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In the zone YBL

International Women's Day



Hola basketball world!

Words by Jade Kinch
Pictures supplied by Jade herself

Happy International Boss Ladies Day!!

So I'm Jade Kinch aka Senior Table Official Of The Year 2022!!

Well I joined this game at about 7 years old when I started to play basketball, originally with a boys team. As I got older I joined Birmingham Force and played National League for as long as my body would let me, then I retired at 15 - due to the last of all my injuries - shin splints, but my love for basketball didn't stop there.

So my next logical step was to be a coach, and I have coached mainly boys teams, but some girls in the West Midlands. My U16s boys team won in the first YBL Season there was and this was a very proud moment for us, but more so me! I have also been a head and assistant coach at Aspire for the girls teams between 2017 and 2019.

Coaching those young women was especially rewarding seeing their basketball knowledge grow and seeing them gel together as a team. So far I have been a coach for 15 years, but Covid stepped in and put a temporary block in that.

So my last step on the ladder was to be an official, and I chose to be a table official. I have been scoring games since I was about 14 and this started in school. I love tabling, as I find it very therapeutic and it has been fun mentoring new officials over the last few years. I am a level 3 official now and I have fought tooth and nail to get here.

Just to add to my love of basketball I was lucky enough to be part of the Commonwealth Games. I was a volunteer for the Field of Play for 3x3 Basketball. From learning how to support such a large event behind the scenes to supporting the athletes on and off court, and being the court side ball girl, as well as hustling for pins - I had the best time. To add to the vibe, it was beautiful to see some of my fellow ladies from the Basketball World of Brum involved too!

I have taught a fair few young people but especially young women, how to play, coach and officiate basketball games - they know who they are and I'm proud of everyone of them!

So ladies, you can succeed in anything... YOU just have to believe in YOURSELF!

Love, Jade x



YBL Directors Kim and EJ with Taya on an all female crew



Bromsgrove Bears U15s AG Champions 2022



Shropshire Warriors vs Redditch Basketball
Picture from Martin Lansley

Officials from YBL U15 AG Finals 2022



Pictures from Shropshire Warriors



womens CUP 20:15 Monday 6 March 2023
Semi-Final

Shropshire Warriors Development Squad vs Shropshire Warriors

womens CUP 13:30 Saturday 11 March 2023
Semi-Final

Coventry Tornadoes vs Lasers Ladies

Notable dates

FRI 31 MAR NEXT SEASONS Registrations open for Mini-Season 2023 & 2023/2024 Regular Season	SUN 2 APR CUP FINALS The Women's Cup and The Challenge Cup Men & Under 17	SUN 2 APR LEAGUE End of Season End of the regular season 2022/2023	WED 10 MAY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023 FINALS Women 1 & Men 1 Nechells Wellbeing Centre Birmingham	THU 11 MAY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023 FINALS Men 2 Nechells Wellbeing Centre Birmingham	SAT 13 MAY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023 TWO DAY FINALS EVENT Worcester University	SUN 14 MAY YBL Championship 2023
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