

# **NORTHANTS BASKETBALL CLUB**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Under 12 Girls National Tournament**

Northants "Lightning 1"	48 - 47	Invictus
Northants "Lightning 2"	67 - 45	Manchester "Mystics"
Northants "Lightning 1"	54 - 38	Manchester "Mystics"
Northants "Lightning 2"	38 - 59	Invictus
Northants "Lightning 1"	52 - 50	Northants "Lightning 2"
Invictus	45 - 33	Manchester "Mystics"

After the withdrawal of several teams during the week the Northants club decided to enter two teams in this inaugural tournament and they were joined by teams from Manchester and Southampton.

In the first round of games "Lightning 1" defeated Invictus thanks to a basket just before the final buzzer while "Lightning 2" comfortably beat a young Manchester team. "Lightning 2" found the going tougher against Invictus finally losing by 20 points but "Lightning 1" maintained their unbeaten record with a comfortable victory over "Mystics".

Invictus maintained their good form in the final round of games by recording a 12 point win over an ever improving Manchester outfit. Meanwhile the two Northants teams were locked in a titanic battle and despite a late surge by "Lightning 2", "Lightning 1" held on for a 52-50 win.

The aim of the tournament was to give young players an opportunity to compete against their own sex rather than winning and losing but the final positions in the tournament were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Northants "Lightning 1"
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Invictus
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Northants "Lightning 2"
4 <sup>th</sup>	Manchester "Mystics"

More important than the final positions was the fact that almost 50 girls had participated in the tournament and in closing the event, John Collins the President of the Northants Basketball Club paid tribute to the efforts of all the players and announced that the Club would be staging another tournament on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April**.

### **Northants Hoopsterz Under 15 Boys Central Venue League**

The Northants club entered two teams in the latest Under 15 Boys Central Venue League tournament. "Thunder 1" came 3<sup>rd</sup> of the five competing teams while "Thunder 2" came 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Northants Basketball Club wishes to express their gratitude to basketball Northants and in particular Tony Stewart for staging the tournaments over the course of the season.

### **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

7.00pm

End of Season Presentation Evening at Northampton School for Girls

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