

# **NORTHANTS BASKETBALL CLUB**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Northants Basketball Club all ready fro the big tip-off**

This weekend sees the start of the 2016 – 2017 National League basketball season with three of the Club's teams in action. The senior men will travel to Greenwich "Titans with the core of last season's team still in place. Coach Grahame Yates hopes the inclusion of three new faces plus the addition of 6 feet 9 inch James Barden from last season's Junior team will be enough for the team to make the Division 3 Play Offs.

The Northants Junior Men are also 'on the road' with an away game against Leicester "Riders II". The team will see just three players Jake Nailor, David Nieva and Ayo Oluyede returning from last season's team plus the returning Jaz Campbell and players from last season's Cadet team.

John Collins returning from his sabbatical in Spain, will be in charge of this season's Cadet (Under 16 team) who open their campaign with a trip to Shropshire "Warriors" in the National Cup. Collins has been pleased with the way his charges have reacted to his tough practice regime and is hopeful that his senior players, Chris Amankonah, Josh Lloyd Aaron Mutari and Noah Wilborn will form a solid core for the team while he is delighted to welcome back the talented Ed Wallhead who suffered a horrific leg injury in a pre-season game last September.

The Club's two under 14 teams have to wait until the following week for their first game with coaches Rob Crump and Janis Kosnikovskis looking to make the most of having an extra week's preparation time.

### **THIS WEEKEND'S ACTIVITIES**

#### **Saturday 24th September**

9.30am-11.00am - Junior Ballers Session

There are still places left on this programme which is for boys and girls aged from 4 to 10 Years of age. The programme introduces the game of basketball through simple games and activities and is directed by experienced coach Karen Goodrich assisted by young players from the Club.

Sessions are held at the Northants Basketball Centre which is situated at Northampton School for Girls in Spinney Hill Road, Northampton

Junior Men travel to Leicester "Riders II"  
Cadet Men travel to Shropshire Warriors (National Cup)

#### **Sunday 25th September**

Senior Men travel to Greenwich "Titans"

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