

NORTHANTS BASKETBALL CLUB



PRESS RELEASE

Under 16 Girls lose in Manchester

Under 16 Girls National League (North Conference)

Manchester “Mystics II” 53 – 46 Northants “Lightning”

A few weeks ago the Northants Cadette girls comfortably beat the Manchester “Mystics” second team in the National Cup game, so it was an optimistic squad that made the trip up the M6 for a Conference game last Saturday. The game proved to be a much closer than the previous encounter and despite going into the final period of play leading by one point “Lightning” were eventually defeated by seven points after a poor last quarter.

“Lightning” made a good start to the game despite the long journey and thanks to good spacing and ball movement created a number of shooting opportunities and the first quarter ended with the two teams tied at 12 points apiece.

The game officials were allowing a lot of physical contact and this suited the Manchester girls and thanks to a number of 1 versus 1 scores the home side were able to take a 30-21 half time lead.

During the half time break “Lightning” coach, Janis Kotsnikovskis made some tactical adjustments and encouraged his team to pressurise “Mystics” up the court. The tactic worked well with the Northants girls forcing a number of turn overs and outscoring their opponents 18-8 to take a one point lead going into the final period.

During the last ten minutes of play Manchester continued to play very physically but rather surprisingly it was the “Lightning” players who were penalised, “Mystics” going to the free throw line seven times. This allowed them to outscore “Lightning” 15-7 over the final ten minutes of play to record a 53-46 win.

In the disappointing loss the “Lightning” scoring was led by Lucy Needham and Sade Chambers with 14 and 13 points respectively, Chloe Stevens supporting well with 10 points.

Northants “Hoopsterz” CVL Tournaments

Under 15 Boys Tournament

**Market Harborough 30 – 27 Northants “Thunder”
Kettering 45 – 28 Northants “Thunder”**

Ten boys of varied experience represented the Northants Club and Coach Barend Oostenhuizen gave all ten lots of playing time. After losing narrowly to Market Harborough the boys lost heavily to a talented Kettering team.

Under 11 Tournament

The Northants Club fielded two teams in this mixed tournament. Team "Blue" coached by Curtis Noel won all four of their games while Team "Yellow" coached by Emma Salisbury won two games and lost two, one of these was by just two points and the other loss was against Team "Blue".

The two coaches were delighted by the attitude displayed by the fourteen boys and girls who played with several of them showing great promise for the future.

THIS WEEKEND'S ACTION

Saturday 4th November

9-30am to 11-00am

11-30am

2-00pm

4-00pm

6-00pm

Junior "Ballers" session resumes

Under 14 Girls versus Oakland "Wolves"

Under 13 / 13 / 14 Friendly game

Under 16 Boys versus Worcester "Wolves"

Under 16 Girls versus Lancashire "Spinners"

Senior Men versus City of Birmingham "Rocks"

All these games will be played at the Basketball Centre which is situated at Northampton School for Girls, Spinney Hill Road, Northampton

Spectators are welcome and admission is FREE

Junior Men travel to City of Birmingham "Rocks"

Under 14 Boys travel to Coventry "Tornadoes"

Sunday 5th November

Under 16 and Under 14 Boys travel to Worcester "Bears"

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