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TEAM OF THE WEEK

SPARTANS

coach **Matt Coles** assistant coach **Russell Wright** league **Under 13 West**

LEAGUE POSITION	WON/LOSS	AVERAGE POINTS PER GAME	FOR	AGAINST	DIFFERENCE	FIRST 9 GAMES RECORDED	FREE THROW %
8	2/10	36.83	442	739	-297	22/73	30.13%

SPARTANS U13S TEAM



Game Results

Oct	27-84	WORC. BEARS	-57	H
	47-52	LEADONITES	+5	
	23-52	SHREW. STORM	-29	H
Nov	76-16	WEST BROM	-60	
	45-49	FALCONS	-4	H
	75-36	BOURN. BEARS	-39	
Dec	38-72	WORC. WOLVES	-34	H
Jan	59-35	WORC. BEARS	-24	[-81]
	45-61	LEADONITES	-16	[-11]
	55-23	SHREW. STORM	-32	[-61]
Feb	39-68	WEST BROM	-29	[-89]
	41-63	FALCONS	+22	[+18]

Coach Matt Coles

You've won your second game of the season. What have you done to achieve this?

We've worked really hard in training and have introduced an extra session every week. We have started to get points from five or six players instead of two which makes it a lot easier.

What have you been working on in particular to see these improvements in players?

Mainly fundamentals and a lot of skill related drills. Our 1v1 play has also been massively improved and we showed that by capitalising on some match ups in the Frankly game.

What are your aspirations for the rest of the season?

Every game we play to win. We have played most teams now so we know what they're capable of and what we need to work on to make it a tougher game. We lost to Frankly in the first half of the season by four so we worked on what we knew about them in training and managed to get a good win. We want to keep on improving every week both individually and as a team. We only lose two players at the end of the season who will go up a age bracket so we are excited for the future.

Spartans' Battlefront
Battling the top!
 24.2.19 15:30 Can Spartans close the gap against first place Bournville?

Forthcoming Fixtures

15:30	24.2.19	H	BOURNVILLE BEARS	-39	[-]
15:30	3.3.19	H	BROMSGROVE BEARS		
11:20	10.3.19		WORCESTER WOLVES	-34	[-]
18:00	24.3.19		BROMSGROVE BEARS		[-]

SPARTANS TAKE HOME SECOND WIN

Spartans Basketball Club Under 13s team, coached by Matt Coles, take home their second win of the season last weekend as they travelled to Longbridge in Birmingham to play Frankley Falcons, who defeated them by four points the first time they met back in November.

The Under 13s team join Spartans' array of teams a newbies this season. Their first season collectively as a team competing in the YBL. This determined team, despite their many losses, have continued to train and improve. You can see this with their games against Worcester Bears, for example. As their first defeat was a whopping 57 point loss. However, their return three months later and that deficit an impressive 24 points. Proving their continued hard work and extra training is paying off. This point was made when they beat Frankley Falcons in their second match up as they won by an impressive 22 points. Making it their second win of the season after their 5 point win early on against Leadonites.

The challenge comes as they now face top of the league Bournville Bears, mid table Worcester Wolves, who beat them by 39 and 34 points, respectively, can Spartans break the mould and beat these two strong teams?

Can Spartans get another win before the end of the season as two of their four remaining games are against Bromsgrove Bears who they have yet to meet.

If this team continues to develop as they are, predictions are they could be a top four team next season.

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Good performance from our U15s yesterday away at Worcester, kept it competitive for the first 3 quarters, unfortunately just lost our way in the 4th and it escaped us. Unlucky guys. On to... [instagram.com/p/BuCSJaolQiZ/](https://www.instagram.com/p/BuCSJaolQiZ/) ...

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