

NORTHANTS BASKETBALL CLUB



PRESS RELEASE

Cadet Boys edged out by athletic “Spartans”

Under 16 Boys East Midlands Conference

Derbyshire “Spartans” 84 – 79 Northants “Thunder”

The Northants “Thunder” Under 16’s travelled to Repton School and finished on the wrong end of an 84-79 scoreline after a gutsy performance against an athletic Derbyshire “Spartans” team’

“Thunder” made a nervous start to the game and found themselves trailing 5-16 after six minutes of play. Having got used to the speed of the game the Northants boys were able to steady the ship but still trailed 12-22 at the end of the first period.

The second period of play saw “Thunder” playing with more confidence and 12 points from Ashley Kitchen kept them in contention. They narrowed the gap to eight points but were then guilty of turning the ball over and were trailing 34-47 at the half time interval.

“Spartans” made the better start to the third period and a 12-zero charge saw them extend their lead to 24 points at 62-38. It looked as if the game was as good as over but “Thunder” rallied with an impressive 20-7 run to close the gap to 59-69 going into the last ten minutes of play.

Both teams had periods of dominance in the third period and a remarkable reverse lay up from Kris Dambrauskas got “Thunder” to within three points of their opponents but “Spartans” kept their composure and held on for the 84 to 79 win.

In the five point loss Kitchen top scored with 29 points, Dambrauskas, Benas Maldutis, and Tom Greenfield supporting well with double figure contributions.

Under 14 Girls are second best against “Cobras

Under 14 Girls South Conference

Bracknell “Cobras” 57 – 37 Northants “Lightning”

“Lightning” suffered a disappointing defeat in the first game of their South Conference campaign going down by 20 points to Bracknell “Cobras” in a low scoring affair.

“Lightning” were in touch at half time but were swept away in the third period of play which they lost 9-27 and the game was as good over at that stage. The Northants girls battled hard in the final ten minutes and actually outscored “Cobras 12-4 but throughout the game they missed too many easy scores.

Coach, Kim Thompson was naturally disappointed by the result but was pleased with the effort her players had given but the team won’t win many games scoring less than 40 points.

Under 14 Boys too strong for Abingdon

Northants “Thunder” Pre-Season Friendly 100 – 37 Abingdon “Eagles”

The Northants “Thunder” under 14 boys notched up their second per-season friendly win of the season with a convincing win over a gutsy but inexperienced Abingdon “Eagles” team.

After a competitive five minutes “Thunder” made some defensive adjustments and took control of the game comfortably winning the first two periods to lead 50-17 at half time.

“Eagles” were more competitive in the third period with the highlight for “Thunder” being two scores for newcomer David Utubor-Irabor. The home side finished with a flourish to complete a comfortable win with Thomas Bates, Jordan Gbanja, Benas Maldutis, Rapalus Radoviccius and Leo Smartt all scoring in double figures while Samuel Olawoyin showed a great deal of promise.

“Thunder” will face a much sterner challenge this Sunday when they travel to Leicester “Riders” for their first Conference game of the season.

THIS WEEKEND'S ACTION

Saturday 5th October

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
1-00pm	Under 13 Boys versus West Herts “Warriors”
2-15pm	West Herts “Warriors” versus West Herts “Warriors II”
3-30pm	Under 13 Boys versus West Herts “Warriors II”

The “Ballers” sessions and the Under 13 Boys tournament 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 Leicester “Riders”

Under 14 Girls travel to Norwich “Demons”

Sunday 6th October

Under 14 Boys travel to Leicester “Riders”

Under 12 Boys travel to Leicester to play “Dynamite and “Riders”

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