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### **WARRIORS SHOW CHAMPION CREDENTIALS**

**They promised it would be a tough one, but Tile Hill Trojans cannot have imagined just how much they would suffer in their 61-92 defeat by the Champions Premier Warriors in the Warwickshire Basketball League Division One season opener.**

Trojans thought they had enough fire power to get one over their old rivals, as they savoured the mouth-watering fixture on their home court, and it looked as if they would give a good account of themselves as they fought throughout the first period to close at 15-15. It was fast and furious as both defences were stretched, but Warriors, with Dami Fakunle showing, edged in front at the half which closed at 30-37.

Back came the home side with their inside duo of Trevor Robinson and Scott Owen impressing, and Trojans looked to be making headway as Warriors faltered at 52-54, but either side of the final break, Warriors turned up the heat and Trojans successes dried up. It went to 52-62, then, as the Champions stepped up a gear, it was 58-76, and as if this was not bad enough, salt was emphatically rubbed into the wounds with further points raining into the home basket in the dying moments.

Fakunle finished on 32, with Simon Payne on 17, while for Trojans it was 'think again' time as Jimmy Steedman drove well for 15 and Owen hit 11.

There was a shock for another title contender as new team Grace Academy (GAC) slammed an out of sorts Aylesford Hawks 105-59. Academy's big three – Marcin Twiederski (30), Dan Gorgol (22) and Kane Hudson with 17 led the charge, as Hawks fluttered before hitting the ground with a thump as only Alex Birch was able to penetrate making 23.

In Division Two, there were wins for Westwood Rhinos, who eased away their previous week's negatives by disposing of Trojans 3 by seventeen at 57-40, and also in form were Ernesford Eagles – 64-34 winners over RC Rebels. Nuneaton Knights took Stratford apart 63-34, and Arden Griffins who thrashed woeful Trojans 2 109-28 could not believe how easy it was after the first period. Griffins took the final quarter 39-2, to notch the highest score so far on their debut in their new home.

Warwick Juniors put in a superb performance to take the points from highly-fancied Woodway Nuggets. Juniors came out on top 85-78, thanks largely to a final flurry of points from Jack Keeling. Nuggets had previously recovered from a seemingly untenable position at 58-70, and they hit Juniors in the middle of the last session to get to 70-75 before Keeling popped up at the right time to see Warwick home.

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