

# CAMPAIGN AT AN END?

**Gareth takes a look at the leagues with only eight weeks left of the season. Who's likely to finish near the top?**

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## U13 South West

With only two league games remaining it looks like Stourport Spartans will be crowned league winners and make the Quarter-Finals, it's sort of a fight for second, third and fourth. Currently in these positions are Leadonites Basketball, Gloucester Saxons and Wooster Bears. However, Worcester Wolves have a game in hand and could knock the Worcester Bears off the fourth spot. Wolves and Bears play this Sunday for what could be a real close showdown.

## Under 13 West

Coventry Tornadoes and Bournville Bears have already cleaned their spots in the Quarter-Finals, with Walsall 99ers not far behind. West Brom currently sitting fourth and are two points ahead of fifth-place Frankley Falcons with one game in hand. Are the top 4 spots already decided?

## Under 13 East

Three games left to play in this league and the top three positions have already been cemented. Coventry Elite, Warwickshire Hawks and Redditch Rookies are showing so far this season they should definitely make the quarter-finals this follows the trend of the other two leagues so it looks like it's going to be a battle between fourth and fifth place which will see Bromsgrove Bears or Yardley Defenders go through.

## Under 15 West

Looks like the first place will be Frankley Falcons and second-place West Brom will be through to the Quarter-Finals after a very impressive season so far. Despite this there is a close battle for the coveted top spot as West Brom only two points behind and have two games in hand. Coventry Tornadoes should see themselves in the top four unless they have a sudden drop in form, although tie down points and point difference Stourport Spartans and Leadonites A-squad are very much in the position to take the fourth spot this really could come down to the final game of the season. This is one of the most exciting leagues to look at in terms of the top positions so keep your eye out!

## Under 15 East

With the top two teams already booking their place in the quarter-finals it's down to the three-way battle between Nuneaton Predators, Leicester Riders and Walsall 99ers. It will be a main feat for Walsall to take that spot but the club is a very well experienced and so therefore anything is possible.

## Under 17 North

Walsall 99ers, Coventry Elite and West Brom Basketball should all finish in the positions that are currently in given the way the games have gone so far this season. Leadonites A-Squad and WBA D-Squad will battle it out for the remaining games to clinch that all important Quarter-Final place.

## Under 17 South

Frankley Falcons and Coventry Tornadoes have eased themselves into the Quarter-Finals already. Bournville Bears are one win out of the four remaining games to solidify their place. Although it looks as though the fourth place battle is between Redditch Royals and Leadonites D-Squad. However, they can't go to sleep as Stourport Spartans are only one point behind!

## Junior Men

With only four teams in this league everyone is through to the Semi-Finals. Birmingham Mets have the top spot and the final game of the season is against their most likely semi-final match up the University of Worcester. This would leave West Brom versus Bournville Bears which we all know is a competitive match up from the outset.

## Development Men

Lots of games left to play in league as the top four teams could be anyone's between WBA D-Squad, LT Patriots, Bromsgrove Bears, West Brom Basketball and Team Wolverhampton Slam. It really is too close to call as an exciting league to watch. If you get the chance to watch any of their games we surely advise you do.

## Women 2

West Brom look to be the clear winners of this league who at the moment will take on a tough Birmingham Mets. However, Birmingham Mets have only played two games and are likely to win three of their remaining four games? It will all be decided in the head to heads between both of these teams who is going to take the crown?

## Women 1

Lasers are currently sitting top, unless their form changes in their remaining four games, should finish at the top of the division. The remaining five spots are still up for grabs as W1 have a fair amount of games to play. However, the six teams all go through into the Quarter-Finals as the knock-out stages start.

## WDL: Wheelchair Development League

Four teams going straight through to the Semi-Finals. The Bears 1 will take on Worcester Wolves. Leaving the other semi-final between Bromsgrove Blaze Hotshots and The Bears Women. Could this be an all Bears final?

**Next week we look at our Under 9 and Under 11 leagues, as the last set of CVL take place at the end of March. Have these teams done enough to secure their place?**

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Development August

## What was Polly Camp for me?

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### We speak to Kim about her experience on Polly Camp in 2018

Words by Kim Humphreys



It was a nurturing and supportive environment where I had a lot of fun, laughed a lot, learned a lot and developed as a table official.

I also met a fantastic group of people, table officials, referees and tutors all with a love of basketball.

I went to Polly Camp as a Level 2 table official, having mainly done local league games and the occasional NBL game. I left having sat my Level 3 exam, tabled several GB Masters games, been observed during games by the tutors and been given some 'SMART' feedback to go back with so that I could get my qualification signed off.

Yes, the camp is hard work, not only is there classroom work but I did study on an evening so that I was happy with my level of knowledge prior to sitting the Level 3 examination.

The tutors are all welcoming and really approachable. I enjoyed the lessons especially ones where we reviewed and discussed actual game footage which I felt improved my knowledge greatly.

I had the chance to do the shot clock, initially supported by a tutor then on my own.

Most table officials work at the same club, with the same officials and this camp takes you out of your comfort zone and pushes you to be a better table official.

You don't have to worry about food, that's all sorted and you all stay in a hotel nearby. All the officials have a course meal on the Saturday night as well so you can relax and let your hair down (just a little).

So if you are a Level 2 and you are looking to get your Level 3 or if you are a Level 3 and want some more game experience this camp will get you there.

### Photo Credits

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# YBL Cup Finals 2020 Decided

With all of Round 2 fixtures now complete - we look at the Finals in May

FRIDAY 2  
19:00

West Brom Basketball vs Frankley Falcons  
@ George Salter Academy, West Bromwich (Y4)  
(FIRST LEG RESULT) Frankley Falcons 79 - 53 West Brom Basketball

SATURDAY 3  
10:20

Frankley Falcons vs West Brom Basketball  
@ Bournville College, Longbridge (L14)

SATURDAY 3  
13:30

Coventry Tornadoes vs West Brom Basketball  
@ Woodlands Sports Centre, Coventry (L13)

SUNDAY 4  
19:00

Bromsgrove Bears vs Lasers  
@ The Factory, Longbridge (C7)

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