

NORTHANTS BASKETBALL CLUB



PRESS RELEASE

Senior Men pick up win number two but Junior Men lose again.

Big fourth quarter sees “Thunder” home

Division Four (Midlands Conference)

Nottingham Trent “Hoods” 77 – 96 Northants “Thunder”

The Northants senior men picked up their second Conference win of the season with a 19 points win over Nottingham Trent “Hoods”. The win came thanks to a steady all-round performance for the first three periods of play but going into the last quarter they only led “Hoods” by 74 points to 70. Stand in Coach Grahame Yates asked his players to step up their defensive effort and show their quality on offence and they certainly did this outscoring their opponents 22-7 to ease to a comfortable win.

“Thunder” edged to first two quarters to lead 47-41 at half time with rookie Hayden Alcindor looking impressive on offence while the “Thunder” ‘bigs’ dominated the boards. “Hoods” edged the third quarter by a single point to set up what looked like a grandstand finish but “Thunder” had other ideas as they cruised to their second Conference win of the season.

In the encouraging win, Matt Yates top scored with 20 points and he was well supported by Alcindor and Richard Higgins with 18 and 14 points respectively. Jacob Holt was back to his best with a double-double of 11 points and as many rebounds while Terrell Salmon scored 11 points as well.

Fatigue defeats Junior men as they lose to “Hoods”

Junior Men Premier League Central

Nottingham “Hoods” 93 – 77 Northants “Thunder”

After a four week spell without a game the Northants Junior men travelled to Nottingham last Saturday to take on second placed “Hoods”. Not for the first time this season “Thunder” travelled under strength and in the end it was this factor that was to prove decisive.

“Thunder” made a reasonable start to the game with Aaron Muturi controlling the play well while newcomer Josh Taylor scored some vital baskets. Urged on by a vociferous crowd “Hoods” seized the initiative and thanks to a number of “Thunder” turn-overs edged the first quarter 28-21.

The Northants boys’ confidence grew in the second quarter and thanks to the efforts of Chris Amankonah and Ed Wallhead the team won the period 25-21 with “Hoods holding a three point half time lead.

“Thunder” produced some of their best basketball of the season in the third quarter and with the home side in foul trouble, “Thunder” were able to win the quarter 17-11 to take a 63-60 lead going into the last ten minutes of play. Inevitably fatigue was going to be a factor in the fourth quarter and so it proved and despite the efforts of Jamal Jack in the paint “Hoods” were able to comfortably win

the quarter 34-14 and the game 93-77. Amankonah and Wallhead top scored for “Thunder” with 25 and 22 points while Taylor and Jack both scored in double figures.

Despite the loss there was plenty for Coach Darijus Maldutis to be pleased with in his team’s performance but the team needs to field a full complement of payers if they are start winning games.

Northants Basketball Club secures sponsorship from Nisa Retail.

The Northants Basketball Club travels to away games by mini bus believing this is very helpful in building team spirit. Last summer the Club was informed that the cost of hiring these mini buses would rise leaving them with three options, travel to games by car, pass the increased costs on to parents and players or raise the money themselves.

The Club decided to take the last option and they launched a Mini Bus Fund. The Fund recently received it’s first contribution with a cheque from Nisa Retail’s “Making a difference locally” fund. The sponsorship was obtained thanks to the hard work of Management Group member Karen King and the cheque was presented to the Northants “Lightning” Under 13 Girls team, the team Karen’s daughter Aisha is part of.



Athena Thompson and the Northants “Lightning” Under 13 Girls with the Nisa sponsorship cheque

“Lightning” coach and Club Administrator, Karen Goodrich commented, “We are most grateful to Nisa for this sponsorship which will help the club to continue to use mini buses to transport players to away games.

The next fund raising initiative for the Club will be a sponsored free throw event which will be held in the week before Christmas.

THIS WEEKEND'S ACTIVITIES

Saturday 3rd November

9-30am to 11-00am

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“Ballers and “Junior Ballers”sessions

Under 14 Boys versus Shropshire “Warriros”

Under 16 Girls versus Sheffield “Hatters II”

These games will be played at the Basketball Centre which is based at Northampton School for Girls, Spinney Hill Road, Northampton

Senior Men travel to Nottingham University

Sunday 4th November

Under 14 Boys travel to Oxford “Hoops”

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