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# A Solid Crew

James chats with head coach Liam Sheridan at West Brom Basketball



West Brom Basketball is a founding member team of the YBL. How have you found your experience since season one to now? West Brom Basketball Club started in 2014, at the same time the YBL was launched. I am so happy the YBL provided a platform for our under 15s at the time to compete in. Over the last 5 years our club has grown dramatically from one team to nine teams which we anticipate growing next season. The growth of the YBL and our club has happened simultaneously. I am proud to look back at the development of both over the past five years and I am excited to see where they will both go in the future.

Is there anything you think the YBL does excels in? Is there something you think we could improve on? I think the YBL does a great job of making basketball accessible locally and provides clubs with a great deal of much needed support.

You've entered a Development Men's team for the first time this year? How you found the experience? I am really glad we entered the men's development league this year. A lot of our players had moved up from under 17s and it has given them a challenge while adjusting to men's basketball. It has also provided an opportunity for some of our senior players to gain needed court time and experience at a suitable level. After a challenging start to the season the team have really started to come into their own and the progress can be seen in their results.



How have you found the level of competition in each age group you've played in this year? I think the level across the leagues has varied, but this is expected. In all leagues, we see some stronger more established teams and some teams with less ability and experience. We have been fortunate enough to enjoy a lot of success this season across all of our teams. Despite this our primary focus is on developing the individuals within our club ahead of winning basketball games.

You've been a strong contender in the YBL Championships for the past five seasons. Do you think this year will be any different? I feel as a club we are always there or thereabouts in terms of competing for league honours or championships. We have enjoyed a lot of success over our five years. The progress we are seeing across all of our teams (both players and coaches) I don't expect this year to be any different.

West Brom is a very welcoming club and family oriented, fitting well with the YBL principles. Do you find this when you visit other YBL clubs? The culture within our club is built on family values, we often have players ask if they can 'try-out' for our club, no one has to try out. We welcome anyone through our door who is prepared to give effort and comes with the right attitude regardless of their ability. *Continued on page two...*

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## WDL: Round 2 Weeks Away

After a very successful first round, the players from The Bears, Worcester Wolves and Bromsgrove Blaze Hotshots are eagerly awaiting the second round of the Wheelchair Development League. That wait is nearly over.

Moving to the a new venue, the WDL will have a brand new facility to check out!

It will be great to see the teams again along with their supports. It'll be nice to see you there too!

The WDL: Round 2 takes place over the weekend of Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd February at Tile Cross Academy in Tile Cross, Birmingham. B33 9UF.



## Top 10 Free-Throws %

League Stats compiled by Karen Seleshe

League Leaders	Free Throw %	Team	Made	Of	Category
A. Reynolds	100%	Shropshire Warriors	MADE 7	OF 7	Women
B. Washington-Akiboye	100%	Bromsgrove Bears	MADE 6	OF 6	DevMen
O. Ewin Hancock	100%	Gloucester Saxons	MADE 6	OF 6	U13
E. Vologa	100%	LT Patriots	MADE 5	OF 5	DevMen
C. Ravencroft	100%	Redditch Rookies	MADE 5	OF 5	U13
J. Walker	90%	Warwickshire Hawks	MADE 9	OF 10	U13
D. Haughton	87.5%	Team Wolv.SLAM!	MADE 7	OF 8	DevMen
L. Buxton	83.3%	Bromsgrove Bears	MADE 10	OF 12	Women
A. Rodrigues-Thomas	76.47%	Bromsgrove Bears	MADE 13	OF 17	Women
A. Gallagher	75%	CoB Rockets	MADE 6	OF 8	Women

Game statistics are taken from traditional scoresheets only. The most recent games may not be included.



