



IN THE ZONE



TEAM OF THE WEEK

Team Stats

COACH	JAMES ROBINSON
LEAGUE	UNDER 17 WEST
FINISHING LEAGUE POSITION	2
WIN/LOSS	9/3
POINTS FOR	912
POINTS AGAINST	728
POINTS DIFFERENCE	+184
AVERAGE POINTS PER GAME	76.0
FT%	3 GAMES FT PERCENTAGES 47.20% / 93 of 197

Game Results

Oct	75-74	SHROPSHIRE WARRIORS	-1
	52.6% 10 of 19		
Oct	67-79	WALSALL 99ERS	+12
	37.5% 5 of 16		
Nov	74-60	WEST BROM BASKETBALL	H +6
	61.5% 8 of 13		
Nov	91-95	WBA D-SQUAD	H -4
	41.7% 5 of 12		
Jan	47-59	SPARTANS BASKETBALL	+12
	58.8% 10 of 17		
Jan	80-51	LEADONITES BASKETBALL	H +29
	68.8% 11 of 16		
Feb	48-71	LEADONITES BASKETBALL	+23 [+52]
	50% 6 of 12		
Feb	71-58	WEST BROM BASKETBALL	-13 [-7]
	NO STATS - RUNNING BOOK		
Feb	76-68	WALSALL 99ERS	+8 [+20]
	36.4% 18 of 22		
Mar	77-80	WBA D-SQUAD	H +3 [-1]
	47.4% 9 of 19		
Mar	103-74	SHROPSHIRE WARRIORS	H +29 [+28]
	57.1% 12 of 21		
Mar	67-46	SPARTANS BASKETBALL	H +21 [+33]
	30% 9 of 30		

FRANKLEY FALCONS

INTERVIEW Words Gaz Harrison Coach James Robinson

Your team has just come of a fantastic home win against Shropshire Warriors. First game you lost by one. This game looked like a comfortable win? What changed?

First of all, thank you very much! The lads have worked tremendously hard all season and to win 'Team of the Week' is great!

Any game against Shropshire is never going to be comfortable. They are a well drilled team who are organised and disciplined. We came up against them in our first game of the season back in October, and like you mentioned, we lost by one point. It was an end to end game where either team could've won. Unfortunately, we came out on the wrong side of the result that day.

Since that game, the lads were determined to turn the result in our favour when Warriors visited us in March. After beating WBA D-Squad the week before, the team were on a high and they had the opportunity to clinch a playoff place. What better way to do it than against the top team in the division!

Our boys played a tremendous game of basketball and at such a high tempo! Each basket was created as a team and the whole squad was invested in the outcome of the match. We witnessed our best performance of the season and the result reflected the hard work everyone put in that day.

You have to face Shropshire again in the Semi-Finals. What are you working on in training to win this match up?

Without giving away too much, we are ensuring the chemistry between all players is at its highest level and the intensity we play at doesn't drop. We know Shropshire will not want a repeat of the last result and they will come to the Semi Final wanting to win this rubber

match between the two clubs. The YBL should be in for a treat come May!

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

That's a tough one. I think as a coach, you learn something new every week.

Whether it be at training or in a game, we work with different people from different backgrounds all the time, and one of them is bound to share something that you didn't know before.

The most important thing I've learnt over the years is that being a coach is not just about developing players for the court, but it's developing the person as well. Competitive sport throws up a lot of challenges for young people and it's our job to prepare them and nurture them through the highs and lows.

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

I have trust in my players and it's important they know that. It's a big part of the game for our team and it's important that the players can trust each other, and their own ability to perform well to get the results they desire. It has been evident in the last month or so that our team have hit new heights and we look to keep it going into the Playoffs.

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

A new coach needs to expect a high level of competition in the YBL. The standard of games improves each season and new teams need to be ready.

The YBL principles are important too and I would advise new clubs to familiarise themselves with them and share them with their players. We all want to win games but the development of our young people is more important.

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

There have been many tight games throughout the season and all have been memorable. The 2 games that stick out the most have been the wins away at WBA D-Squad and the home game against

[Shropshire] Warriors. Both games were vital in achieving a Playoff spot and the team have played their best basketball against these teams.

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

My players should know that they are capable of achieving anything they want to. They have certainly shown that this year so far.

Some players have been with the club for many years and the dedication they have shown is incredible. They have grown so much as individuals, some even as young of cials and coaches. I hope they continue to develop with the Falcons next season and inspire others to do the same.

I want my players to know that how ever the season ends, they have made me and the rest of the Falcons family very proud.

LITTLE BITS OF NEWS

Club Grading from the YBL board gets underway, reviewing current grade and seeing if clubs have improved over the season. Another five places taken on the **YBL Residential**, this is proving to be a popular choice. **Congratulations to Worcester Bears** for finishing at the top of the 2nd Place U11 CVL Play-Of s last weekend, closely beating **Bromsgrove Bears**, followed by **West Brom Basketball** and **Coventry Tornados** and then **Coventry Elite**. **YBL YouTube Channel** is gaining momentum. But do you watch it? Do we continue to produce them?

YBL CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIS TAKING SHAPE

With the Under 11 CVLs and Play-Of s complete the teams are now confirmed for the Championship Semi-Finals with Leicester Riders taking on CoB Red, while CoB White take on Worcester Bears. The **U13** East sees league winner Coventry Elite take on Warwickshire Hawks, however, over in the West, we're still waiting on a few games. It looks likely that it will be Bournville Bears versus West Brom or Worcester Wolves? Lets see how the remaining games pan out! **U15** East sees Warwickshire Hawks, league winners, look to take on either Yardley Defenders or Coventry Sky Blues, but this is still all to play for as there are eight games left in this division. The West sees top spot Worcester Bears take on WBA D-Squad. **U17** East is still hasn't got a clear winner with several games yet to play. Over the other side, we have league winners Shropshire Warriors take on second place Frankley Falcons. The **U19** top four are yet to be decided, as a few more games need to be played to make up this list, one thing for certain is nobody can catch WBA D-Squad and Frankley Falcons.

The 2-leg Semi-Finals get under way for the **Development Men** and **Premier League Women**.

Trojans take on Newman Cardinals while Yardley Defenders take on Walsall 99ers.

While Shropshire Warriors women take on University of Wolverhampton and Redditch Regals take on league winners lasers.

Find more up to date information on the website.

Saturday 4 May 2019			
U11	09:30	Leicester Riders Red City of Birmingham Rockets White	
U11	10:30	City of Birmingham Rockets Red Worcester Bears	
U15	11:30	Warwickshire Hawks	East
U15	13:30	Worcester Bears WBA D-Squad	West
U19	15:30	tbc	tbc
U19	17:30	tbc	tbc
Sunday 5 May 2019			
U13	10:00	tbc	West
U13	12:00	Coventry Elite Warwickshire Hawks	East
U17	14:00	Shropshire Warriors Frankley Falcons	West
U17	16:00	tbc	East



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