



Warwickshire Basketball League

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WARRIORS CLAIM BIG GAME – TAKE TITLE

The game which should have decided the Division One league title did just that, but without taking place, as Premier Warriors claimed the fixture by default when Northampton called in sick.

The scene could not have been more dramatic with Warriors looking for the victory which would have brought them their ninth title, but Neptunes, in their first season of Warwickshire Basketball and unbeaten until two weeks ago, had five of their players injured or unavailable and asked for a postponement. League officials tried to get Warriors to accept this but they refused, having had three games called off recently, and rightfully, under league rules, claimed the game 20-0

So Warriors are Champions again, but this title will have a hollow ring about it for it was won off the court.

Warwick University finished their campaign without a league win for over a year. They produced some fine players throughout and pushed most sides hard for three-quarters of many of their games before falling late on, but they have nothing but pride to show for their efforts. Losses against Tile Hill (53-76) and Tamworth (68-74) last week added to the 20-0 default they incurred when their transport became unavailable for the trip to Onley, but they now enter the Handicap Cup where they might get that magical pink scoresheet, reserved only for the winning team.

The competition starts over the next two weeks, but to progress to the semi final they must overcome Trojans. Warriors and Northampton come head to head on Friday with the other two fixtures taking place the following week.

Division Two sides continue their quest for league honours with another month's fixtures taking place, and it is now down to Nuneaton to lose the crown as they try to maintain an excellent season of results.

Their 45-38 victory against Warwick Juniors in what was an uncharacteristically scrappy game, but Knights did enough to take the points. There were only eight fouls called throughout the entire forty minutes play, almost unbelievable considering the pace with which Juniors play, coupled with the tough physical presence served up by the veterans from North Warwickshire. Ernesford Eagles made history with a 78-13 thrashing against Tile Hill 3, and this gave Trojans the unwanted honour of achieving the lowest league score on record, although Eagles could not maintain their winning form as they lost out narrowly at Woodway.

Trojans Second team were beaten 79-60 by Stratford, for whom player/coach Paul Adams made 24 and new signing Alex Banfield 18. Westwood Rhinos eased in 48-40 against RC Rebels. Leading by ten at one stage, Westwood folded as Rebels brought the gap down to two following good shooting from Ralph Cordes, but in the final quarter, a flurry of offensive activity in the Rebels key brought positive results for the home side.

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Division One

Warwick University 68-74 Tamworth Tigers
 Warwick University 53-76 Tile Hill Trojans
 Aylesford Hawks 80-39 Tamworth Tigers
 Premier Warriors 20-0 Northampton Neptunes

Division Two

Westwood Rhinos 48-40 RC Rebels
 Stratford Tornados 79-60 Tile Hill Trojans 2
 Warwick Juniors 38-45 Nuneaton Knights
 Ernesford Eagles 78-13 Tile Hill 3
 Woodway 64-57 Ernesford Eagles

Warwickshire Basketball Men's League Tables

Division ONE	P	W	L	F	A	Points
Premier Warriors	13	12	1	1134	763	25
Northampton Neptunes *	14	12	2	1300	1053	25
Tile Hill Trojans I *	14	8	6	1022	988	21
GAC	13	7	6	1070	1002	20
Aylesford Hawks	14	6	8	986	1071	20
Tamworth Tigers *	12	5	7	699	814	16
Onley Outlaws	12	3	9	687	878	15
Warwick University I *	14	0	14	830	1159	14

Division TWO	P	W	L	F	A	Points
Nuneaton Knights	15	14	1	902	686	29
Ernesford Eagles	14	10	4	847	657	24
Westwood Rhinos	14	10	4	880	846	24
Woodway Nuggets	13	9	4	917	715	22
Warwick Juniors	12	7	5	804	657	19
Arden Griffins	13	6	7	889	771	19
Stratford Tornados	15	4	11	779	952	19
RC Rebels	11	3	8	521	617	14
Tile Hill Trojans 3	12	2	10	447	711	14
Tile Hill Trojans 2	13	1	12	592	966	14

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