Boston Celtics best team in NBA in '81

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Robert Parish and Rick Robey, Parish, along with Bird and Archibald, was on the NBA East all-star team this year. The seven foot shot-blocker has been very impressive on both ends of the floor with over 20 points a game and hustling play that has made him the premier center in the game today ever in comparison with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Darryl Dawkins. Robey, now in his third pro season, is becoming an excellent power forward and has the finesse that would earn him the starting role on many other teams.

"Tiny" Archibald and Chris Ford are the veteran starting guards. Tiny is the leader on the floor, and his knowledge, quickness, and superb passing ability are keys to the Boston offense. Ford is a fine defensive guard and a league leader in three-point field goal percentage. Backing them are Henderson and Duerod, two outstanding quick guards with excellent shooting ability.

M.L. Carr, just returned from a foot fracture to his role as reserve guard and forward, is a fine defensive player who will be contributing greatly to the stretch run. The eleven Celtic is Eric Fernsten, a center-forward who has shown he can fill in very effectively in either position.

Coach Bill Fitch has brought his squad a long way in the past two seasons. His leadership and the great bench depth should carry the Boston Celtics to the NBA Championship in the upcoming playoffs.

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