



## Warwickshire Basketball League

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### **IT'S THE END OF AN ERA AT WOODWAY**

**Senior basketball has formally ended at Woodway School, where Nuggets, this week played their last game and consolidated their runners-up spot in Division Two of the Warwickshire Basketball League**

As the new Grace Academy continues to take shape, the old building hosted its finale, and Nuggets went out with a bang as they easily slipped past Tile Hill Trojans 3 78-39. Some of the Trojans squad actually remember the sports hall opening many years ago, one was a teacher there back in yesteryear, but everyone who has played there over the past thirty years or so will have their own memories to take with them when the hall is demolished shortly.

Nuggets mentor in recent times has been Marcus Garvey, a teacher by trade and respected basketball coach by night, and Garvey has masterminded Nuggets success, since taking over from another stalwart Bob Castledine two years ago. Woodway has been the home and breeding ground for numerous players who have gone on to reach the top in youth basketball, with several turning out for Crusaders at Under 16 and 18 sides at National levels. But the thing which has typified the Woodway players through the decades, has been the commitment of the staff to developing the youngsters' skill levels which have brought out the best in them all.

When the new season begins in October, it is hoped that a brand new, ten ring, sprung wooden floor sports hall will take the club to even greater heights, and some of the players, who have been there since they were 12, into the real world of senior Warwickshire league basketball in Division One.

Woodway have just one game left in their regular season, and last week they chalked up the highest score of any side this season as they beat Tile Hill 2 120-71. They now look to hold onto that number two spot behind the veterans of Nuneaton who won at Tile Hill 3 87-37 but the game of the week was at Warwick Juniors, where the home side fought off a terrific challenge from strong Ernesford Eagles to win 57-54.

Ernesford had their match winner, in 6'5" Tony Bates who notched 24, but the all round speed of Juniors troubled Eagles all night, and when Trevor Wellstead popped in his 17<sup>th</sup> point of the night, it saw Warwick home.

Arden Griffins saw off RC Rebels 78-48, and Eagles did the same, at 64-46 when Stratford visited 'The Grange.'

So as the season-end appears on the horizon, and one grand old building disappears below it, the clubs of Warwickshire start to look ahead to the Inter Divisional Shield competition which begins in March.

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

**Division One Handicap Cup**

Premier Warriors 84-58 Tamworth Tigers  
Warwick University 70-98 Tile Hill Trojans 1

**Division Two**

Tile Hill Trojans 3 37-87 Nuneaton Knights  
Woodway Nuggets 120-71 Tile Hill Trojans 2  
Arden Griffins 78-48 RC Rebels  
Ernesford Eagles 64-46 Stratford Tornadoes  
RC Rebels 41-71 Woodway Nuggets  
Warwick Juniors 57-54 Ernesford Eagles

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**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> |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| Premier Warriors       | 14       | 13       | 1        | 1218     | 821      | 27            |
| Northampton Neptunes * | 14       | 12       | 2        | 1300     | 1053     | 25            |
| GAC                    | 14       | 8        | 6        | 1139     | 1098     | 22            |
| Tile Hill Trojans I *  | 14       | 8        | 6        | 1022     | 988      | 21            |
| Aylesford Hawks        | 14       | 6        | 8        | 986      | 1071     | 20            |
| Onley Outlaws          | 14       | 4        | 10       | 803      | 947      | 18            |
| Tamworth Tigers **     | 14       | 5        | 9        | 757      | 918      | 17            |
| Warwick University I * | 14       | 0        | 14       | 830      | 1159     | 14            |

| <b>Division TWO</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>Points</b> |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| Nuneaton Knights    | 17       | 16       | 1        | 1042     | 766      | 33            |
| Woodway Nuggets     | 17       | 13       | 4        | 1343     | 982      | 30            |
| Ernesford Eagles    | 17       | 12       | 5        | 1030     | 821      | 29            |
| Westwood Rhinos     | 15       | 10       | 5        | 941      | 822      | 25            |
| Warwick Juniors     | 15       | 10       | 5        | 1058     | 819      | 25            |
| Arden Griffins      | 15       | 7        | 8        | 1010     | 870      | 22            |
| Stratford Tornadoes | 17       | 4        | 13       | 871      | 1096     | 21            |
| RC Rebels           | 15       | 4        | 11       | 693      | 893      | 19            |
| Tile Hill Trojans 2 | 16       | 2        | 14       | 765      | 1228     | 18            |
| Tile Hill Trojans 3 | 16       | 2        | 14       | 595      | 952      | 18            |

\* point deducted

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