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## **TROJANS DOUBLE WHAMMY DOWNS GRACE**

**Tile Hill Trojans gave their season a big lift by doing ‘the double’ over Grace Academy in the Warwickshire Basketball League, meeting GAC twice in the space of four days.**

In a frantic finish to the first match – re-arranged from week 2 of the season, new boy Teet Reinson was Trojans’ hero as he hit a three-pointer on the buzzer to bring up an 84-82 victory after Trojans had trailed by one. Marcin Twiederski had the chance to sew it up for GAC with three seconds left, but missed both his free shots before Reinson hurtled down court to steer the ball home on the run for the last of his 22 point haul, and to a mobbing by his elated team-mates.

Three days later it was the turn of Ross Emery to become Trojans leader as he grabbed 20 in his side’s 74-62 success on their home court. The disappointing factor in the second match was the absence of Twiederski who injured his thigh in the first game, but none the less, Grace put up a tremendous fight with Ed Baynes Clarke coming to the fore with 19, although the rest of his squad were unable to cover for the loss of their star player, as Grace slipped to their fifth defeat.

Northampton march on at the top and were not really troubled at Tamworth, where they and Tigers landed seven three-pointers in the last five minutes before Neptunes went home 89-77 to the good. Premier Warriors had Charles on 27 and Fakunle 21 as they made sure Warwick University’s season of defeats continued, Warriors eventually winning 93-64, and a weakened Aylesford Hawks went to Onley and did enough to gain a 71-63 victory.

There was an unbelievable game of ‘two halves’ at Nuneaton, where Ernesford turned on the style with a superb first half display which brought them a 19-39 lead. But, they then had an amazing collapse as players fouled out and their offence turned to stone. Nuneaton fought their way back and the second half score of 26-5 gave them an unexpected 47-44 win. Warwick Juniors easily dispensed of Tile Hill 2 97-54, and Tile Hill 3 were beaten 53-33 by RC Rebels, for whom Scott Alford hit 18.

Westwood Rhinos had a titanic battle against Woodway Nuggets before the Canley side crept over the line 58-57, with Joe Livingston hitting two free shots in the last minute. It had been all Rhinos early on, and they looked comfortable at 46-37, but they were rocked as Coulson hit ten on the bounce to take Nuggets 47-46 ahead. With the game now finely poised, Rhinos steadied their ship but were down by one before Livingston’s accuracy sewed it up.

The performance of the week though came from Stratford Tornadoes, who went to fancied Arden and managed their first victory of the season. Tornadoes coach Paul Adams was delighted afterwards as he exclaimed “ We did it, we finally did it” Stratford won 69-57 and Adams added “It was the first time in weeks that we have had a decent squad and they all played their part in a fine victory. We can now build from here.”

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

**Division One**

Onley Outlaws 63-71 Aylesford Hawks  
Warwick University 64-93 Premier Warriors  
GAC 82-84 Tile Hill Trojans 1  
Tile Hill Trojans 1 74-62 GAC  
Tamworth Tigers 77-89 Northampton Neptunes

**Division Two**

RC Rebels 53-33 Tile Hill Trojans 3  
Westwood Rhinos 58-57 Woodway Nuggets  
Warwick Juniors 97-54 Tile Hill Trojans 2  
Nuneaton Knights 47-44 Ernesford Eagles  
Arden Griffins 57-69 Stratford Tornadoes

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