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COVENTRY SKY BLUES

TEAM OF THE WEEK

INTERVIEW Words Gaz Harrison Coach Andy Ransberry

Sky Blues have just come off a fantastic road win against Worcester Wolves. What have you been doing in training that has benefited you in your game?

It was a great game... Worcester came out very strong and were definitely looking more comfortable on their home court. They were hitting their shots and making us rush ours. We were working and doing the right things but in the first quarter Worcester were in control.

We have been working on being patient and disciplined in training and that helped us to keep going and continue playing our game working as a team instead of trying to do it all as individuals. The boys work hard in training and are respectful to each other and the work ethic is strong - we continue to build on the fundamentals and work at game intensity in training to simulate games. We know that the way we practice is the way we will play. The learning of team play happens in training - there is no time to learn something new in a game. Worcester were not giving us any time or space for that so we had to rely on what we did in practice - that was to go back to the fundamentals - communicate, work and play for each other.

This time it worked.

You have three games left before the end of the season what are you working on in training to win these games?

Preparing for games having played teams before we have an idea of what we did well and what we can improve on from our first game. We prepare and focus on the things specific to the other team and continue to encourage the players in what they are doing well and keep them playing as a team to support each other. The boys work hard running and doing drills to keep their fitness up. Keeping them moving at high intensity with drills and skills helps them in games when they are tired. Building belief and the team ethos while having fun and competing with each other lifts the boys.



What has been the biggest thing you as a coach have learnt this season.

The boys want to have fun and learn by being challenged positively. Most of our guys have not been playing that long - for most this is only their second year in the game. They love to compete but want to learn more about the game to improve as individuals and as a team. Finding the balance to teach and let them learn by experience is key. The boys are Under 17 and they are a great bunch of young men. As a coach it is always easy to dictate what goes on and I have realised they need to be involved more in order to learn more. Asking and listening to them more has been wonderful as it helps me to better understand them.

What do you do to bring out the best results from your team during a game.

Letting them know that I trust them and their abilities - encouraging them - being positive and keeping them respectful of the opponents and the officials. An early arrival and a warm up help settle the nerves of the excitement of game day.

Do you have any advice for a new coach looking to bring a team to the YBL next season.

With an enthusiastic bunch of players and supportive parents you can get through the building phase of a new team. We are in our second year with

Team Stats

COACH	ANDY RANSBERRY
LEAGUE	UNDER 17 EAST
LEAGUE POSITION	6
WIN/LOSS	3 / 4 (1 VOID)
POINTS FOR	415
POINTS AGAINST	417
POINTS DIFFERENCE	-2
AVERAGE POINTS PER GAME	51.875
FT%	3 GAMES FT PERCENTAGES 30% - 12 OF 40

Game Results

Oct	46 - 38	Yardley Defenders	+8	H
	30 - 70	Yardley Defenders	+40 [+48]	
Nov	00 - 20	Worcester Wolves	-20	H
Dec	71 - 49	Bournville Bears	-22	
Jan	53 - 43	Redditch Royals	-10	
	00 - 20	Coventry Tomatoes	-20	H
Feb	95 - 86	Cov. Tomatoes	-9 [-29]	
Mar	47 - 70	Redditch Royals	-23 [-33]	H
	40 - 65	Worcester Wolves	+15 [-5]	

Forthcoming Fixtures

11:30	14.4.19	Nuneaton Predators	[-]
10:00	27.4.19	Bournville Bears	-22 [-]
11:30	tbc	Nuneaton Predators	[-]

our two teams at Sky Blues and the Under 15s and 17s are doing well through hard work. We know we can compete and continue to improve and develop. Play to develop and don't get hung up on the results. Keep focused on improving as a team.

Do you have any memorable games or highlights from this season?

When the boys play as a team it is great to watch. Today's game was exciting for everyone - the guys on the floor - the bench and the parents. We did what we talked about the past couple of weeks in training and before the game and once we settled down it all came together. It is those light bulb moments when they do things and realise all the training and work was worth it.

Today we played great team help defence to turn things around - I was very pleased to see the guys doing that. This was our best game this season - Worcester made us work hard and the boys kept their composure and turned things around.

What's the biggest thing you want your players to have learnt and take forward in to next season?

Keep learning - keep playing - work as a team and enjoy your basketball.

LITTLE BITS OF NEWS

One club confirms YBL run table and ref course for April. Another still pondering the date! #Development.

Development August plans get under way as the Board sit down over coffee and cakes to discuss plans for 2019. **Talk about the small expansion** of the YBL grows as clubs chat about the new U9s and senior leagues. Talk of the new South West division especially! **YBL Residential** half way full and spaces filling up nicely. Don't miss out and get your spot now! **Clubs ask what the criteria for Team of the week** is! #We'reNotTelling **New round of YBL Club Grading** starts in April - some clubs due to move up.

CLOSER TO CHAMPIONS

UNDER 11 CVL COME TO CLOSE

Regular season for the three groups of CVLs has come to a close as the last CVL took place last weekend. The winners of each CVL has been crowned and teams finishing in second and third place in each group go through to play-offs to see which one joins the winners in the YBL Championships Semi-Final in May 2019. U11 2nd Place Play-Offs is this Saturday 30 March at Bloxwich Living Centre in Walsall (see website for more details).



Leicester Riders
U11 CVL Group A Winners



CoB Rockets White
U11 CVL Group B Winners



CoB Rockets Red
U11 CVL Group B Winners

2nd Place Play-Offs from Group A



Coventry Tornadoes



Coventry Elite

2nd Place Play-Offs from Group B



West Brom Basketball



Walsall 99ers

2nd Place Play-Offs from Group C



Worcester Bears



Bromsgrove Bears

RECENT TWEETS



Frankley Falcons BC @FrankleyFalcons · Mar 23
@YBLOfficial U17s West Result

@FrankleyFalcons 103 - 74 @ShropsWarriors

A great game of basketball which see's Falcons secure an U17s Semi Final place! #letsstofalcons #ybl2019 #playoffs #falconsfamily



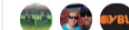
West Brom BC @WestBromBC

Following

Under 15s season is now over as they just miss out on a playoff spot. They now look ahead to summer league and preparation for the 2019-2020 ybl_official season 🏀 @George Salter Community [instagram.com/p/BvV_Yw0hmra/](https://www.instagram.com/p/BvV_Yw0hmra/) ...

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2019/2020 Regular Season
Wheelchair Development League
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League Entry Fees

Wheelchair Development League

SINGLE TEAM - £50.00 Registration
Tournament Fees also apply*

League based on two, two-day weekend CVL style tournaments (November and February), culminating in the YBL Championships Finals in May 2020.

Welcome to the YBL Wheelchair Development League
Does your team want to play more competitive development games?
The YBL are offering the new YBL: Wheelchair Development League.
If you have any questions then please get in touch with Kim at the YBL on; admin@ybl.org.uk.



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*The cost of each tournament CVL will be given once dates and teams have been confirmed. Entry forms can be found in the downloads section of the YBL website from 1 February 2019. The format of the CVL will be determined once all teams have entered. Late entry fee of £50.00 after the deadline. For more information about the YBL and its staff can be found on the website.

ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY 5 JULY 2019