

IN THE ZONE weekly

Soaring to new heights Stourport Spartans

Words Gareth Harrison

Gareth talks to head coach Matt Coles about the evolution of the Spartans
You're now entering your third year in the league. What is it that keeps you coming back every season?

Week by week we are growing as a club, we are also developing the juniors to play and understand the game of basketball. The YBL is well organised and fits perfectly for teams that are not ready for NL or don't want the travelling.

You've had some impressive wins so far this season from the younger age groups.
Do you think they could push through and make it through to the Championships?

Who knows? The season is a marathon, not a sprint. It looks like we are going to be quite strong at both 13s and 15s. The main thing for me is there are really good signs that we are developing. Developing players rather than winning has to be more important.

If you could think of one thing that the YBL could do to make improvements what would it be?

The league size this year is too small [for the one age group]! We are going 4-5 weeks and not having a game. The children need to be playing more.

Your social media is one of the best from any club in the YBL. How do you keep on top of it and how do you keep it fresh and current?

Toby looks after the website and does a really good job. He keeps all the information up-to-date which is good. We find Facebook works really well for the club for advertising games and bringing new members in. We pay for advertising on there which works well.

The key for having good 'social media' is keeping it fresh, up-to-date and get it out to as many people as possible.
Have you got any plans to expand the club with more teams over the next few years?

[In the] first year we had 3 teams, last year we had 6. This year we have 9. We are looking to run a Basketball Academy starting in September 2020 at Stourport High School for 6th form students. We hope to add a men's development team to the YBL and hopefully [have] another team to NL.

What does the YBL offer that you can't find in any other league?

Close proximity of games and a really well run league that are contactable and helpful.



Club Statistics (7 November 2019)

Stats Karen Seleshe



Played	Won	Lost	Position
3	1	2	1/4



Played	Won	Lost	Position
4	2	2	3/5

No stats are published for U9 or U11



Played	Won	Lost	Position
4	4	0	1/6

 Top Scorer | F. Woodward | 27 pts (2 Games)
 Top Free-Throw | W. Tallon | 42.85% 3of7 (2)

Stourport Spartans Girls

Played	Won	Lost	Position
2	1	1	2/6

No stats for these games at present



Played	Won	Lost	Position
4	3	1	4/11

 Top Scorer | H. Russell | 103 pts (4)
 Top Free-Throw | H. Russell | 60.71% 17of28 (4)


Played	Won	Lost	Position
2	1	1	6/8

 Top Scorer | G. Brown | 17 pts (2)
 Top Free-Throw | W. Tallon | 50% 2of4 (2)


Played	Won	Lost	Position
1	1	0	1/4

No stats for these games at present

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The Bears Development II
The Bears Development Women
Bromsgrove Blaze Hotshots
Worcester Wolves
Birmingham Eagles
Jaguars
Bradford Bears

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 November 2019

 Saturday from
10:00
 Sunday from
11:00
AN EPIC YBL EVENT!

Warwickshire College, Henley-in-Arden