

# IN THE ZONE

## weekly

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### Notable Results

Leadonites A-Squad	61   60	Shropshire Warriors
Yardley Defenders	42   80	JM Grizzlies
Coventry Elite	61   57	Walsall 99ers
Bromsgrove Bears	55   61	Lasers
Bournville Bears	54   73	Birmingham Mets

### Little Bits of News

**Stourport Spartans** continue to sour as their results show. **JM Grizzlies** get their first win in two seasons. **Tamworth Tigers** move up the table despite their loss against Leicester Riders. **Arden Giffins** make their U13s debut after a defeat against Warwickshire Hawks. **Bromsgrove Bears** continue to make waves across the YBL. **Birmingham Mets** and **Worcester University** go undefeated in Junior Men. **Leadonites Basketball** go from strength to strength across all their teams.

### Statistics

Free Throw % data correct as of 13 November 2019

100% FT players are those who have more than five successful FTM

J. Walker	100%	8 of 8	4	U15	Warwickshire Hawks
L. Buxton	100%	6 of 6	1	Women1	Bromsgrove Bears
B. Akiboye Washington	100%	6 of 6	4	DevMen	Bromsgrove Bears

the next three are the highest FT% across the YBL

D. Haughton	83.3%	5 of 6	2	DevMen	Team Wolverhampton SLAM!
O. Bagdat	75%	7 of 9	3	U17	West Brom Basketball
M. Cook	75%	3 of 4	4	U15	Warwickshire Hawks

## Building both club and ybl workforce Club Development Continues

Words James Davies & Kim Humphreys

The YBL's commitment to development continues this season with the our promise to help grow the workforce of our club based officials. Starting in December 2019, the YBL will be offering clubs a Basketball England Level 1 referee course. The idea is that we start expanding officials at club level to support clubs with referees for their junior YBL games.

A similar process will take place for expanding our table official workforce commencing in February 2020.

It is beneficial for players to gain officiating qualifications. Not only does it expand their understanding and knowledge of the game but gives them a small income.

Some of the newly qualified officials may be invited to officiate at the YBL Championships in May 2020.

Interested in expanding your club officials then please contact James or Kim - contact details on YBL website.

Having attained a Level 1 qualification and having refereed during the season they can then apply for our Basketball England Level 2 course at the end of the season. Our first course is in the East of the region and is hosted by Nuneaton Predators and there are some spaces available. (See course page on the website). We will then hold a course in the North, East and West of the

## Flying high! Frankley Falcons

James Robinson has a chat about his roost with Gareth

Words Gareth Harrison

You've been with the YBL for five seasons. What is it that you look forward to working on in the off-season that allows you to come back strong every year?

At the end of every season we concentrate on keeping the players focused, fit and hungry for the next. The club have been running for over 8 years now and we are lucky to have players still associated with the Falcons since the very beginning. These players are pivotal for the development of new players coming in, as they are able to share and pass on the values the club holds, and demonstrate the high expectations we have every year.

For the last 5 seasons your club has always represented in the YBL Championships. Do you think any of your teams this year will be able to achieve this goal again?

I'm hopeful yes. Both our U15s and U17s have made strong starts to the season and they are working hard in training to learn each other's strengths and weaknesses. Each player brings something to the table and I'm looking forward to seeing them grow together and push to earn a place in the playoffs at the end of the campaign.

You have a big presence on social media how do you make sure that you keep it consistent? What is it that you go through every week in order to be able to achieve this?

One thing I'm proud of at Frankley Falcons is how everyone pulls together and helps where they can. We have parents working together to collect photos and videos from games for our social media channels, Steve our statistician analyses our scoresheets and gives me the information to include in my reports of each game, and Penny keeps me informed of upcoming fixtures for the following weeks to come. Without these people working behind the scenes at the club, I wouldn't be able to keep the rest of the Falcons and YBL informed of the tremendous work our players are putting in each week.

If there is one thing you could suggest the YBL could do to improve what would this be?

Help develop the future of our sport further by delivering officials and coaching courses during the season, while the kids are still in school/college. The more the YBL can offer, the stronger the league can become. The more coaches we have, the more teams that can enter. The more officials we have, the less hassle teams' officials managers have trying to get games covered.

The YBL gets bigger each season, but it needs to be sustainable for the long term future of the league.

You've had some very impressive wins over the different age ranges so far this season. What do you do to make sure that the teams bring the intensity every game?

Every player that steps onto the court plays for the name on their shirts, Frankley Falcons. But it's not just about the 12 players selected for each game. It's about each member of the club, where everyone at Falcons has a role to play.

Whether you make an amazing pass which splits the defence, sink a three pointer from 'downtown' or even miss that all important free throw to take the game into overtime, you are supported by one another. The parents of our players are amazing! They turn up every week, whether their kids are playing or not, to cheer on the team. The support and encouragement our players receive is incredible and I'm very proud to be leading this club.

So, how is the intensity maintained each game? I just ask the players "who are you playing for today?" And the answer every time is, "family." The Falcons Family!

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**YBL U13 West** 5th of 7  
Played 3 | 1&2

20-00	Shrewsbury Storm	H
65-27	Walsall 99ers	A
82-23	Bournville Bears	A

**YBL U15 West** 1st of 11  
Played 6 | 5&1

68-18	Redditch Rapids	H
44-60	Bournville Bears	A
93-38	Bournville Bears	H
69-47	Stourport Spartans	A
48-82	Bromsgrove Bears	A
115-29	Leadonites D-Squad	H

**Team Leaders**  
Free Throw %

F. Jones	66.6%	(2) 4 of 6	U15
J. Marsden	53.3%	(6) 8 of 15	U17

**Top Scorers**

J. Perry	(2) 20 pts	3PTS 0	2PTS 10	FT 0/0	U13
K. Karchi	(6) 115 pts	3PTS 10	2PTS 40	FT 5/10	U15
J. Marsden	(6) 125 pts	3PTS 1	2PTS 57	FT 8/15	U17

**YBL U17 South** 1st of 8  
Played 6 | 5&1

86-81	Coventry Tornadoes	A
73-53	Stourport Spartans	H
49-78	Bournville Bears	A
48-79	Redditch Rapids	A
71-43	Worcester Wolves	H
86-53	Leadonites D-Squad	H