



Warwickshire Basketball League

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OLD RIVALS TO CLASH IN CUP FINAL

It will be like turning the clock back twenty years as old rivals Aylesford Hawks and Tile Hill Trojans moved into the final of the Warwickshire Basketball League Handicap Cup.

That they made it is due to some inspirational play against arguably two of the best teams in the Area who both made way for the old adversaries to march into the ultimate game which is due to take place after Easter. Hawks got there virtue of their 99-77 defeat of new – but very experienced boys GAC, who stepped aside in the last period of their semi final when they were threatening to do some damage to Hawks defensive record. They had trailed by eight to the handicap at the start but had an awful first quarter followed by a similar second which saw them virtually out of it by half time at 66-45.

Coach Marcus Garvey galvanised them to get GAC back to within 12 at 78-66 near the end of the third, but a ten point blitz in the opening minutes of the final period took care of things for Aylesford and moved them into the final.

It was almost as easy for most of a ferocious game for Tile Hill Trojans when they entertained Premier Warriors , who had an off night – particularly at the free throw line where they hit an almost unbelievable 8/30 attempts, before going down 92-85. But that does not tell the full story as Trojans, full of confidence and running throughout, went into the last four minutes with a 22 point lead. Warriors began to charge forward and shots which had been coming out all night started to drop. Twenty two became fourteen inside a minute, and, despite some small but significant input at the other end, they moved into the last sixty seconds with Trojans hanging on. A three pointer from Simon Payne took it to 88-85, but when Warriors ' desperation to get the ball back saw them called for a foul and put Ross Emery at the line, it spelled the end for Warriors who fell to a quartet of accurate hoops from the Trojans' guard.

All Star centre Dami Fakunle led the way with some high-flying rebounding and shooting for Warriors on 33, but was outdone by Trevor Robinson and Teet Reinson's 20 apiece for Trojans.

The last two games of the regular season in Division Two saw Warwick Juniors and Westwood Rhinos chalk up victories to cement their places in the top half of the table with their focus now switching to the Inter-Divisional Shield which runs throughout March.

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Division One Handicap Cup Plate Competition

Aylesford Hawks 99-77 GAC (20-12)

Tile Hill Trojans 1 92-85 Premier Warriors (15-4)

Division Two

RC Rebels 54-58 Westwood Rhinos

Warwick Juniors 92-41 Tile Hill Trojans 3

Warwickshire Basketball Men's Final 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	18	14	4	1436	1055	32
Ernesford Eagles	18	12	6	1089	878	30
Westwood Rhinos	18	12	6	1072	1043	30
Warwick Juniors	18	12	6	1294	1019	30
Arden Griffins	18	10	8	1189	1030	28
Stratford Tornadoes	18	4	14	937	1167	22
RC Rebels	18	4	14	811	1083	22
Tile Hill Trojans 2	18	3	15	886	1336	21
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* point deducted

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