

# IN THE ZONE

## Weekly

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Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year  
from everyone at the YBL

**13:20** Saturday 21 December 2019  
**YBL U15 West**  
**Bromsgrove Bears vs Coventry Tornadoes**  
The Factory, Longbridge, Birmingham

**17:00** Saturday 21 December 2019  
**YBL U15 West**  
**Stourport Spartans vs Shropshire Warriors**  
LQ Arena, Stourport-on-Severn



## PHASE TWO: 2020

### Continuing Development of our Workforce

With one level one referee course complete and the second course taking place this weekend, the YBL will have produced nearly thirty brand new level one referees. Clubs are still enquiring about holding courses of their own. We'd like to do two, maybe three, more level one referee courses before the end of February 2020.

After February, the YBL will then look to further those level one referees development by providing a level two course, which then produces more referees for the current YBL region.

We are also looking at providing; level one and two table official courses before the end of the season.

If you, or a collection of clubs, are interested in hosting or you would like to be considered for a course then please get in touch with Kim on [admin@ybl.org.uk](mailto:admin@ybl.org.uk).



## Mid-Season Statistics

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Top 10				
3 Point Scorers				
1	H. Russell	Under 15	Stourport Spartans	20 60 pts
2	R. Kisanga	DevMen	WBA D-Squad	16 48 pts
3	R. Evans	DevMen	WBA D-Squad	16 48 pts
4	K. Karchi	Under 15	Frankley Falcons	12 36 pts
5	L. Atkins	DevMen	Newman Cardinals	11 33 pts
6	D. McLatchie	DevMen	Bromsgrove Bears	10 30 pts
7	F. Coleman	Under 17	Redditch Royals	9 27 pts
8=	K. Alain	Under 13	Bromsgrove Bears	6 18 pts
8=	B. Brindley	Women1	Lasers	6 18 pts
10	V. Babkas	DevMen	LT Patriots	5 15 pts

No. of Games Played	No. of Games Forfeited	Number of Basket Points Scores
<b>313</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25,390</b>

No. of Basket Points Scored	No. of Basket Points Scored
U13 East <b>1,684</b>	U13 West <b>1,898</b>
U13 South West <b>994</b>	U15 East <b>3,174</b>
U15 West <b>5,148</b>	U17 North <b>2,163</b>
U17 South <b>2,762</b>	Junior Men <b>590</b>
Wheelchair DL <b>369</b>	Dev Men <b>3,226</b>
Women1 <b>1,079</b>	Women2 <b>140</b>

## NEW APPOINTMENT

Congratulations to our newsiest member of the YBL Staff, as we appoint Owen Phillips as a Junior Associate as part of the J.A.I (Junior Associate Initiative). We look forward to all the hard work and amazing things Owen will bring to the YBL going forward.

## SEASONS GREETINGS

### It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Half of the season has now been completed and clubs have started to wind down for the mid-season break. Finishing off their training sessions for their two week break.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and an even better New Year. I hope that 2020 brings prosperity and joy to all. Hope you all enjoy your festive break while everyone at the YBL also takes a well deserved hiatus. We'll see you all when return from Monday 6 January 2020.



## Hereford Hornets

Words: Gareth Harrison  
[gharrison@ybl.org.uk](mailto:gharrison@ybl.org.uk)



Gareth is on the phone with Phil Mackereth

**Gareth (GH):** This week I wanted to focus on one of the new teams to the YBL. Hoping for a full insight into how a new team feels coming into the league and making sure they get the most out of it. Phil definitely didn't disappoint when it came down to it!

**(GH)** Firstly, I'd like to welcome the Hereford Hornets to the YBL. How have you found the league this season so far?

**(PM)** In all honesty, I as a club manager, have found the YBL website a challenge to navigate. I find the website to be 'clunky'; by this I mean it's not the easiest to navigate in terms of trying to find information out for referees and club information. The biggest challenge has been that we have really struggled to manage to get table officials and referees to our games. This has resulted in us having to rearrange some of our games. I wish there was more support or a clearer pathway for new teams to be able to find more willing officials to help us play our games.

**(GH)** Thank you so much Phil for your honesty. Here at the YBL we are always looking for ways to improve. We never like to sugarcoat any information or criticisms that clubs can have on our leagues. I would like to ask if before setting up the team in the YBL did you know of any refs and table officials local to you that would be able to help you out? **(PM)** No! But I didn't realise we would have this much of a problem getting people to come and help us out.

**(GH)** To me this is a great point. Any new team joining the YBL we [the league] should have a look into any available officials whether it is table or referee in the area around the club beforehand. To make sure that there is the infrastructure to help support the club. If there isn't, look into ways to support new clubs going forward. Now we know this is an issue we can definitely work together to try and help solve this. If there are any other clubs out there that's experiencing the same issue we want to hear from you.

