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West Midlands Inspiring Female of the Year 2019

Congratulations to Chloe who has been recognised by Basketball England and awarded with the 'West Midlands Inspiring Female of the Year 2019' for all her the coaching she has done at West Brom Basketball Club.

She's a credit to the West Brom family.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

FIMBA Great Britain Appoints Becky as Captain

From everyone at the YBL and from across the Midlands, we are over the moon to read that our three time WMBL 'Three-point Consent Winner' and YBL Women1 Lasers' player, Becky Brindley is appointed as Captain for the Great Britain Women's Over 35s FIMBA (Federation of International Masters Basketball Association) squad.

Here's what Beck had to say about her basketball career;

"Hey, I am Becky Brindley. I have been playing competitive basketball for nearly 21 years, initially finding my love for the game and desire to play in my home town, for the Taunton Tigers. The commitment and passion of the coaching staff here allowed me to develop my fundamentals and afforded me the opportunity to represent the south west, south and at England U16's.

"Basketball has and still is a huge part of my life and I have continued to play National League basketball for many successful teams to include; The Plymouth Racers, Bromsgrove Bears, Birmingham Mets and Team Birmingham. With each coach and team, there is always the excitement of a new challenge, competition and the chance to work towards being a highly motivated, cohesive and successful team!

"It's now, with this in mind, that I find myself being offered the honour of captaining the GB 35's basketball team and travelling to compete against other countries. I am thrilled to be apart of such a great and talented team and look forward to training hard with them over the forthcoming months to hone our skills to represent and make our country proud."

We wish Becky all the best in the months to come.



All Girl's Ambassador

Basketball England's new All Girls campaign launched last year. Starting an exciting new prospect for #AllGirls basketball.

"An important part of the All Girls Campaign is the development of a strong network of people who can advocate for basketball and encourage more women and girls to engage in the game at all levels.

"It is also about influencing others, including providers, to make basketball more accessible. Building the profile, demand and followers of the women's game is all part of the campaign focus." The BE website states.

Congratulations to our very own Kim Humphreys who has been appointed as an Ambassador by Basketball England to help further the #AllGirls campaign. Kim's attributes for the game, as a player, going all the way to the Police GB team. Coaching at Junior National League level, and later becoming an official. A very strong advocate for the girls game, Kim is a very positive role model for young ladies and women alike.



50% Increase

We're at the half way point in the 2019/2020 season and both the Women's leagues are well underway.

It's nice to see the participation of women's basketball around the Midlands increase since our previous season. With five new teams, that's a whole 50%!



Now split into two divisions, the Women2 league, being a development league, seeing brand new teams created to facilitate the growing number of female participation. We welcome; **Stourport Spartans, West Brom, Shrewsbury Storm and Birmingham Mets.**



In addition to the four new development teams, we have the brand new **Bromsgrove Bears** joining the Women1 league, along with returning teams: Lasers, Shropshire Warriors, Redditch Regals, CoB Rockets and University of Wolverhampton.

It's nice to see the range and ability of players in each team. Some as young as 13 playing alongside more experienced women! The younger players are gaining more knowledge from those players - keeping the women's league alive.



First Girl at U14 Jnr. NBL

Cerys has been playing basketball from the age of six. Always competing in mixed teams in the YBL. This season Basketball England have recognised her ability to compete with her peers in the Worcester Wolves U14s Junior National League boys team.



One of the top scorers and rebounders for the team, Cerys also played for the U15 Welsh team. Giving her an all-round basketball education, from different coaches.