁸⁹ Jo Jo White was in the Marine Corps Reserves and was supposed to report to the Celtics on December 18, but then got leave so he would be available for the first 5 games. But when the Celtics picked up Niemann on October 16, they left White on the inactive list; White would make his debut on November 14.

⁹⁰ At halftime, the Jackson Touchdown Club presented Howell with their 1968 "professional Athlete of the Year Award" – a curious choice until you realize that Howell had starred at Mississippi State University as a collegian. Wire story, "Atlanta defeats Celtics, 113-110," *The Delta Democrat-Times* (Greenville, Mississippi), September 26, 1969.

⁹¹ Later renamed Oman Arena.

⁹² Mark Heisler, "Celts Hand 76ers 4th Loss in Row," *Philadelphia Inquirer*, September 29, 1971.

⁹³ Silas wore #26 in the preseason according to separate drawings of Silas in the *Boston Globe* and *Boston Herald* on October 8, 1972. But he began the regular season wearing #35 as shown in a game photo in the *Boston Globe* on October 14, 1972.

⁹⁴ Dinwiddie's wife passed away the week before camp opened, and he was cut before the team's first preseason game. Wire Story, "Havlicek is Holdout," *The (Nashua, NH) Telegraph*, September 14, 1972.

⁹⁵ This season the NBA adopted a rule, proposed by the NBA Players Association, which limited each team to 8 preseason games. Bob Ryan, "For crying out loud boys, give Havlicek his wish," *Boston Globe*, September 17, 1972.

⁹⁶ Now known as the University of North Alabama.

⁹⁷ McCamey is listed in most draft sources as "McCarney" but McCamey is the correct spelling. See the *2012-13 Oral Roberts Men's Basketball Media Guide* and several contemporary newspaper stories on Google News.

⁹⁸ The day before, Chaney ended his holdout and signed a contract with the ABA's Spirits of St. Louis, effective at the start of the 1975-76 season after he played out his option during 1974-75.

⁹⁹ With 11:13 left to play, Don Nelson scratched Kareem's left eye, then Abdul-Jabbar "pounded the basket support in frustration" and broke "the fourth metacarpal bone in his right hand." Abdul-Jabbar was expected to be out 3-6 weeks and did not return to action until November 23. Bob Ryan, "Bucks beat Celtics, but Jabbar fractures hand," *Boston Globe*, October 6, 1974.

¹⁰⁰ X-rays the next day showed that Cowens broke the first metatarsal bone in the foot. Expected to be out seven weeks, Cowens returned on November 22 with Boston having posted a 9-8 record in his absence.

¹⁰¹ Finkel was released on November 19 without playing a game. Jerome Anderson was activated to replace him.

¹⁰² Sunday was Walton's first game of the preseason after suffering a broken toe. During the game Walton injured his right eye in the third quarter while battling John Havlicek for a loose ball, then was involved in a car accident after the game and ended up in the hospital for overnight observation for what were described as minor injuries.

¹⁰³ Acquired on October 20 in a three-team trade that sent holdout Paul Silas to the Denver Nuggets.

¹⁰⁴ Heinsohn was fired in January 1978 and replaced by Satch Sanders.

¹⁰⁵ Sanders was elevated to head coach in January 1978 and hired K.C. Jones to replace him. Prior to the season, Sanders had replaced John Killilea, who left Boston for Milwaukee for a dual role as an assistant to head coach Don Nelson and as the Bucks assistant director of player personnel.

¹⁰⁶ Rosters were sliced from 12 to 11 players for the 1977-78 season and would not be restored to 12 until the 1981-82 season.

¹⁰⁷ Johnson was acquired by the Celtics in the offseason, and played in the October 4 exhibition game against Buffalo (2 points in 7 minutes) before being returned to the Rockets due to a dispute about his contract.

¹⁰⁸ The facility opened in March 1977: <http://www.ticketluck.com/venues/Cumberland-County-Civic-Center/index.php>

¹⁰⁹ Sanders was fired in November 1978 and replaced with Dave Cowens, who served as player-coach.

¹¹⁰ MacKinnon was as assistant coach and director of player personnel for the Buffalo Braves in 1977-78. When John Y. Brown swapped the Braves for the Celtics, he retained MacKinnon's contract, and named him as an assistant coach with the Celtics on August 22. MacKinnon left Boston a year later to join Kevin Loughery's staff in New Jersey.

¹¹¹ Stacom signed with the Indiana Pacers in July 1978; the Pacers sold him back to the Celtics in February 1979.

¹¹² A separate rookie camp opened a week earlier.

¹¹³ Most veterans were slated to report on October 2 after the conclusion of a rookie/free agent "orientation camp." The Celtics had held a separate rookie camp back in August.

¹¹⁴ Compared with previous years, the start of the season was pushed out by three weeks so the playoffs could end after May sweeps, a critical television ratings measurement period; the goal was to have playoff games aired live on CBS instead of on tape delay.

¹¹⁵ The Celtics played in at least three "Hall of Fame" benefit games in Springfield during the 1950's and 1960's, and also participated in the first "Hall of Fame Game" at the Springfield Civic Center after it opened in 1972. That exhibition game took place during the regular season on November 13, 1972, with the Celtics defeating the Pistons 119-117. See Bob Ryan, "Celtics, on exhibit, stay hot," *Boston Globe*, November 14, 1972.

¹¹⁶ Ed Badger is listed in some sources as a Celtics assistant from 1984 through 1988, but his title in the Celtics Media Guides of the period was “Chief Scout” or “Scout.” Badger spent most of his time on the road, not with the team.

¹¹⁷ <http://www.lhsathletichalloffame.com/listings/tracy-mitchell-class-of-1979/>

¹¹⁸ “USA Today scribe David DuPree, 39, played 41 seconds for the Celts at the start of the fourth quarter and held Cheeks scoreless. Boston outscored Philadelphia, 3-0, while DuPree was on the floor...” Dan Shaughnessy, “Bird’s On; Celtics, Too,” *Boston Globe*, October 5, 1985.

¹¹⁹ A film crew for the upcoming feature “The Amazing Grace and Chuck” was on hand for a pregame scrimmage and the first two minutes of the second quarter. Alex English of the Denver Nuggets “made a cameo appearance in the second quarter wearing a Celtics uniform (Fred Roberts No. 31) and joined Greg Kite, Jerry Sichting, Sam Vincent and Rick Carlisle against Philadelphia’s Perry Moss, Danny Vranes, Tim McCormick, David Wingate and Ron Rowan. English was inserted into the actual game as part of a staged sequence for the movie in which he plays a Celtic.” Michael Vega, “English Becomes Celtic For Show,” *Boston Globe*, October 11, 1986.

¹²⁰ Bob Ryan, “Vincent, Wedman Traded,” *Boston Globe*, October 17, 1987.

¹²¹ Michael Vega, “Rookie Sweating Out Final Cut,” *Boston Globe*, October 30, 1988.

¹²² <http://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/sports/1990/01/10/scooter-barry-runs-from-dads-shadow/f9a59632-334a-4318-9838-558b9ea3205c/>

¹²³ “Celtics fans have Michael Jordan to blame for Bird’s latest back woes. He accidentally nailed Bird in the sacroiliac area during the celebrity basketball game at last month’s Kenny Rogers get-together outside Atlanta. It happened just before training camp.” Peter May, “Celtics Pluck Jazz To Finish Out Exhibition String,” *Boston Globe*, October 30, 1990.

¹²⁴ Wire story, “600 See Celtics Win Exhibition At Berlin,” *Lewiston Daily Sun*, October 24, 1951.