



Youth Basketball League



# Youth Basketball News



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Monthly Basketball News for the YBL and Beyond!

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# "Love our sport, respect the court"

Dawn Wildman (2014)



**TORNADOES BASKETBALL CLUB**

## ONE DAY CAMPS

Coventry Sports Centre

See Classifieds

Fixtures

2014/2015 Fixtures  
have been published  
and are on our web site



# 36 Days and Counting

September 13th sees the beginning of what will be the start of an exciting new chapter for local basketball teams from across the West Midlands.

We will be embracing a lively September for what will be not only the beginning of a new season but the start of a brand new league. Which will be a fresh new challenge for all involved.

## Are you ready?

The big question remains... Do you and your squad have what it takes to beat off local rivals to make the Play-Offs and take on the ultimate challenge that is the YBL Final?

The Youth Basketball League is a platform for local teams to participate in playing Basketball at a competitive level.

Let's get the new season off to a flying start.

All teams involved need to deliver some superb Basketball that will leave your viewers on the edge of their seats.

Good luck everyone.



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Source: EB

# U18 Men Relegated with Loss to Czech Republic

England U18 Men's two year stay in the European Championship Division A is over following their 73-59 loss against Czech Republic in the 13th place playoff on Sunday.

After matching the Czechs during the first quarter, a poor second period proved to be the downfall for Karl Brown's side as they were outscored 20-10, and they were never able to get the deficit into single figures again.

England had only trailed by four points with six first half minutes remaining but were outscored 11-4 down the stretch to trail by 11 at half-time.

Jules Dang Akodo led England's scoring with 19 points, five rebounds and four assists, with Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye adding 11 points and five boards, and Josh Steel chipping in with 10 points. Matej Svoboda led the Czechs with 24 points and seven boards as they preserved their Division A status.



Source: EB

# U16 Women Defeat Norway

The U16 Women continued their bright start at the European Championship Division B with a 57-44 victory over Norway.

The team overcame a poor first half to record a double-digit victory and move to 2-0 in the tournament.

Only a 9-0 run late in the first quarter saved them from being behind after one period and they struggled in the second to see the Norwegians go in at the break 25-23 ahead.

A 13-1 run early in the third period finally gave England a semblance of control in the game and they kept Norway at arms length the rest of the way.

Irekpitan Ozzy-Momudu was the leading light with 14 points and 11 rebounds and Savannah Wilkinson was again impressive with 11 points, 11 rebounds and 8 steals.

England have a day off on Sunday before facing the Netherlands in a game that will decide who tops the group and whose result will be carried forward into the second stage. The Netherlands are also 2-0 after they defeated Israel 74-52.



Source: EB

# U16 Women Secure Win Over Finland

England U16 Women have one foot in the European Championship Division B semi-finals after a thrilling 72-69 win against Finland on Wednesday.

The team came from three points down at the final break to seal the victory that means they could possibly lose in their second top eight game against Poland on Thursday and still go through to the final four.

Abigail Lowe led England for the first time in the tournament with 13 points, while Savannah Wilkinson continued to impress with her fourth straight double-double, adding 12 rebounds to her 10 points. Jenelle Grant also finished with 10 points, adding eight boards, while Irekpitan Ozzy-Momodu had 12 rebounds to go with her eight points. Sofia Rajala led the Finns with 16 points and seven rebounds, but her side's promotion hopes are now over.

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There was little to choose between the teams in the third period before Finland scored the final four points to lead 51-48 at the final break.

England trailed 58-52 with just over two fourth period minutes gone but outscored the Finns 20-8 in the next seven minutes as Wilkinson's jump-shot sealed the win.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE WORLD OF  
**SOCIAL MEDIA**



**West Brom BC** @WestBromBC · Jul 31

Well done to our boys on their level 1 table officials course this evening...  
Thanks @TornadoesTp and @YBLOfficial 🏀 pic.twitter.com/s2mURNaN9R



**Lee Atkins** @lee\_atkins\_16 · Aug 4

looking forward to be playing my own age group next season #basketball  
#blazebasketball @YBLOfficial

# All About Being Social

The Youth Basketball League is very much looking forward to the new season. As you can see with the few Tweets the the left, so are some players and clubs.

It's all about keeping people and clubs up to date with all things YBL. So when the season starts all our news bites, fixture results and exciting developments will be Tweeted through our official Twitter page. Make sure you've got us in your Twitter feed.

