

NORTHANTS BASKETBALL CLUB

MEDIA RELEASE

Senior Men just lose to Derby

Pre- Season Friendly

Northants “Thunder”

76 -77

Derby “Trailblazers”

The disappointment of having Bracknell “Cobras” dropping out of the planned three team tournament was partially forgotten after an entertaining game between “Thunder” and Division 2 outfit Derby “Trailblazers” which produced a nail-biting finish. Trailing 74-77 with just seconds of the game remaining, “Thunder” got the ball to Tomas Vladicka in space and outside the arc on the right hand side of the court. As Vladicka fired up his shot a Derby defender made contact with the shooter’s arm. The shot missed but Vladicka was awarded three free throws which if successful would send the game into overtime. Vladicka coolly made the first free throw but missed the second making the third shot irrelevant as “Trailblazers” celebrated a 77-76 victory.

Throughout the game “Thunder” were competitive with their Division 2 rivals with Coach Rob Eddon able to have a look at his team in a competitive situation. He was also able to cast his eyes over the potential of some new players including Mark Gledhill a former junior player with the Club.

All four periods of play were close run affairs but when “Thunder” took a 60-53 lead towards the end of the third stanza it looked as if they might crate a major shock. Derby however, had other ides finishing the quarter with a 5-zero run. In the final period “Trailblazers” utilised the close to the basket skills of American import Dorr who scored 12 points in that last period closing with a 29 point haul. “Thunder” finished the game with a 5-2 run but in the end were just one free throw away from tying the game.

Coach Rob Eddon pronounced himself well pleased with his team’s efforts which would appear to suggest a successful Division 3 campaign for the promoted “Thunder”



“Thunder” and Derby “Trailblazers” after last weekend’s pre-season friendly

This Sunday “Thunder” has another opportunity to cut their teeth against opposition from a higher division when they take on the Leicester “Warriors” in the 1st Round of the National Cup. Details of that fixture below.

THIS WEEKEND’S ACTION

Saturday 21st September

9-30am to 11am

“Ballers” Academy
For under 12 boys and girls

10am until 11am

“Junior Ballers”
For boys and girls in Years 1,2,3 and 4 who would like to play basketball

11-30am

“Lightning” Junior Women versus East Midlands Under 15 Girls

Sunday 22nd September

12-30pm

Senior Men versus Leicester “Warriors” (National Cup Round 1)

All these activities and games will be staged at the **Northampton Basketball Centre** which is based at Northampton School for Girls in Spinney Hill Road, Northampton

Spectators are most welcome and admission is *FREE*

Also so on Sunday the Under 16 Girls travel to Sheffield to play in a tournament

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