# West Brom Basketball Club Statistics



YBL U13 West	League Standing	Played	Won	Points For	Points Against	Point Difference	Points
3	7	8	5	447	333	114	18

Game Stats			
35-60	H	-25	Walsall 99ers
74-21	H	+53	Shrewsbury Storm
73-21	A	-52	Coventry Tornadoes
29-69	A	+40	WBA D-Squad
38-66	A	+28	Frankley Falcons
49-33	A	-16	Bournville Bears
54-52	H	-16	Bournville Bears
25-81	A	-25	Walsall 99ers

Forthcoming Fixtures			
Sun 16 Feb 14:30	H	-52	Coventry Tornadoes
Sun 29 Feb 13:00	A	+53	Shrewsbury Storm
Sun 1 March 14:30	H	+28	Frankley Falcons
Sun 22 March 14:30	H	+40	WBA D-Squad

YBL U15 West	League Standing	Played	Won	Points For	Points Against	Point Difference	Points
1	11	13	13	929	473	456	39

Game Stats			
44-73	H	+29	WBA D-Squad
79-70	A	+29	WBA D-Squad
9-146	A	137	Leadonites D-Squad
50-76	A	+26	Coventry Tornadoes
101-42	H	+59	Bromsgrove Bears
00-20	A	+20	Bournville Bears
65-56	H	+11	Stourport Spartans
86-44	H	+26	Coventry Tornadoes
39-91	A	+52	Redditch Rapids
63-53	H	+10	Frankley Falcons
20-00	H	+20	Leadonites D-Squad
59-89	A	+30	Shropshire Warriors
20-00	A	+52	Redditch Rapids

Forthcoming Fixtures			
Fri 7 Feb 20:00	H	+30	Shropshire Warriors
Sat 7 March 15:15	A	-	Leadonites A-Squad
Fri 13 March 20:00	H	+20	Bournville Bears
Fri 20 March 20:00	H	-	Leadonites A-Squad
Sat 28 March 13:00	A	+59	Bromsgrove Bears
Sun 5 April 14:30	A	+11	Stourport Spartans
Sat 11 April 10:20	A	+11	Frankley Falcons

YBL U17 North	League Standing	Played	Won	Points For	Points Against	Point Difference	Points
2	7	9	7	625	496	129	23

Game Stats			
60-89	A	-29	Coventry Elite
71-74	A	+3	WBA D-Squad
81-48	H	+33	Team Wolverhampton Slam
104-35	H	+69	Yardley Defenders
00-20	A	+69	Yardley Defenders
53-97	A	-29	Coventry Elite
68-41	H	-27	Walsall 99ers
84-77	H	+7	Leadonites A-Squad
55-64	A	+33	Team Wolverhampton Slam

Forthcoming Fixtures			
Fri 7 Feb 18:20	H	-27	Walsall 99ers
Sat 29 March 15:15	A	+7	Leadonites A-Squad
Fri 13 March 18:00	H	+20	WBA D-Squad

## Team Leaders

Free Throw %

S. Chileshe	64.28%	PLD 3 OF 5	MADE 9 OF 14	U17N
O. Lew	66.66%	PLD 4 OF 4	MADE 8 OF 12	DevMen
O. Bagdat	66.66%	PLD 5 OF 6	MADE 4 OF 6	U17N
J. Lima	57.14%	PLD 9 OF 10	MADE 12 OF 21	U15W
T. McTaggart	54.54%	PLD 9 OF 9	MADE 6 OF 12	U13W

Top Scorers

J. Lima	PLD 9	200 pts	3PTS 0	294 FT 12/21	57%	U15W
T. McTaggart	PLD 9	62 pts	3PTS 0	228 FT 6/11	54%	U13W
O. Lew	PLD 4	60 pts	3PTS 2	223 FT 8/12	66%	DevMen
J. Cani	PLD 5	55 pts	3PTS 3	223 FT 0/4	0%	U17N
S. Chileshe	PLD 3	53 pts	3PTS 0	222 FT 9/14	64%	U17N

YBL Junior Men	League Standing	Played	Won	Points For	Points Against	Point Difference	Points
1	4	4	3	256	159	97	10

Game Stats			
60-46	H	+14	Bournville Bears
59-57	A	-2	University of Worcester
42-20	H	-2	University of Worcester
34-90	A	+14	Bournville Bears

