



Warwickshire Basketball League

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KNIGHTS OF OLD LEAD CRUSADE AGAINST JUNIORS

The veterans of Nuneaton Knights powered their way back to the top of the Warwickshire Basketball League Division Two with a 73-55 success over second-placed Warwick Juniors.

Not long ago, a Nuneaton team list bearing the names of Oxtoby, Reynolds, Garrett, Bent and Sweeney would have terrorised defences in the first division, but now, the veterans are plying their trade in the second tier of Warwickshire Basketball, but the story continues as it did previously. Mark Reynolds and Alun Sweeney sat out for the past couple of years, but have been tempted back onto the floor and the experience of this talented duo, along with stalwarts Oxtoby, Bent and company proved far too good for a game Juniors side whose average age is less than 20.

Knights went to war from the off and quickly hit the target to go 20-6 up, and from the third minute, they were not caught. Juniors, who take out most of the teams they meet these days could not penetrate the Knights' armour, and, despite getting to within seven in the third quarter, there were too many old heads out there for the leaders to be threatened and an 8-0 run repelled the challenge. Sweeney led the charge with 16, as Ben Linnett fended them off in vain with 13 for Juniors.

Tile Hill Trojans 2 recorded their first win of the season, their 61-55 victory leaving Stratford Tornadoes spiralling round at the bottom of the league and still to strike gold. Arden Griffins impressed as they put Trojans 3 away 81-41 and Woodway were too good for Ernesford Eagles as they came home 72-58.

In Division One, Aylesford Hawks were well on top against Trojans , before a remarkable fight-back saw Trojans come from 24 points down to get to within 2 before running out of steam and time to go down 81-76. The battle between GAC and Premier Warriors was always going to be close to call, but Warriors eventually rode out a late GAC storm to win 88-81. Warriors' coach Roger Payne said "They (GAC) pushed us hard which made us step up the level of play. We stuck to our game plan and I was proud of my whole team."

Tamworth Tigers went to Warwick University to meet the students for the first time since coming back into the top flight, and they did not disappoint. After going behind early on, Tigers clawed their way to the front and went on to win 93-72.

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Division One Onley Outlaws v Northampton Neptunes - postponed
Aylesford Hawks 81-76 Tile Hill Trojans 1
GAC 81-88 Premier Warriors
Warwick University 72-93 Tamworth Tigers

Division Two
RC Rebels v Westwood Rhinos - postponed
Tile Hill Trojans 2 61-55 Stratford Tornados
Nuneaton Knights 73-55 Warwick Juniors
Arden Griffins 81-41 Tile Hill Trojans 3
Ernesford Eagles 58-72 Woodway Nuggets

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Warwickshire Basketball Men's League Tables

Division ONE	P	W	L	F	A	Points
Premier Warriors	5	5	0	461	287	10
Northampton Neptunes	4	4	0	391	303	8
Aylesford Hawks	6	2	4	411	516	8
Tamworth Tigers	4	2	2	297	320	6
GAC	4	2	2	342	294	6
Tile Hill Trojans I	4	1	3	318	334	5
Onley Outlaws	3	1	2	193	234	4
Warwick University I	4	0	4	221	346	4

Division TWO	P	W	L	F	A	Points
Nuneaton Knights	6	5	1	367	294	11
Warwick Juniors	6	4	2	446	338	10
Ernesford Eagles	5	4	1	301	220	9
Woodway Nuggets	5	3	2	409	342	8
Westwood Rhinos	4	3	1	229	236	7
Tile Hill Trojans 2	6	1	5	269	442	7
Arden Griffins	4	2	2	308	219	6
RC Rebels	4	2	2	196	234	6
Stratford Tornados	6	0	6	251	372	6
Tile Hill Trojans 3	4	1	3	163	242	5

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