



CLUB
of the
WEEK

Arden Griffins



Club of the Week by
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Bold Start for Arden

How have you found the season so far?

It's been a challenge. We're a new side with lots of players that have never played basketball before. I think we only have four players that have played basketball before this season.

When you find yourself not winning as many games as others what do you do with your players to keep them engaged and not wanting to quit?

For us it's understanding that this is an one season process; we have had one-to-one meetings with every player to make sure they understand that this can take two seasons for them to start seeing a bit of success. Our team is currently made up of quite a female as well as a male players. This is great but we would quite like to have two separate teams next season.

Do you have any suggestions for the YBL?

With the current situation we are in and the competition in our league being so fierce, I think it would be a great idea if the YBL after halfway through the season could take the two bottom teams from each league and make that a league of its own. Then adjust the other two leagues accordingly so that the top players play against each other and the middle teams play against each other as well. This allows for the leagues to be more fair and competitive likewise for the other two leagues as well.



Played **6** Record **2/4**



Played **6** Record **1/5**



YBL U13 East	pos. 7 of 7	pld 4	won 1	lost 3	for 154	against 301	diff. -147	pts. 6
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Game Stats

99-43	A	-56	Warwickshire Hawks
78-35	A	-43	Redditch Rookies
62-55	H	+7	Nuneaton Predators
69-14	A	-55	Yardley Defenders

Forthcoming Fixtures

Sun 19 Jan	A	12:20	Nuneaton Predators
Sun 26 Jan	A	12:15	Coventry Elite
Sun 2 Feb	H	12:20	Redditch Rookies
Fri 7 Feb	H	18:20	Yardley Defenders
Fri 14 Feb	H	18:20	Warwickshire Hawks
Sun 16 Feb	A	18:00	Bromsgrove Bears
Fri 13 Mar	H	18:20	Bromsgrove Bears
Sun 22 Mar	H	12:50	Coventry Elite

Team Leaders

Free Throw %	D. Gill	35.29%	(2) 6 of 17	U13 East
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Top Scorers

D. Gill	PLD 2	18 pts	3PTS 0	26	FT 6/17	35%	U13
O. Fox	PLD 3	12 pts	3PTS 0	26	FT 0/12	00%	U13

Obituary

Words: Liz Grinnell (The Bears)

Adrian Taber

Adrian was the life and soul of The Bears. Over the years he has transformed the lives of many of The Bears Cubs as their coach. As captain of the third division team, Adrian inspired all that knew him. He believed in players even though they did not believe in themselves.

As assistant coach to the WDL women's team Adrian has helped to pave a new beginning in the basketball world. He often spoke passionately about the development of our players, equally encouraging juniors and females players to play the game.

It was an honour to be his team mate and his friend. His legacy will always be within the YBL family during his short time with us. #AT13

Looking Forward

to 2020/2021

The YBL staff have met to discuss the rest of the season and have started to plan for the upcoming 2020/2021 season. Clubs will soon be getting information regarding our plans for next season, ahead of the YBL Conference in July. It looks like there are plenty of leagues to keep everyone happy and engaged.

We're also looking at our development programme for officials and coaches. We are delighted that Development August is returning this season, with lots of courses for everyone. #OfficialFest

3PO Clinic for Refs

Ahead of the YBL Championship Semi-Finals and Finals for 2020, it is with great pleasure to announce the first ever YBL 3 Person Officiating Clinic - giving referees up to date knowledge from experienced referees.

More details soon.

Feedback from our new Junior Associate

Words by Kim Humphreys
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At his first meeting Owen had suggested that clubs or the YBL look at going into schools when they have events on; like school fetes and offering basketball sessions. The sessions would allow children to try basketball and the clubs could then invite the children to club sessions.

Owen then went on to say about his first ever YBL meeting;

"For my first meeting I wasn't that nervous, I knew most of the people in the room. I don't think you could be nervous as all of the people in the YBL are super friendly.

"Even though I don't really find meetings interesting I was actually quite interested in all of the different subjects of the meeting. Anybody wanting to become a YBL Staff member I would definitely encourage."