

# **NORTHANTS BASKETBALL CLUB**

## **Under 12 Girls National Tournaments**

The Club decided to stage two National Under 12 Girls Tournaments in their post season and these were both a great success.

At the first Tournament the Northants club decided to enter two teams and they were joined by teams from Manchester and Southampton.

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

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>Northants “Lightning 1”</b> |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>Invictus</b>                |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>Northants “Lightning 2”</b> |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Manchester “Mystics”</b>    |

More important than the final positions was the fact that almost 50 girls had participated in the tournament and in closing the event.



**Pictured here are the two Northants Lightning Teams**

## Second Under 12 Girls Tournament a massive success

The second Tournament attracted more teams and in fact 78 girls from all parts of England, shot, passed, dribbled, rebounded and defended their hearts out for five hours of non-stop basketball action at the Northants basketball Centre

After six games in each pool the standings were:

<u>Pool 'A'</u>			<u>Pool 'B'</u>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Southend "Swifts"	P3 W3 L0	1 <sup>st</sup>	Hounslow "Hawks"	P3 W3 L0
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Northants "Lightning"	P3 W2 L1	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bucks "Hornets"	P3 W2 L1
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Winchester "Royals"	P3 W1 L2	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Manchester "Mystics"	P3 W1 L2
4 <sup>th</sup>	Shenley "Scorpions"	P3 W0 L3	4 <sup>th</sup>	Brentwood "Fire"	P3 W0 L3

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5 <sup>th</sup>	Winchester "Royals"
6 <sup>th</sup>	Manchester "Mystics"
7 <sup>th</sup>	Brentwood "Fire"
8 <sup>th</sup>	Shenley "Scorpions"



### The 78 players who participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Northants National Under 12 Girls Tournament

The games were officiated by six local referees who did a great job in helping the inexperienced players while all the table officiating was conducted by players from the Northants club's Under 14 "Lightning" team supervised by Tia Dunrad-Allen and Emma Salisbury.

