

NORTHANTS BASKETBALL CLUB



PRESS RELEASE

“Lightning” Under 13 Girls place third respectively in the latest National Tournament

The Northants Basketball Club staged the fifth and final National Tournament last weekend, and the “Lightning” Under 13 Girls claimed a very creditable 3rd place. Over 80 girls in eight teams from as far apart as Southend. Winchester and Lancashire took part in the event which was eventually won by Hounslow “Hawks”

Results from the Under 13 Girls National Tournament

Pool ‘A’			Pool ‘B’		
Northants	23-26	Hounslow	Southend	22-33	Manchester
Bucks	26-22	Lancashire	Sheffield	26-21	Winchester
Northants	32-18	Bucks	Sheffield	24-28	Southend
Hounslow	26-12	Lancashire	Manchester	38-22	Winchester
Northants	34-20	Lancashire	Southend	38-22	Winchester
Hounslow	36-17	Bucks	Manchester	29-35	Sheffield

Hounslow “Hawks” proved to be the dominant force in Pool ‘A’ winning all three of their games although they were given a tough game by the hosts in a physical encounter. Pool ‘B’ was a much closer affair with Manchester, Sheffield and Southend all losing one game. Southend advanced to the Play Off Final on points difference with Manchester edging out Sheffield for second place.

Final positions

<u>Play Off games</u>				
			1 st	Hounslow “Hawks”
			2 nd	Southend “Swifts”
1 st & 2 nd	Hounslow	33-24	3 rd	Northants “Lightning”
3 rd & 4 th	Manchester	25-34	4 th	Manchester “Mystics”
5 th & 6 th	Bucks	18-20	5 th	Sheffield “Hatters”
7 th & 8 th	Lancashire	18-25	6 th	Bucks “Hornets”
			7 th	Winchester “Royals”
			8 th	Lancashire “Spinners”

“Lightning” coach, **Emma Salisbury** was delighted with the way her team handled the challenge of playing against some of the best teams in the country. “My players put in a massive effort over the course of the day and will have learned a great deal from the experience.”

Tournament organizer **Karen Goodrich** commented “The Northants Basketball Club has been delighted to entertain a large number of clubs to our five tournaments. We have received many very positive comments and I know the experience has been very beneficial to our own players and coaches

Good defensive performance earns “Thunder” a win over Harborough

Under 16 Boys Challenge game

Market Harborough 45 – 61 Northants “Thunder”

A “Thunder” team made up of players who will feature in next seasons Cadet National League travelled to Market Harborough to take on 15 players from the junior section of the thriving club.

Some of the Harborough players were over-aged and initially caused “Thunder” a great deal of trouble especially in the rebounding stakes the home side moving into a single digit lead. When the home side introduced some of their younger players to the game “Thunder” were much more competitive and by half time had tied the scores up at 29 all.

“Thunder” continued to play excellent defence in the second half restricting their opponents to just 16 points and with Patrick Adedeji an increasing threat on offence were able to close out the win.

NORTHANTS BASKETBALL CLUB SUMMER COACHING PROGRAMMES

Throughout the summer the Northants Basketball Club will be running comprehensive coaching programmes at the Northants Basketball Centre which is based at Northampton School for Girls. The programmes are for boys and girls of all abilities and experience aged **5 to 17**

Further information can be found on the Club’s website www.northantsbasketballclub.net and specific enquiries can be made through the club’s email address which is:
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