Forthcoming Fixtures			
Sat 22 Feb 12:00	A	-	Birmingham Mets
Fri 9 April 20:00	H	-	Birmingham Mets

YBL Senior Women two	League Standing	Played	Won	Points For	Points Against	Point Difference	Points
1	4	3	3	149	69	85	9

Game Stats			
52-19	H	+33	Shrewsbury Storm
17-53	A	+33	Shrewsbury Storm
49-28	H	+21	Stourport Spartans

Forthcoming Fixtures			
Sun 23 Feb 17:00	A	+21	Stourport Spartans
Thur 12 Mar 20:00	H	-	Birmingham Mets
Sat 4 April 12:00	A	-	Birmingham Mets

YBL Development Men	League Standing	Played	Won	Points For	Points Against	Point Difference	Points
1	9	9	7	516	499	17	23

Game Stats			
20-00	H	+20	Walsall 99ers
53-56	H	-3	Newman Cardinals
104-28	A	-76	WBA D-Squad
74-86	A	-3	Newman Cardinals
58-46	H	+12	LT Patriots
59-80	A	+21	Yardley Defenders
77-67	H	+10	Trojans
69-51	H	+18	Team Wolverhampton Slam
52-66	A	+20	Walsall 99ers

Forthcoming Fixtures			
Thur 20 Feb 20:00	H	-76	WBA D-Squad
Sun 23 Feb 11:00	A	+12	LT Patriots
Sun 15 March 15:50	H	+10	Trojans
Thur 19 Mar 20:00	H	+21	Yardley Defenders
Fri 20 Mar 19:45	A	-	Bromsgrove Bears
Tue 29 Mar 19:30	A	+18	Team Wolverhampton Slam
Thur 2 April 20:00	A	-	Bromsgrove Bears

When it comes to competing against other teams we will choose the strongest team available based on attendance and attitude. I think most of the clubs across the YBL are very welcoming. Regardless of what happens on the court it's important we celebrate the great work we are all doing in providing young people with great, life changing experiences through basketball.

What are West Brom's plans for the YBLs 2020/2021 season? For the 2020/21 season we need to explore the viability of entering two teams in some age groups in addition to adding under 9s and junior girls' teams. The biggest issue we currently face is accommodating all the players we have at the club and providing opportunities for them all to experience games. We are focusing on growing our coaching staff and developing high quality opportunities for girls to play basketball.

To finish I would just like to use this public platform to thank the efforts of all of our coaches and staff who work tirelessly to provide a great experience for all the players within West Brom Basketball Club. Our club started with one coach and ten players we now have a committed team of coaches and staff and over 130 members, this would not be possible without the hard work and commitment of everyone at our club.

We are running a three-day basketball camp during February half term. Players from other clubs are more than welcome to attend, see flyer.



## Top Scorers

League Stats compiled by Karen Seleshe

### League Leaders 2pointers

2 Points Made			
A. Stone	105	Bournville Bears	U17
K. Karchi	99	Frankley Falcons	U15
J. Lima	94	West Brom Basketball	U15
J. Marsden	92	Frankley Falcons	U17
J. Nsapu	79	Bromsgrove Bears	U15

### League Leaders 3pointers

3 Points Made			
K. Karchi	22	Frankley Falcons	U15
H. Russell	20	Stourport Spartans	U15
R. Evans	19	WBA D-Squad	Men
K. Kisanga	17	WBA D-Squad	Men
F. Coleman	11	Redditch Royals	U17

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### League Leaders top scorers

Top Scorers			
K. Karchi	292 points		U17
Frankley Falcons	3PTS 22	299 FT 28/44	63%
A. Stone	249 points		U17
Bournville Bears	3PTS 4	2105 FT 27/70	38%
H. Russell	242 points		U15
Stourport Spartans	3PTS 20	272 FT 38/58	65%
C. Di Felice	206 points		U15
Frankley Falcons	3PTS 10	272 FT 32/47	68%
J. Lima	200 points		U15
West Brom Basketball	3PTS 0	294 FT 12/24	50%

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