

NORTHANTS BASKETBALL CLUB

PRESS RELEASE

Northants senior men exit National Cup at the first hurdle

National Cup Round 1

Loughborough Student "Riders" 93 – 56 Northants "Thunder"

In recent years the Northants "Thunder" senior men have beaten opposition from higher divisions in the National Cup but history wasn't to be repeated this season when the team suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of a well drilled Loughborough Students "Riders" outfit.

"Thunder" travelled to Loughborough short handed because of registration problems and were hit by an aggressive press which forced a number of turn overs leading to easy scores for the home side. "Thunder" regrouped a little in the second and third quarters but as fatigue set in during the fourth period of play "Riders" were able to extend their lead.

In the 37 point loss **Jacob Holt** battled manfully for his 22 points with **Adam Thomas** and **Johnny Yates** supporting with 11 and 10 points respectively.

The team is in further knock out action this weekend when they take on Nottingham "Hoods" in the 1st Round of the National Trophy.

Cadet Men suffer a major loss with injury to Ed Wallhead

The Northants cadet men suffered a major loss after outstanding forward **Ed Wallhaed** suffered a serious leg injury which occurred during the early stages of a pre-season game against Derbyshire "Trailblazers". Ed was taken to Northampton General Hospital where a double break of his tibia was diagnosed which required pinning.

Last season Wallhead, playing a year young, was the second top scorer for the "Thunder" under 15 team and with the loss of Jacob Round he was expected to be a major force for this season's cadet team. Ed had also been selected for the East Midlands team and had high expectations of gaining selection for one of the England squads but is likely to be sidelined for the whole the 2015 / '16 season.

All the coaches, administrators and players in the Northants club wish Ed good wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

Junior Ballers programme up and running

The Junior Ballers programme which has been the starting point for many of the Northants national league players has re-started for the new season. The programme is for boys and girls aged from 8 to 12 and takes place at the Northants Basketball Centre which is situated at Northampton School for Girls, from 9-30am until 11am every Saturday morning.

Coaching is delivered by experienced fully qualified coaches and each session costs £4

THIS WEEKEND'S ACTION

Saturday 26th September

9-30am to 11.00am Junior "Ballers" session

12 noon Senior Men versus Nottingham "Hoods" (National Trophy Round 1)

This game will be played at the Northants Basketball Centre in Spinney Hill Road, Northampton
Spectators are welcome and admission is **FREE**

Cadet Men travel to Wellingborough "Titans"

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