



Warwickshire Basketball League

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HAWKS TAME TIGERS TO CLAIM CUP SPOT

Four teams have moved into the semi finals of the Warwickshire Basketball Handicap Cup with some familiar names leading the way.

Warwick's Aylesford Hawks will meet newcomers GAC from Coventry in the first game with Tile Hill Trojans hosting Premier Warriors in the other match, after Warriors opposition Northampton failed, through injury and unavailability to raise a team and defaulted.

Trojans and GAC had little difficulty in getting there, but for Hawks it was a different story. They were stunned by a blistering start to their quarter final game with Tamworth, where Tigers shot from 26-20 on the handicap to 39-24 with big men John Malia and Graham Dixon in fine form. Hawks rallied after coach Richard Curtis called time-out, and the gap started to close. Then in the second period, the fur and feathers began to fly as Hawks went for it in style. It was the turn of their centres, Erik Zimmerman and Dimitry Rumnyin to steal the thunder, and Aylesford moved ahead to lead 62-49 at half time.

The pressure on Tigers was relentless as Ricky Fennel became the eighth Hawks player onto the scoresheet and Tigers were clawing at thin air. They came again though through Phil Somers and veteran Dave Foskett, but after they hit 80-68 Hawks killed the game with another triple of their own. They went on to stem a late burst from their visitors, but moved into the semi finals on the back of a 91-83 final score, led quietly by Alex Birch who made 18, with Somers on 17 for Tigers.

In the race for honours in Division Two, Ernesford Eagles suffered a shock home defeat to Arden Griffins who took the Coventry side 57-51. This handed the runners-up spot to Woodway Nuggets, after they defeated Tile Hill Trojans 3 78-39, and Trojans 2 were on the wrong end of an 81-63 score-line as Westwood kept up the pressure on Eagles, now vying for third place. Warwick Juniors proved they are not out of things as they fought off a determined challenge from Stratford Tornadoes – recently invigorated by the arrival of big centre Alex Banfield, Juniors coming home 71-66, and Champions Nuneaton Knights were too good for RC Rebels at President Kennedy Sports Centre as they completed their almost perfect season with a 74-37 success.

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Division One Handicap Cup

Premier Warriors 20-0 Northampton Neptunes
Aylesford Hawks 91-83 Tamworth Tigers (20-26)
Onley Outlaws 89-130 GAC

Division Two

Woodway Nuggets 78-39 Tile Hill Trojans 3
Ernesford Eagles 51-57 Arden Griffins
RC Rebels 37-74 Nuneaton Knights
Warwick Juniors 71-66 Stratford Tornadoes
Tile Hill Trojans 2 63-81 Westwood Rhinos

Warwickshire Basketball Men's League Tables

Division ONE	P	W	L	F	A	Points
Premier Warriors	14	13	1	1218	821	27
Northampton Neptunes *	14	12	2	1300	1053	25
Tile Hill Trojans I	14	8	6	1022	988	22
GAC	14	8	6	1139	1098	22
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

Division TWO	P	W	L	F	A	Points
Nuneaton Knights	18	17	1	1116	803	35
Woodway Nuggets	17	13	4	1343	982	30
Ernesford Eagles	18	12	6	1089	878	30
Westwood Rhinos	16	11	5	945	915	27
Warwick Juniors	16	11	5	1129	885	27
Arden Griffins	16	8	8	1067	921	24
Stratford Tornadoes	18	4	14	937	1167	22
RC Rebels	16	4	12	730	967	20
Tile Hill Trojans 2	17	2	15	828	1309	19
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* point deducted

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