



Warwickshire Basketball League

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TWO INTO THREE DOES GO!

It was never going to be a classic, but for sheer commitment and endeavour the ‘in-house’ Plate clash at Tile Hill proved to be a cracker.

Apart from their senior side in Division One, there has been little to cheer on court for Tile Hill Trojans, as both of their other teams finished at the bottom of the second division. So when they were drawn against each other in the quarter finals of the Inter Divisional Shield, there appeared to be nothing to really whet the appetite. But the game, the atmosphere, the hostility and finish was what local league basketball it all about.

They have both had such a wretched season, that the two teams were handicapped at 85-90 (comparing this to their first team’s 15) and the scores throughout have generally reflected this - a true reflection of their performances. However, the young guns of Trojans 2 – average age without their player/coach Andy Dickson of 21, against the veterans of yesteryear who have three 60 year olds in their ranks, was a triumph for the youth by a narrow four point margin.

Trojans 3, who refuse to grow old gracefully, fought as if they were the teenagers and took their slender handicap advantage to greater heights as they held the youngsters at bay until well after half time. They were in fact in almost total control at 121-106, well inside the third period, when youth took over the running of the game. Steve Leeson, a veteran by his team’s standards at 32 led the charge as he started to penetrate and hit, well supported by Ian Birdsall and it was game on again as the gap closed to 125-119 at the final break.

The scores were level three minutes later, before Axel Huhle – Trojans 3’s youngest at 40 broke the spell to lift his side back into the lead. But it was short lived as the Seconds came again and the pressure was on. Young Tom Lumley suddenly came to the fore with success from the line and the field, and a three-pointer from the youngest player – fifteen year old Ashley Dickson opened up a gap in favour of Trojans 2 for the first time. Try as they may, Trojans 3 could not recover and the game went to the young up-starts 139-135 – not a classic by any standard, but real entertainment.

GAC had to fight to overcome their handicap at RC Rebels, but managed it in the end to win by sixteen, and Westwood and Ernesford went to the semi finals as both Premier Warriors and Nuneaton defaulted by failing to put out a team, leaving the semi final line up to read – Westwood v Ernesford and Tile Hill 2 v GAC.

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Inter-Divisional Plate Quarter Finals

Tile Hill Trojans 2 139-135 Tile Hill Trojans 3 (85-90)

RC Rebels 119-135 GAC (85-12)

Westwood Rhinos 20-0 Premier Warriors

Ernesford Eagles 20-0 Nuneaton Knights

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