**(GH)** You currently have one team in the YBL how are they finding it so far? **(PM)** The games we have played have all resulted in losses but only by small margins. We are a new club that has been set up on the basis that there was a big group of people within the same age bracket that loves playing basketball and we wanted to make sure they could have something competitive.

**(GH)** With only losing by only small margins how do you manage to keep the players motivated ready for the next game? **(PM)** We have a very experienced coach who is showing them the ropes. The method of coaching we have is to work really hard and always keep trying to improve and settle for nothing less. **(GH)** For me this is really important question as when you have an U17s team who has just joined together, with the majority of them not having a grassroots basketball upbringing. It can be quite hard for the experienced coaches to understand how to take it back to the lower level without not engaging the players mindsets to what they think their level should be. The fact that they keep turning up for every game with a drive and want to win is a real testament to their competitiveness and how the club is run.

A quite frank and open interview from Gaz and Phil. I think the YBL Board have a little to think about and a follow up conversation is to be had? [JD].

YBL U17 South	pos.	pld	won	lost	for	against	diff.	pts.
	8	3	0	3	115	231	-116	3

### Game Stats

60-53	A	-7	Leadonites D-Squad
67-88	H	-19	Coventry Tornadoes
83-63	A	-25	Stourport Spartans

### Forthcoming Fixtures

\* Home fixture being played in Ledbury

Sat 11 Jan	A	10:20	Frankley Falcons
Sat 18 Jan	H	13:00	Bournville Bears
Sat 25 Jan	A	15:00	Bournville Bears
Sat 1 Feb	H	13:15	Leadonites D-Squad *
Sat 8 Feb	H	13:00	Stourport Spartans
Sun 9 Feb	A	13:00	Worcester Wolves
Sat 29 Feb	A	18:00	Worcester Wolves
Sun 1 Mar	A	13:30	Coventry Tornadoes
Sat 7 Mar	H	13:00	Frankley Falcons
Sat 14 Mar	A	10:45	Redditch Royals
Sat 21 Mar	H	13:00	Redditch Royals

### Team Leaders

Free Throw %	Top Scorers
J. Mackereth 72.72% (2) 8 of 12 U17 South	R. Morgan PLD 2 61 pts 3PTS 1 225 FT 8/14 72% U17
R. Morgan 57.14% (5) 8 of 14 U17 South	J. Mackereth PLD 2 36 pts 3PTS 2 211 FT 8/12 57% U17

### 100%

#### Free Throws

Players with 4 or more successful shots made

(2) PLD A. Reynolds	Women1	Shropshire Warriors	100%	7/7
(1) L. Buxton	Women1	Bromsgrove Bears	100%	6/6
(5) B. Akiboye-W	DevMen	Bromsgrove Bears	100%	6/6
(2) O. Ewin-Han.	Under 13	Gloucester Saxons	100%	4/4
(3) H. Budd	DevMen	WBA D-Squad	100%	4/4

### Free-Throws

#### Per League

(5) PLD J. Walker	Under 13	Warwickshire Hawks	90%	9/10
(2) M. Cooke	Under 15	Warwickshire Hawks	75%	3/4
(2) K. Brookes	Under 17	WBA D-Squad	75%	6/8
(2) A. Gallagher	Women	CoB Rockets	75%	6/8
(3) D. Houghton	DevMen	Team Wol. Slam	87.5%	7/8

### Top 5

#### Field-Goals

(6) PLD A. Stone	Under 17	Bournville Bears	88 pts
(7) K. Lima	Under 15	West Brom	65 pts
(12) J. Ahmed	Under 15	Stourport Spartans	63 pts
(8) H. Russell	Under 15	Stourport Spartans	63 pts
(6) J. Marsden	Under 17	Frankley Falcons	57 pts

### TOP CLASS PLAYER 2019

## H. Russell

### Stourport Spartans

Played	Received	Scored	of which	averages
8 of 9 games	21 fouls 1 technical foul 0 unsportsmanlike fouls 0 disqualifying fouls	212 points YBL Highest Scorer so far 2019/2020	20 (60 pts) 3 pointers (126 pts) 63 field-goals 26 free-throws	26.50 points per-game 2.62 fouls per-game

### TOP CLASS PLAYER 2019

## A. Stone

### Bournville Bears

Played	Received	Scored	of which	averages
6 of 6 games	12 fouls 0 technical foul 0 unsportsmanlike fouls 0 disqualifying fouls	211 points	4 (12 pts) 3 pointers (176 pts) 88 field-goals 23 free-throws	26.375 points per-game 2.0 fouls per-game

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