

NORTHANTS BASKETBALL CLUB

PRESS RELEASE

National League Programme resumes

After the three week Christmas break the National League programme resumes this coming weekend with five of the Club's six teams in action.

The senior men finished 2015 on a high note with consecutive wins that took them out of the relegation zone of Division 3. On Saturday the team will be looking to improve on their 3 and 9 record when they take on Middlesex LTBC a team that has a reputation for not playing too well 'on the road'.

The Club's most successful team is the Junior Men who take a perfect 9 and 0 record into 2016. They open the New Year with an away game against 3rd placed Nottingham Hoods a team they beat earlier in the season in a high scoring affair. The Hoods also provide the opposition for the Cadet Boys who still have a chance of making the end of season Play Offs. The team was handicapped by the loss of Ed Wallhead before the season got underway and have been further handicapped with the news that guard Laurence Williams has suffered a serious knee injury that has brought his season to a premature end.

The Club's other teams have struggled in the first part of the season. The Cadette Girls have won just two of their Premier North games and they face a 'double' weekend with a home game against local rivals NEBC Titans on Saturday followed by a daunting trip to bottom of the table Barrow Thorns the next day.

Both the Under 14 Boys and Girls lie 7th in their respective leagues and will be looking for more consistency in the second half of the season. The girls are a particular young team and are without a game this weekend while the boys will reflect on at least two games where they might well have won with better concentration.

As usual the Club welcomes support for the teams and respectfully requests that this support is of a positive nature refraining from criticism of the referees and opposition players particularly with the younger teams.

Also resuming this Saturday is the very popular Ballers Programme for younger players. The programme is for boys and girls aged 7 to 12 and runs from 9-30am until 11am and accommodates children of all abilities and experience. It is supervised and run by fully qualified coaches.

THIS WEEKEND'S ACTIVITIES

Saturday 9th January

9-30am to 11am

"Ballers" session

11-45am

Under 16 Girls versus N.E.B.C. "Titans"

Under 14 Boys versus Leicester "Dynamite"

1-45pm

Senior Men versus Middlesex LTBC

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

Spectators are welcome and admission is FREE

Sunday 10th January

Under 18 Boys travel to Nottingham "Hoods"

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Under 16 Girls travel to Barrow "Thorns"

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