



## Warwickshire Basketball League

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### **LEAGUE TITLE SHOCK – COULD GO TO WARRIORS**

**Northampton Neptunes have sent an urgent request to the Executive of Warwickshire Basketball to postpone tonight's (Friday) big game against Premier Warriors, but it will probably be in vain.**

The league leaders – unbeaten until two weeks ago, stand to lose out at the final hurdle if Warriors beat them to the title, and have five players missing from their nine-man squad, three with broken bones and ligament injuries, one who has had to return to his native Africa following the death of his father, and another who has been sent home from his university place. This has left Coach Mark Spatcher with just four fit players and under basketball rules, the game cannot possibly go ahead.

Warriors Coach Roger Payne was obviously extremely disappointed to hear the news, but said “We have players injured and absent all the time, but we make every effort to get to a game and I have even had to turn out myself this season when we only had five players. I am certain they have other players they could call upon.”

League Chairman Mike Maddox stated “Under Warwickshire Basketball Rules the game should be awarded to Warriors for the league season finishes next weekend, but I am trying to get it played so the title is won on the court not off it.” If last ditch efforts to re-arrange the game fail – which looks likely, the title will go to Warriors under the default clause.

However, in the matches which have been played since the snow wreaked havoc with the mid-week programme, there have been victories for Aylesford Hawks, who beat Warwick University 83-68, and Grace Academy, who also took full points from the students, this time 86-61. Tile Hill Trojans felt they could not travel to Tamworth for last week's match, but this was claimed and awarded 20-0 by the league who felt that the roads to and from Tamworth were manageable.

Division Two leaders Nuneaton are now beginning to run away with the number one spot, and they were emphatic in their 71-43 success over Westwood Rhinos. It was largely down to one of their veterans Alun Sweeney to see Knights home, as he slotted in 34 of his side's points to leave them almost unstoppable at the top. The fight is on though for second place, with Woodway, Ernesford Westwood and Warwick Juniors all there or thereabouts. Whilst Woodway and RC Rebels match was postponed, Warwick Juniors disposed of Arden Griffins 68-73 and Ernesford Eagles pummelled six-man Trojans 2 84-68. Stratford Tornadoes continues their recent impressive run with a 53-40 win over Trojans 3 as the race for honours begins to hot up.

***The draw for Round 1 of the Division One Handicap Cup throws the big two against each other again. Games will take place over the first two weeks of February and the draw is:***

***Onley Outlaws v Grace Academy (GAC)***

***Premier Warriors v Northampton Neptunes***

***Aylesford Hawks v Tamworth Tigers***

***Warwick University v Tile Hill Trojans.....END***

**RESULTS ....RESULTS.....RESULTS.....RESULTS..... RESULTS..... RESULTS.....**

**Division One**

Onley Outlaws 20-0 Warwick University  
 Tamworth Tigers 20-0 Tile Hill Trojans  
 Premier Warriors 96-79 Tile Hill Trojans  
 Warwick University 61-82 GAC

**Division Two**

Nuneaton 71-43 Westwood Rhinos  
 RC Rebels v Woodway Nuggets - postponed  
 Arden Griffins 68-73 Warwick Juniors  
 Ernesford Eagles 84-38 Tile Hill 2  
 Stratford Tornados 53-40 Tile Hill 3

**Warwickshire Basketball Men's League Tables**

<b>Division ONE</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Points</b>
Northampton Neptunes	13	12	1	1300	1033	25
Premier Warriors	12	11	1	1114	763	23
GAC	13	7	6	1070	1002	20
Tile Hill Trojans I	12	7	5	946	915	19
Aylesford Hawks	13	5	8	903	1003	18
Onley Outlaws	12	3	9	687	878	15
Tamworth Tigers *	10	3	7	605	746	12
Warwick University I *	11	0	11	641	926	10

<b>Division TWO</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Points</b>
Nuneaton Knights	14	13	1	857	648	27
Woodway Nuggets	13	9	4	917	715	22
Ernesford Eagles	13	9	4	769	644	22
Westwood Rhinos	13	9	4	832	806	22
Arden Griffins	13	6	7	889	771	19
Warwick Juniors	11	7	4	766	612	18
Stratford Tornados	14	3	11	700	892	17
RC Rebels	10	3	7	481	569	13
Tile Hill Trojans 3	11	2	9	434	633	13
Tile Hill Trojans 2	12	1	11	532	887	13

*\* point deducted*

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