



Warwickshire Basketball League

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ACADEMY GRACE UNIVERSITY STAGE

In an enthralling contest, Warwick University slipped to an 81-67 defeat at the hands of Grace Academy in their Warwickshire Basketball League Division One encounter.

It was an evenly fought game, with the students from Campus showing the way in the first period. They led 21-19 at the end of it, but were pegged back in the second, and at half time Grace led 41-38. The man largely responsible for Academy's surge was former Crusader Marcin Twiederski who marshalled his mixed-age side well.

In the second half, the pressure continued, with Warwick appearing to lose their discipline, and they slipped further back as Grace marched into a 59-47 advantage, but the hosts were not beaten yet. Having seen a slick three-pointer from Twiederski sail into their hoop, they matched Grace to get to within 12 at 60-72, before running out of steam and falling to the maestro once more. Twiederski went on to make 30 points with Lukas Nawelajka hitting 15 before fouling out early in the final period.

Northampton Neptunes, making their first appearance in Warwickshire had to work hard before taking the points from Aylesford Hawks, with a fine 88-76 victory. Neptunes were well on their way after the first period, having built a 31-18 lead, but Hawks managed to get back to 49-42 by the interval. Alex Birch was on fire and had 19 points by half time, before going on to record 32 in the game as Northampton stepped up a gear in the second half with Kathan on 32 and Shaffiq on 25.

Elsewhere, both Premier Warriors and Tile Hill Trojans made easy going of their respective games against Tamworth Tigers and Onley Outlaws, Warriors winning 75-54 and Trojans 105-69.

Nuneaton are the form team of the moment and sit proudly at the top of the Second Division after their 78-69 success over Woodway Nuggets. Woodway had earlier beaten Arden Griffins in a tight game which went to overtime as they ended 71 all in the forty minutes. Then the wheels came off for Arden, who failed to register a score in three and a half minutes of the extra time while Nuggets struck gold to clinch the points.

Neither of the two Tile Hill sides have managed to break into the winners column and sit at the bottom of the table after Trojans 3 lost 32-85 to quick-fire Warwick Juniors, and Trojans 2 were on the wrong end of a 59-51 result at RC Rebels.

There were smiles and celebrations all round when Ernesford Eagles defeated Stratford Tornados. Not just for the 69-43 result, but for the fact that veteran Phil Castledine made his comeback after sitting out for two years after operations following a dislocated knee. Castledine was in sparkling form and, although a bit 'ring-rusty' he scored 12 points as he announced his return to the court.

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Division One Onley Outlaws 69-105 Tile Hill Trojans 1
Aylesford Hawks 76-88 Northampton Neptunes
Warwick University 67-81 GAC
Tamworth Tigers 54-75 Premier Warriors

Division Two
Woodway Nuggets 85-74 Arden Griffins
Tile Hill Trojans 3 32-85 Warwick Juniors
RC Rebels 59-51 Tile Hill Trojans 2
Nuneaton Knights 78-69 Woodway Nuggets
Ernesford Eagles 69-43 Stratford Tornados

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Warwickshire Basketball Men's League Final Table

Division ONE	P	W	L	F	A	Points
Premier Warriors	3	3	0	272	165	6
GAC	2	2	0	186	126	4
Northampton Neptunes	2	2	0	207	149	4
Aylesford Hawks	3	1	2	211	247	4
Onley Outlaws	3	1	2	193	234	4
Tile Hill Trojans I	2	1	1	166	161	3
Warwick University I	3	0	3	170	256	3
Tamworth Tigers	2	0	2	127	194	2

Division TWO	P	W	L	F	A	Points
Nuneaton Knights	4	4	0	256	195	8
Warwick Juniors	4	3	1	323	209	7
Ernesford Eagles	4	3	1	231	175	7
Woodway Nuggets	4	2	2	327	300	6
Arden Griffins	3	2	1	252	151	5
RC Rebels	3	2	1	154	152	5
Westwood Rhinos	3	2	1	185	198	5
Stratford Tornados	4	0	4	152	262	4
Tile Hill Trojans 2	4	0	4	163	317	4
Tile Hill Trojans 3	3	0	3	114	198	3

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