

YBL IN THE ZONE weekly

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Words | James Davies
Wheelchair Development League starts this weekend

The YBL are pleased to announce that this weekend seven teams come together to play their first ever YBL Wheelchair Development League Tournament at Warwickshire College, Henley-in-Arden.

The YBL are pioneering the first U.K. development league for wheelchair teams to participate in.

With the support of BWB (British Wheelchair Basketball), this first development weekend focuses on brand new players, returning players and the officials for the game.

The YBL warmly welcomes; Worcester Wolves, Bromsgrove Blaze Hotshots, Bradford Bears, Birmingham Eagles, Jaguars and The Bears into the YBL family.

The teams will be split into two groups where over the course of this weekend they'll play each other once. When they next meet up at the tournament in February 2020 they will battle aiming to finish in the top two positions of their group to secure a place in the YB Championship Semi-Finals in May 2020.

The games are not just about the 'W', they are all about getting everyone on the court to learn more about the game, the rules and the camaraderie of their teams and the groups around them. All within the spirit of the YBL principles. To have fun!

With exciting games across both Saturday and Sunday, you'll be in for a treat. If you've never seen a wheelchair game before, then please come down and enjoy the great atmosphere and watch some exciting games. It doesn't matter if you don't know which team to come and support, I'm sure you'll be leaving the event supporting one of them!

A lot of hard work has gone into this pioneering event by the YBL's new Inclusion Officer; Liz Grinnell. From the Board of Director, the YBL Staff and everyone participating in the event. A huge thank you to you Liz.

WDL: Wheelchair Development League
 Saturday 23 November from 10:00
 and Sunday 24 November from 11:00

Warwickshire College
 Henley-in-Arden
 Stratford Road
 B95 6AB.



Bromsgrove Bears

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Chris Gibbs talks to us from the Bears' Den



You've had some very impressive wins across the leagues so far this season. Are your coaches doing anything different? You have had some impressive wins.

Not really, the Coaches at Bromsgrove Bears have always believed in training and developing members through correct use of the fundamentals of Basketball. This takes time but pays off in the longer term for both the development of individuals and hopefully in the results achieved. Its great to see over the season's players developing their skills and putting these to good use in game situations. This together with good team spirit and bench discipline is part of the ethos of the club.

Bromsgrove Bears is a popular club, not only having junior teams but Development Men and a Women's One team this year, what are you doing to attract new players?

Across the club we are delighted that we have grown the membership to near 70 this season. We have a loyal group of players at the core of the club who have been with us for several years growing from under 11's onwards. At the senior end of the club it is great to see a number of players from the Bromsgrove Bears past returning to the club now we have entered teams in the senior leagues together with a healthy growth of new members. These groups have integrated well to deliver the teams on the court.

We believe in having fun as well as taking the competitive element seriously. Dawn puts on some great sessions on special occasions such as Halloween and Santa has already been booked to return to the club at Christmas for our fun and games session.

The club has a very family friendly ethos and atmosphere where we ensure that all players on the bench get game time not just the starting five, parents bring some great support to the games and encourage all members of the squad.

Much of the growth has come through word of mouth and parents who have seen the club on social media.

Although a small team our staff are immensely dedicated. This season we are delighted to have Penny come on board to run the under 9 and under 11 programmes. Penny brings a mix of fun and development to this age group and has a great rapport with them. Dawn has her hands full with both the under 13's and 15's shaping and developing these young men and women into great teams. Robin runs the senior men's and women's programme with both teams bringing some impressive results thus far.

With Alison and myself dealing with the club administration and all the behind the scenes work.

Are you looking forward to the YBL Championships this year?

A long way to go but we are hopeful of being able to get some of the teams to the play offs.

Bromsgrove Bears are on social media. Does this attract a lot of attention to your club and the wider basketball community?

Social media has its place well and truly now in ensuring the club has its presence and voice in the basketball community and wider and its great to see how this can help promote the achievements of the club and its activities.

If there is one thing you could suggest the YBL could do to improve? Is so, what would this be?

I am going to be bold and give you three ideas;
 1. The CVL format for under 9's and under 11s has been a resounding success; it would be great however if this could be a little more flexible as at this age group children are often trying out new activities during the season. Would it be possible to explore each CVL being more of a stand alone opportunity perhaps with a deadline for entry a couple of weeks before the day to give more opportunity. In addition, one or two more of these events during the season please.

2. There is a shortage of referees this season partly due to the growth of the YBL, its great to see the new opportunities for interested parties to gain their qualifications already announced by the YBL. It would be helpful and give more confidence to clubs if in addition to this some continual development of the officials to referee to try and ensure more consistency across the leagues perhaps by appointing a lead official who can travel to games and give critique and feedback along the lines of what happens at BE regional events. This would hopefully give a greater degree of consistency across all leagues.

3. Across some of the junior leagues there appears to be a some very different standards could you consider looking at the format of the leagues going forward to both even out the numbers of teams as the under 15 leagues have 11 in the west but only 8 in the east and also deal with the standards as teams winning or losing with a 'blow out' does not do anything to help with the longer terms development of the young people involved.

