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**Thursday
24 October**

Season
2019/2020

28

Another round with... Warwickshire Hawks

Words Garath Harrison

Gaz Harrison talks to Alex Birch

You've been with the YBL for three seasons now. What is it that is the YBL offers you that makes you choose this league.

The YBL gives us local competition at the correct standard for our kids who for most have only just started playing basketball. I like how the YBL offers basketball at U9 and U11 age groups.

Your Under 13s reached the finals of the championships last year. Do you think you can go one further this year with any of your teams?

Both our U13s and U15s look promising this year but they both have a lot of work to do. Ask me again in March and then we can see how much progress they have made.

Have you got any plans to enter any more teams for next season in a different age group? Like a men's or women's team?

We would look at the U9 age group and we are also considering U17s for next season.

If there was one thing you wish the YBL could do to improve on what would it be?

The league structure this year could have been better as we want as many games as possible for our kids. The U13s don't have as many as last year.

What would you rate your clubs social media this year and what are you looking to do to keep it or improve it?

I would rate it a C+. It needs improvement and someone that has more time and a younger mind than myself. We would like to do more live streaming in the future.

Have you got much interest within your club to get players and parents to learn to table or ref when the upcoming courses arrive?

We have some interest from kids that wish to learn how to table officiate properly which helps us out as well. I think as some of the kids get older they may also turn to refereeing.



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2018/2019
U13 East League Runners Up
U13 Championship Finalists

U15 Team of the Week (Jan)
U15 East League Winners
U15 Championship
Semi-Finalists

participating in...



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Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 November 2019

Saturday from
10:00
Sunday from
11:00



AN EPIC YBL EVENT!

Warwickshire College, Henley-in-Arden

Stats so far The first month!

Stats Karen Seleshe

600 number of players played so far in YBL

70 number of league games played so far

Junior Players Top 4 +50% Free Throws

100%	4/4	O. Ewin Hancock Gloucester Saxons
75%	6/8	J. Mackereth Hereford Hornets
75%	6/8	K. Brooks WBA D-Squad
68.75%	11/16	F. Coleman Redditch Basketball

Senior Players Top 4 +50% Free Throws

100%	4/4	A. Reynolds Shropshire Warriors
83%	5/6	N. Guimaraes Bromsgrove Bears
80%	4/5	D. Mclactie Bromsgrove Bears
75%	4/3	J. Allen University of Wolverhampton

178 Bournville Bears player's points scored

8 3 pointers scored - highest across the YBL

74 Bournville Bears player highest 2-point scorer

14 Highest foul count for Coventry Tornadoes player over four games

7 Technical Fouls given

3 Unsportsmanlike Fouls given

2 Leagues games cancelled by YBL

5 Games with a 20-00 win.

1 Number of players disqualified from a game

69 coaches who have coached in a YBL game so far

23 coaches (33%) who have correctly used their C licence on a scoresheet

1 coach disqualified from two technical fouls

Paul Adams on the YBL and Coventry Tornadoes "More inclusive..." "U9s is perfect..."

Find out what else he says in our latest YouTube video

