

NORTHANTS BASKETBALL CLUB



PRESS RELEASE

“Thunder” get back to winning ways with victory over “Giants”

Division Four National League
(Midlands Conference)

Mansfield “Giants” 99 – 103 Northants “Thunder”

The Northants senior men got back to winning ways with victory over Mansfield “Giants” in a high scoring game last Saturday.

“Thunder” were outscored in the first three quarters of the game and actually trailed by as many as 14 points midway through the third quarter. The comeback win was inspired by Jason Tucker and Matt Yates and came thanks to a massive effort in the final quarter which they won 31-21. Despite the win stand in coach Grahame Yates wasn’t happy with the teams defensive performance.

In the four point win Yates scored 28 points and Tucker 26 with good support coming from Jacob Holt with 14 points. The win keeps “Thunder” in second place in the Midlands Conference having lost four games the same record as Warwickshire “Hawks” with the two teams clashing in two weekend’s time.

Under 16 Girls get the better of “Hatters II”

Under 16 Girls National League
(North Conference)

Sheffield “Hatters II” 54 – 64 Northants “Lightning”

On the basis of having played more games than anyone else the Northants “Lightning” under 16 girls sit proudly at the top of the North Conference table. Their place in the end of season Play Offs will depend on the results of teams who have played less games but their chances were enhanced by last Saturday’s win in Sheffield.

After the two hour journey “Lightning made a good start to the game opening up a sizeable lead before “Hatters” found their shooting touch and were able to close the gap to 13 -14 at the end of the first quarter.

“Lightning’s” concentration slipped at the start of the second quarter allowing their opponents some easy scores but they were able to re-group and edge the quarter 19-17 to lead 33-30 at half time.

In the recent past “Lightning” have been guilty of some appalling play in the third quarters of games but this wasn’t to be against “Hatters”. With Dina Kosnikovska and Chloe Stevens shooting well from the perimeter “Lightning” were able to win the quarter 23-10 to extend their lead to 56-40 going into the final ten minutes of play.

This lead was extended to 19 points early in the fourth quarter but “Lightning” failed to score in the final three minutes of play allowing Sheffield to close the gap to ten points but the Northants girls could be well pleased with their 64-54 ‘road’ win which saw Kosnikovska and Poppy Barnett both scoring 16 points and Stevens adding an invaluable 10 points.

Commenting on the win Coach Emma Salisbury was very pleased with the energy exhibited by her team especially on defence.

Junior Men go down heavily to Albion

Junior Mens National League (Premier Division Central)

West Bromwich Albion 108 – 58 Northants “Thunder”

The Northants junior men suffered another heavy defeat at the hands of a physically stronger West Bromwich Albion team. “Thunder” were heavily outscored in three of the four quarters but were competitive in the second which they only lost 16-20

In the loss Ed Wallhead performed superbly and scored 22 points, good support coming from Alex Caligura with Deimantas Cebatorilin, Grigori Litsai, Aaron Maturi and Noah Wilborn all gave of their very best.

THIS WEEKEND’S ACTION

No “Ballers” session or games at the Basketball Centre this weekend.

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