

NORTHANTS BASKETBALL CLUB

PRESS RELEASE

Competitive programme announced

The Northants Basketball Club has finalised its competitive programme for the 2013 / '14 season. The Club is delighted to announce that they will run eleven competitive teams each one coached by a fully qualified coach.

The youngest team to be operated by the Club will be a mixed Under 12 team coached by former Northampton "Neptunes" star Ben Knight. The team will play in the Central Venue League run by the Northants basketball Association.

The Club has entered six boy's teams in the National League namely:

- Under 13's coached by Mike Round
- Under 14's coached by senior men's team player Jonny Yates
- Under 15's coached by John Collins
- Cadet Under 16 Men coached by Rob Crump
- Junior Under 18 Men coached by Brian Johnson
- Senior Men jointly coached by Rob Eddon and Grahame Yates

On the girl's side, obviously Under 12 girls will play in the Central Venue League and the most talented of them will also play in the Under 14 National League team which will be coached by Darius Maldutis.

Two other girl's teams will play in the National League:

- Cadette Under 16 Girls coached by Karen Goodrich
- Junior Under 18 Women coached by Stacey Shakespeare

The Club will also enter an Under 15 Girl's team in the County Central Venue League.

Coaching Co-ordinator, John Collins was delighted that the Club will be able to accommodate so many local boys and girls next season. He was also keen to point out that no coach would be coaching more than one team so each coach can focus all their attention on just one team. He commented, "We are very grateful to the eleven coaches who have generously agreed to give up their valuable time to coach one of the club's teams. It should always be remembered that these coaches are all volunteers.

Representative honours for Northants Basketball Club players

Several talented players from the Northants Basketball Club have made the next step in their chosen sport by gaining selection for national and regional teams.

Pride of place goes to Sarah Round who has been selected for the England Under 15 Development team to travel to Copenhagen from 13th to 16th June. Caitlin Stewart another player from the club has been selected as a reserve.

Last weekend the Under 13 Inter Counties tournaments were held in Nottingham with Northants coming second in both the boy's and girl's events. Following the tournament training squad were selected for the East Midlands teams to compete in the Inter Regional Championships which will take place in July. Lucy Amena was selected for the squad and will be joined by Holly Winterburn who wasn't able to play in last Saturday's tournament.

On the boy's side Ed Taylum, Jacob Round and Laurence Williams gained selection for the training squad which will practice over the next four weekends. For Jacob Round this is a remarkable feat after under-going extensive surgery over the winter months.

Try Outs were held for the East Midlands Under 15 Boys team last Sunday and one boy from the Northants club, Rhys Hill made the sixteen strong squad. That squad will practice throughout the summer in preparation for their tournament in September.