

NORTHANTS BASKETBALL CLUB

PRESS RELEASE

Another set back for Senior Men

Men's National League Division 3 (South Conference)

Thames Valley "Cavaliers"

95 - 86

"Northants "Thunder"

For the second week running the Northants senior men slipped to defeat against one of their main rivals for Division 3 South honours. After their narrow loss against Solent "Kestrels" the previous week "Thunder" suffered a nine point loss against Thames Valley "Cavaliers" last Saturday.

"Thunder" travelled with just seven players and made a nightmare start to the game as they slipped to a 3-18 deficit. The Northants players were playing without their usual zest and vitality and "Cavaliers" were able to use their size to dominate the "Thunder" keyway. Try as they might "Thunder" could make little inroad into the lead and at the end of the first quarter found themselves trailing 11-23.

Despite the best efforts of forward Dan Turruci and guard Jonny Yates the home side were able to extend their lead by five points to 53-36 at half time.

Led by prolific Perre, "Cavaliers" got their lead up to 21 points at one time during the third quarter before "Thunder" found some spirit and began to show their true form. Even so they trailed by 13 points at 59-72 going into the final period of play. A big effort was needed and as Thames Valley began to relax, "Thunder" played their best basketball of the game. They took the final quarter 27-23 but it was a case of too little too late as they slipped to a 95-86 defeat.

In the nine point loss Turruci top scored with 32 points; Yates and Curtis Hadley supporting well with 16 and 11 points respectively.

The team will be hoping to get the 'train back on the rails' this Saturday when they entertain B.C. Medelynas at the Basketball Centre.

England Training Camps

Last weekend was designated as an England Teams' Training Weekend, which is why there were no age group games.

Five boys and girls from the Northants Club are involved in England teams and four of them attended camps last weekend. The exception was Sarah Round who was unable to attend the Junior Women's Camp because of her on-going foot injury for which she will probably need an operation.

The four players who did attend camps were: Akilah Chambers (Under 15 Girls), George Calvey (Junior Men), Jacob Round (Cadet Men), and Holly Winterburn (Cadette Women).

After an extremely intense of technical, tactical and physical training the England coaches did reduce the number of players in their squads but all four Northants players were retained.

THIS WEEKEND'S ACTIVITIES

Saturday 29th November

9.30am to 11am

"Ballers" Under 10's and Under 12's

10am to 11am

Junior Ballers

11.30am

Under 14 Boys versus Notts Nova
Under 15 Boys versus Reading "Rockets"

1.30am

Junior Men versus Loughborough "Riders"

3.30pm

Senior Men versus B. C. Medelynas

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

Spectators are welcome and admission is FREE

Under 13 Boys travel to City of Birmingham
Cadet Men travel to Leicester "Warriors"

Sunday 30th November

Senior Women travel to Sefton "Suns"

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