

NORTHANTS BASKETBALL CLUB



PRESS RELEASE

Young players are the stars of the Northants Basketball Club's Summer Coaching Programme

As the Northants Basketball Club's Summer Coaching Programme enters its fourth week attendance has remained high and the players have shown an excellent attitude as they work to get back up to speed after the Covid induced lay off.

The second centre for under 14 boys was launched last week at the sports dome at the University of Northampton with David Young taking charge of the coaching. This in itself was very pleasing but possibly even more pleasing has been the turn-out of younger players on Saturday mornings. Almost 70 boys and girls attend the Budding Ballers, Junior Ballers and Under 11 and Under 12 Girls sessions, many of them the siblings of former players.

The Ballers sessions are for boys and girls aged four to nine years of age but the youngest participant is just three and a half. The youngest players enjoy basketball related activities adapted by a primary school teacher, while the older boys and girls learn some of the skills of the game presented through fun-based activities. The sessions are run by Young Leaders, Poppy Barnett, Benas Maldutis, Niamh Saysell and Tom Greenfield supported by adult coaches, while Emma Salisbury looks after the mixed Under 12 group **assisted by Chloe Stevens**.

Club administrator, Karen Goodrich commented, "The turnout for the sessions for younger players has been fantastic and there is evidence of some real talent. There is every chance that some of these boys and girls will be the stars of the future."

Many of the sessions run by the Club have reached their capacity but there are still places available for some of the age groups. Anyone interested should contact the club by email at northantsbasketballclub@hotmail.co.uk

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