The YBL also has a Facebook page. Add us friend to get all the up to date information.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE WORLD OF  
**SOCIAL MEDIA**

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**Yardley Basketball** @YardleyBball · Jul 30

Wednesday training session underway getting ready for @YBLOfficial league in September pic.twitter.com/aZZMLfxOsb



**West Brom BC** @WestBromBC · Jul 30

Great to see our club page on the @YBLOfficial website youthbasketballleague.co.uk #GoingToBeEpic #Basketball #YBLLaunch pic.twitter.com/1lwbNma6mF



### Club Bio

West Bromwich Basketball Club is a new club set up in partnership with George Salter Academy. Set up to increase participation and awareness in school and club. Links with City of Birmingham and Sporting Club Albion for players of National League standard.

**Club Web Site**

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### Under 14s North

<b>Game Day</b> Saturday/Sunday	<b>Uniform Colour</b> Green
<b>Tip Time</b> TBC	<b>Uniform Colour</b> N/A

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# CLASSIFIEDS

**ADVERTISE YOUR CLUB EVENTS HERE! THAT IMPORTANT GAME, CHARITY EVENT, SPECIAL TRAINING SESSION. HAVE AN IMPORTANT GAME YOU THINK EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT? GET YOUR MESSAGE OUT THERE WITH THE YBL!**

## TORNADOES BASKETBALL CLUB ONE DAY CAMPS

### One Day Camp

Tuesday 26th August 2014

10:00 - 15:00

Ages 6 to 11

£12 per person

### One Day Camp

Thursday 28th August 2014

10:00 - 15:00

Ages 11 - 15

£12 per person

**BOOK A SPACE  
CALL PAUL ADAMS  
07928 243235**

Coventry Sports Centre  
Fairfax Street, Coventry. CV1 5RY

# YBL CALENDAR

Friday 23rd August 2014	Deadline for Fixture Changes (All Leagues)
Saturday 13th September	Official Date of First YBL Game
Saturday 20th December	No Games Scheduled - Christmas Break
Sunday 21st December	No Games Scheduled - Christmas Break
Thursday 25th December	Christmas Day
Friday 26th December	Boxing Day
Thursday 1st January 2015	New Years Day (Bank Holiday)
Saturday 3rd January	Normal Games Resume
Friday 3rd April	Good Friday (Bank Holiday)
Sunday 5th April	Easter Sunday
Monday 6th April	Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)
Monday 4th May	May Day (Bank Holiday)
Monday 25th April	Spring Bank Holiday (Bank Holiday)
Thursday 30th April	End of the First YBL Season



LET'S OFFICIATE

## Officiating Success

The YBL has successfully run three courses ahead of the 2014/2015 season. In the South of the region a Level 1 Referee course was laid on with every candidate passing. All seventeen of them. Up in the North, a Level 1 and Level 2 Table course was laid on with the same results. Congratulations to everyone who took part and here's to the season ahead.

**Keep an eye on our Course Page on the web site for future courses.**

## Looking to Officiate?

If you are a qualified referee or table official and have an England Basketball registration number then you are eligible to officiate any YBL game for the season. If clubs wish to get an official they can look on the YBL Referee and Table Officials pages on the web site. Where you can be listed. Interested? Then drop the YBL an email and we'll add you to the list.

## TABLE OFFICIALS LEVEL 1

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Ndoudou Kakese  
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Alison Wood  
Annemarie Taylor  
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Triumph Mushango  
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Shaun Allsopp  
Michael Nbangou  
Billy Paronia  
Dylan Andrews  
Ezekiel Cameron

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Daryl Chambers  
Tom Rioda  
Amanda Kalitsilo  
Ezekiel Cameron  
Liam Sherridan  
Dylan Andrews  
Nick Gibbs

# EXCITING TIMES AHEAD



With the exciting games being played on Saturday 13th September, the YBL are excited to hear your views on the game and can not wait to report back to everyone how truly exciting they were.

Catch all this and more in Issue 5 of Youth Basketball News on Friday 20th September.

## DETAILED MATCH REPORTS ON THE FIRST THREE YBL GAMES

### L01 - TORNADOES 'A' vs. BIRMINGHAM A'S

### L02 - CITY OF BIRMINGHAM vs. YARDLEY BASKETBALL

### L31 - BOURNVILLE BEARS 'A' vs. BROMSGROVE BEARS

## PLAYER PROFILE

## CLUB PROFILE

## THE PLAYERS' VIEWS ON THE YBL

## THIS ISSUE

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'36 Days and Counting'

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