

NORTHANTS BASKETBALL CLUB



PRESS RELEASE

Season resumes after Christmas break

After the long Christmas break, the 2018 / '19 National League season resumes this weekend with six of the club's seven teams in action.

On Sunday the senior men make the short journey to Coventry "Flames" who are coached by former Northants coach, Rob Eddon. "Thunder" went into Christmas in third place in the Midlands Conference of the 4th Division but are very aware that in the very competitive league they will need to be at their best if they are to beat the League newcomers.

The Northants junior men have found life very tough in the Central Premier League and are still looking for their first win of the season. In the first half of the season Darijus Maldutis's team played a number of games without key players and this has made life very difficult for them. On Saturday "Thunder" face Oaklands "Wolves".

The club's cadet boys were very inconsistent in the pre-Christmas period and lost to teams they should really have beaten. This coming weekend the team play back-to-back games away against high flying Team Birmingham "Elite" on Saturday before entertaining the City of Birmingham "Rockets" second team the following day.

The "Lightning" under 14 girls enjoyed a successful first half of the season and currently occupy second place in the Midlands East Conference but they will have to be at their very best when they travel to unbeaten Ipswich on Saturday. The under 13 girls playing as "Lightning Too" also did very well picking up four wins and on Sunday they take on winless Nottingham "Wildcats".

The sixth team in action will be the under 14 boys who face local rivals N.E.B.C. "Titans Purple". "Thunder" won four games before Christmas just one more than "Titans" so a close game can be anticipated.

THIS WEEKEND'S ACTIVITIES

Saturday 12th January

9-30am to 11am Junior "Ballers" Session
11-30am Under 14 Boys versus N.E.B.C. "Titans Purple"
1-30pm Under 18 Boys versus Oaklands "Wolves"

The "Ballers" sessions and the two games will be staged at the Basketball Centre which is based at Northampton School for Girls, Spinney Hill Road, Northampton

Spectators are welcome and admission is FREE

Under 16 Boys travel to Team Elite Birmingham
Under 14 Girls travel to Ipswich

Sunday 13th January

11-0am Under 13 Girls versus Nottingham "Wildcats"
1-00pm Under 16 Boys versus City of Birmingham "Rockets II"

These games will be played at the Basketball Centre

Senior Men travel to Coventry "Stars"