

NORTHANTS BASKETBALL CLUB



PRESS RELEASE

Tough weekend for Under 15 Girls in Manchester

The Northants Basketball Club was invited to take an Under 15 Girls team to the inaugural Georgia Jones Tournament held at the National Performance Centre in Manchester. With teams from Ireland and Scotland as well as the England national team this was always going to be a daunting experience especially as Northants had players ranging from school year 7 up to school year 10.

Despite the high standard of opposition, Northants acquitted themselves remarkably well. From a heavy defeat in the first game, the performances in the subsequent matches showed a huge improvement across the squad with the final game against Manchester II being lost by a single point. Players developed their skills and began to compete with their more illustrious opponents. There was belief that this is where the club can and should be and all of the players will have benefited greatly.

An invitation has already been extended for next year's event. In turn the Northants club will look to run a similar event on their own court in order to progress girls basketball both in the county as well as the country as a whole.

“Thunder” go one and one against Oxford “Hoops”

Last Saturday Under 14 and 15 boys teams from the Northants Club took on teams from Oxford “Hoops” in two pre-season ‘friendly’ games; with the honours being shared.

Under 14 Boys game

Northants "Thunder" 80 – 36 Oxford "Hoops"

Oxford arrived with some very young players and with the new Basketball England ‘all must play rules’ being applied they found it difficult to compete with the older Northants boys who, after slipping 4-7 behind totally dominated proceedings.

In the comfortable victory all eleven “Thunder” players scored with guards Fiifi Boateng, Jack Lemon, and Benas Maldutis all scored in double figures while Jordan Gbanja was dominant close to basket. Coach, John Collins was also pleased with the performance of Rapolas Radivicius who scored eight points and rebounded superbly.

Under 15 Boys game

Northants "Thunder" 45 -69 Oxford "Hoops"

A Northants "Thunder" Under 15 slipped to a heavy defeat against a far more experienced Oxford "Hoops" team.

The inexperienced “Thunder” team initially struggled and lost the first period of play 7-21. They were far more competitive in the following three periods but with the exception of Dylan Dominici with 10 points and Tom Greenfield with 14 found scoring difficult however throughout the game the team worked hard on defence.

THIS WEEKEND'S ACTION

Saturday 14th September

9-30am to 10-30am

Budding "Ballers"

9-30am to 11-00am

Junior "Ballers"

11-00am to 12-30pm

"Ballers" Academy

12-30pm to 2-00pm

Under 12 and Under 13 Girls

These games and the "Ballers" session will be staged at the Basketball Centre which is situated at Northampton School for Girls in Spinney Hill Road, Northampton NN3 6DG

Spectators are welcome and admission is **FREE**

Under 16 Boys travel to Warwickshire "Hawks" for a pre-season friendly game.

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