

NORTHANTS BASKETBALL CLUB

PRESS RELEASE

Play Offs arrive, for some

The second phase of the end of season Play Off programme gets underway this weekend but a combination of the inclement weather and Easter means that the final make up of teams isn't yet known. One thing however, is certain and that is the VCARS Division 4 Quarter Final Play Off game between Northants "Thunder" and Stockport "Spartans" will be played on Saturday. This weekend should have been semi-final day but after consultation with the participating clubs England Basketball decided to put in place a Final Four format. This will be staged on the weekend of 13th and 14th April in Leeds.

Four other teams from the Northants club have reached the Play Offs but at the moment they aren't quite sure who their opponents will be. The Under 14 Girls game against London "Youngbloods" was called off because of the snow and the Club had hoped it could be played this week but "Youngbloods" have declined to travel so the game has been declared 'void'. This has denied the Northants girls the opportunity of picking up another win although they are sure of a Play Off place.

In the Under 16 Girls competition both the club's teams have reached the Play Offs. "Lightning Too" have completed their Conference programme finishing with 16 win and four losses and currently lie in second place but they could be overtaken by their sister team "Lightning" if they win their re-arranged game against Bromsgrove "Bears" on Tuesday evening.

Things are a little clearer for the Junior Women who look to have finished as runners-up in the Midlands South-West Conference and their Play Off opponents are likely to be Southend "Swifts"

Several girls from the Club will be involved in action on Saturday when the Northants School for Girls Under 17 team takes on Grieg City Academy in the National Schools Final.

THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Tuesday 2nd April

5p.m. Under 15 Girls versus Bromsgrove "Bears"

Saturday 6th April

4p.m. Senior Men versus Stockport "Spartans"
(VCARS Division 4 Play Off Quarter Final)

Both these games will be played at the **Northants Basketball Centre** at Northampton School for Girls in Spinney Hill Road, Northampton

Spectators are welcome and admission is FREE

Sunday 7th April

Under 15 Boys travel to Southend "Swifts" for a friendly game

Under 13 Girls travel to Southend "Swifts" for an East of England League game.