



Warwickshire Basketball League

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RHINOS' CHARGE FLATTENS TEMPLE

The title chase is heating up in the Warwickshire Basketball League Second Division as Westwood Rhinos hammered Temple PM Rebels to get back on the winning trail following their reversal last week.

Rhinos took control of the game at President Kennedy mid-way through the first quarter, and their disciplined defensive play thwarted Rebels many times as they powered to a 91-28 victory.

Top scorer for Rhinos was Maciej Kozlowski, back from enforced retirement and enjoying his 'best game ever.' Kozlowski hit 19 points and Coach Robin Lewis enthused about his, and the whole teams performance. "It was great to see everyone on the scoresheet including Maciej who thought his career was over two years ago after injury, and right down to young Tom Sargent, they all gave me what I was asking for." Coach Lewis went on "Our defensive switches had the opposition really guessing and they could not respond."

Tile Hill Trojans 2 completed the double over their Colts with a sound 89-70 victory. Belgian Michael Menu led the way with 29 points and Charles Back hit 21 while the two mainstays for Colts' challenge were Tom Anderson (30 points) and Billy Paronia who downed 22.

Arden Griffins had a fine 65-41 away win over fancied GAC, mainly due to a strong final quarter in which they sped from 44-39 to 61-39 for a 'game over' situation, with Jack Forrest on a roll with 18 points. Warwick Juniors cantered to victory over Coventry Tornados with a second quarter burst which brought them 32 points to 11 and Jack Keeling celebrated his return from injury with 23 points while Ben Linnett made 22. Kane Hudson and Paul Crook each hit 15 for Tornados.

Tamworth Tigers preserved their unbeaten run with a hard-fought 62-51 success over near-neighbours Nuneaton Knights. Tigers bit where it hurt as they rammed in nine three-pointers in the first half alone, but then they were restrained in the second half as Nuneaton came back from well behind to get within respectability at the end.

The top of Division One still belongs to Tile Hill Trojans 1 after their 58-77 away win against Lithuania Tonybet in a game which saw the record number of fouls called by the referees. In total there were 72 offences registered by the scorer, and the game lasted over two hours. Tonybet edged the foul count 39-33, and five players fouled out with six more on four, before Trojans eventually made it to the finish line. Both sides could have made more of their free shots, Trojans hitting only 24 of 52 attempts, while Lithuanians could muster just 14 from 39.

Results: Division One

Lithuania Tonybet 58-77 Tile Hill Trojans 1

Division Two

Tile Hill Trojans 2 89-70 Tile Hill Trojans Colts

Warwick Juniors 87-52 Coventry Tornados

GAC 41-65 Arden Griffins

Tamworth Tigers 62-51 Nuneaton Knights

Temple PM Rebels 29-91 Westwood Rhinos

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