Finally, from all at the club we would like to say a big thank you to James & Kim for all you do to run the YBL for all the teams. Without both of you we would not be able to have such a great set of leagues for our members to enjoy their basketball and compete with in.

U11
 Group D
 pos. 3 of 4 | pld 3 | won 1 | lost 3

YBL U13 East	pos. of 7	pld	won	lost	for	against	diff.	pts.
36-61	4	2	2	211	208	+3	8	
-25 -								
43-73								
-30 -								
35-51								
+16 -								
81-39								
+42 -								

YBL U15 West	pos. of 11	pld	won	lost	for	against	diff.	pts.
52-58	3	2	1	182	195	13	7	
+6 -								
48-82								
-34 -								
61-76								
+15 -								

YBL Senior Women one	pos. of 6	pld	won	lost	for	against	diff.	pts.
52-51	1	3	2	264	236	28	11	
+1 -								
39-50								
+11 -								
45-69								
+24 -								
55-61								
-6 -								
40-38								
-2 -								

YBL Development Men	pos. of 9	pld	won	lost	for	against	diff.	pts.
96-47	1	6	6	0	459	311	149	18
+49 -								
89-58								
+31 -								
53-67								
+14 -								
45-69								
+49 +24 +73								
47-59								
+13 -								
79-61								
+18 -								



Team Leaders				
Free Throw %				
L. Buxton	100%	(1) 6 of 6		Women
B. Akiboye-Washington	100%	(4) 6 of 6		Men
P. Griffin	50%	(3) 1 of 2		U13
N. Haywood	50%	(3) 1 of 2		U15
Top Scorers				
R. Lopez	PLD 3	70 pts	3PTS 2	223 FT 18/36 50% U15
K. Alain	PLD 3	68 pts	3PTS 6	219 FT 12/31 39% U13
J. Cooper	PLD 4	61 pts	3PTS 2	224 FT 7/16 44% W
D. Mclatchie	PLD 4	60 pts	3PTS 9	212 FT 9/17 53% M

The YBL continues to grow year on year. This year has seen us introduce an Under 9's league but also a wheelchair development league. We need funding to help us support that growth so that we can continue to provide the competition across the area to a high standard.

The YBL is a non-profit organisation, everything we do from administration through to the YBL Championships is funded through the entry fees paid by clubs at the start of the season and by donations.

We have teamed up with the Aviva Community Fund Project which runs a 'Go Fund Me' page. We are offering incentives for donations and would really love to reach our target of £2000 which would be used to continue to support and develop the U9 and U11 leagues.

If we hit our £2000 target we receive additional funding from Aviva. Please share with your parents, friends and on social media to help us reach our target.

Either scan the QR code or use the link below it to go to our 'Go Fund Me' page. Help us to develop the basketball players of the future from the grassroots.

Scan the QR code to go straight to the YBL Aviva Community Fund Page



<https://acf.crowdfunder.co.uk/ybl-u11-community-basketball-events>



Some Recent Results

Coventry Elite	45	42	Nuneaton Predators
Under 15 East			
Leadonites A-Squad	66	75	WBA D-Squad
Under 15 West			
Wolverhampton SLAM!	36	53	Leadonites A-Squad
Under 17 North			
Shropshire Warriors	40	38	Bromsgrove Bears
Women1			
Newman Cardinals	91	101	LT Patriots
Development Men			
Yardley Defenders	59	80	West Brom Basketball
Development Men			

for more recent results and the league standings - see the YBL website

TONIGHT 20:00 @West Brom Leisure Centre

West Brom Basketball

Shrewsbury Storm

YBL Senior Women two

Another Course Added Building both club and ybl workforce

Hot on our announcement that Nuneaton Predators were holding a YBL L1 Referee Course on Sunday 8 December 2019, Worcester Wolves are going to host one on 22 December 2019 (let's hope we get mince pies!).

The advert is below ho ho there are a few spaces remaining on each course so you need to get your skates on. You can either scan the QR code or visit the YBL website (www.ybl.org.uk) and register on there. Closing date is this Friday for the Nuneaton course and Friday 6 December for the Worcester course.

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Level 1 Referee Course

Sunday 22 December 2019

11:00 until 15:00

£20.00 £15.00 for U14 National League Players

Helping development of your basketball career

Bishop Perowne School
Merrimans Hill Road
Worcester
WR3 8LE

Worcester Wolves Academy

SCAN ME To book and secure your place please visit the YBL website's Course Page and click 'book a place'

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Sunday 8 December 2019

12:00 until 16:00

£20.00

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Nuneaton Predators
George Elliot School
Raveloe Drive
Nuneaton
CV11 4QP

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Photo Gallery YBL Senior Women one
Shropshire Warriors and Bromsgrove Bears
Photos: Martin Lansley



Photo Gallery YBL U17 South
Stourport Spartans vs Leadonites D-Squad
Photos: max_plays_basketball



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