



**Warwickshire Basketball League**

**Press Release**

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## **RHINOS CHARGE LEAVES JUNIORS STUNNED**

**Warwick Juniors, the Warwickshire Basketball League Second Division side who conquered most before them last season were left stunned as they crashed to a shock 63-65 defeat at the hands of Westwood Rhinos.**

But Juniors Coach John Mumford was magnanimous in defeat, praising the all-round attitude and skill of the visitors to The Bridge, and complementing them on their overall performance. Internally, he must have been deeply disappointed that his young charges failed to perform, on a night when they were robbed of the services of their inspirational shooting guard Jack Keeling, and found Rhinos too strong for them.

Westwood commanded the early offences and moved into a 24-9 first quarter lead, with three-pointers from Daniel and Livingston, and it was a repeat performance after the initial break leading to a half-time turn-around with Rhinos bossing at 40-26. Only Ben Linnet at this point was offering any resistance, and little did he know that his efforts were going to end with him playing the villain's role.

Robbie Satchwell came to the fore as the second half began, and there was a new sense of urgency about Juniors' play. The gap closed and they could sense victory as period three came and went at 49-56. Rhinos upped their tempo and moved clear again to go to the final minutes at 55-63, but Linnett hit a two and a three, then Satchwell followed suit to make it 63 all before Kearsley responded at the other end. That was it for the scoring, but spare a thought for young Linnett as the talented shooter rose on the buzzer to win it for Juniors from outside the three-point area, only to see hit effort roll round the ring twice and pop out to hand the points to Rhinos. Daniel led Rhinos charge with 22 with Kearsley on 15, and for Juniors it was Satchwell with 15 and Linnett 14.

**Nuneaton Knights made it three from three at the top as they eased to a 59-50 win over Trojans 2, and RC Rebels gained their first ever league success as they inflicted Stratford Tornadoes' third defeat, Rebels winning 61-37. It is still tight at the top though and Ernesford Eagles are keeping the pressure on the leaders after their 56-42 win at Trojans 3.**

In Division One, Onley Outlaws made their come-back to the Warwickshire League after a four year absence, when they went down 54-76 to Aylesford Hawks, but the battle at the top appears to be between Premier Warriors, who won 105-50 at Warwick University, and Northampton who caned Tamworth Tigers 119-73. The two clash next month when Neptunes play in front of a large crowd at The Lings Forum, and it promises to be a classic.

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**League table follows on next page....**

## Warwickshire Basketball Men's League Final Table

<b>Division ONE</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Points</b>
Premier Warriors	2	2	0	197	111	4
Aylesford Hawks	2	1	1	135	159	3
GAC	1	1	0	105	59	2
Northampton Neptunes	1	1	0	119	73	2
Onley Outlaws	1	0	1	54	76	1
Tile Hill Trojans I	1	0	1	61	92	1
Tamworth Tigers	1	0	1	73	119	1
Warwick University I	1	0	1	50	105	1

<b>Division TWO</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Points</b>
Nuneaton Knights	3	3	0	178	126	6
Warwick Juniors	3	2	1	238	177	5
Ernesford Eagles	3	2	1	162	132	5
Westwood Rhinos	3	2	1	185	198	5
Arden Griffins	2	2	0	178	66	4
Woodway Nuggets	2	1	1	173	148	3
RC Rebels	2	1	1	95	101	3
Stratford Tornados	3	0	3	109	193	3
Tile Hill Trojans 2	3	0	3	112	258	3
Tile Hill Trojans 3	2	0	2	82	113	2

*\* point deducted*

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