



## NEWSLETTER

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**Woking Blackhawks Basketball Club** is pleased to unveil to all basketball fans our Newsletter. We aim to make our athletes and their families feel part of Woking Basketball, confident to attract passionate players and volunteers to join our Club for some great fun together. We hope that you are going to enjoy this idea, for the time being we would like to thank you for supporting us!

### NEWS HEADLINES

**And the Storm make it three wins! Flyers finished the season fifth showing off their muscles with a clean 80 - 67 against Bristol Storm**

**Hunters lose in an overtime thriller at home vs the Yateley Silverbacks**

**Blackhawk Ladies bring home a solid victory against Winchester.**

### FLYERS - BRISTOL STORM 80 - 67



*The Victorious Squad*

Although the Playoffs were out of reach, the Flyers had every intention of giving Bristol a demonstration of who should have been taking the fourth place in the league. The Flyers achieved this with a commanding 13-point margin which continued their winning streak to three games despite missing power forward Jack Price and player Coach Knode being confirmed to the bench due to his fractured foot.

From the tip, Bristol took the first offense but were unable to score, the Flyers gained possession and Captain Andre Bayliss sank the first basket closely followed by Rhys Johnson opening his own account.

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### OUR SENIOR TEAMS

#### MENS

- Woking Blackhawks Flyers - National Division 4
- Woking Blackhawks Hunters - Wessex Division 1
- Woking Blackhawks Thunder Air - Wessex Division 2
- Woking Blackhawks Thunder Bolt - Wessex Division 3

#### LADIES

- Woking Blackhawks Ladies - Wessex Division 1

### BASKETBALL LEVEL 1 COACH AWARD COURSE

Sunday 11 JUNE and **SUNDAY 18 JUNE** 2017

at

St Peters Catholic School, Horseshoe Lane East,  
Guildford, Surrey GU1 2TN

9.30am to 5.30pm each day

### LEVEL 2 REFEREES AWARD



Lyn Marsh  
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- UNIT 1 Officiating Introduction & Playing Regulations and Mechanics
- UNIT 2 Violations Fouls & Contact
- UNIT 3 General provisions – Penalties & Special Situations
- UNIT 4 Mechanics Communication & Examination

**Venue: Horley Leisure Centre, Anderson Way, RH6 8SP**

#### Dates:

- |       |                      |                   |
|-------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Day 1 | Sunday 30 April 2017 | 10.30am to 5.30pm |
| Day 2 | Sunday 21 May 2017   | 10.30am to 5.30pm |
| Day 3 | Sunday 11 June 2017  | 10.30am to 5.30pm |

### Woking Blackhawks Wheelchair Basketball is looking for new players!

For more info please contact Dave or Vicky, you can find contact info on [www.blackhawks.co.uk](http://www.blackhawks.co.uk)

### SAVE THE DATE!

**BLACKHAWKS AWARDS EVENING EVENT**  
**9th JUNE 2017 - Sutton Green Golf Course**

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**Flyers Vs Storm - Game report**

From there to the first break the two sides exchanged baskets which left the Flyer with a 3 point lead 17:20 after the first ten minutes play. Coach Knode was pleased with what his side had done however he knew they could achieve more, tightening their defence and performing their plays which by this stage of the season they instinctively knew.

The intensity was there, the teamwork was there, the confidence was there and by the half the Flyers awesome performance had limited Storm to 11 points, 7 of which came from the free throw line whilst scoring 27 and achieving a 19 point margin.

Third quarter continued 'nip and tuck' while in the fourth Storm staged a revival winning the quarter by 7 which was too little and too late and the Flyers had the 23 point victory.

Coach Knode reflected after the game and had mixed emotions, whilst happy with the guys achieving the 23 point win, with a great Team performance, he was also sad not to be progressing to the playoffs after beating the squad that will take the final playoff position from the league.

Devon James claimed MVP and top scorer for the Flyer with a double/double of 28 points and 10 rebounds. Andre Bayliss and Tom Peters claimed 15 and 14 points each respectively. Craig Mathema, whilst not making it onto the scoresheet, did pull down a massive 13 rebounds. Richard Green provided his usual support in the middle of the court with 6 point and 6 rebounds. Dan Marshall continued developing his influential roll as point guard which he has made his own throughout the season.

The Flyers have one further competition to prepare for, in April as they have been invited to take part in the Warriors Tournament which is the Army's build up to the inter services tournament.

Squad - D Knode (player coach), D Marshall, R Johnson R Green A Bayliss (Capt), T Peters, D James, C Mathema.



Team	Wins	Losses	Void	%	F	A	Diff	Pts
1 CARDIFF CITY	12	2	0	0.857	1067	902	165	24
2 SWINDON SHOCK	11	4	0	0.733	1213	1098	115	22
3 RCT GLADIATORS	10	4	0	0.714	1172	954	218	20
4 BRISTOL STORM	8	8	0	0.500	1257	1264	-7	16
5 WOKING BLACKHAWKS	7	9	0	0.438	1175	1150	25	14
6 READING ROCKETS II	7	9	0	0.438	1085	1260	-175	14
7 SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY SHARKS	5	11	0	0.313	1127	1198	-71	10
8 OXFORD STEALERS	5	11	0	0.313	820	973	-153	10
9 PLYMOUTH REBELS	4	11	0	0.267	957	1074	-117	8



Andre Bayliss



Devon James – MVP  
and Top Scorer



Craig Mathema



Rhys Johnson

**Woking Blackhawk Ladies (55) v Winchester City Royals (45)**

After a poor start to 2017, the ladies were keen to break their losing spell. Having played the Winchester City Royals already three times this season, the ladies knew what and who they had to look out for, and were determined to finish the game with the win.

City Royals won the tip but it was Woking Blackhawks who got the first basket. From then on, the Blackhawk ladies played an impressive 10 minutes of basketball, especially on defence where good positioning created countless opportunities for turnovers and fast breaks. The ladies finished the quarter ecstatic, leading 19-7.

The second quarter however, was a completely different game. City Royals changed up their team, bringing on their faster guards who brought pressure and physicality that had been missing from the first quarter. The Blackhawk ladies struggled to react quickly enough, and the lead that had been built up in the first quarter gradually slipped away until Woking and Winchester were simply exchanging baskets. The first half ended up tied at 25 apiece.

The half time break allowed the Blackhawk ladies to re-group and focus on what had been successful in the first quarter: tough man-to-man defence. Coach Hardiman reverted to the starting five, Massot, Bhaura, Price, Hardiman and Roberts, and demanded higher intensity from all the players. And that's exactly what she got. Woking played a tight defence, reacting to the various set-plays and motion offences attempted by the well-drilled Winchester team. This, together with greater hustle for rebounds, led to one fast break after another.

Going into the fourth quarter, the objective was clear: to pull away and stay away! The ladies played as a unit, especially on offence, passing the ball around to move the static zone defence. This created the spacing for Woking to shoot, with the likes of Helen Price and Laura Parry sinking a number of long-range shots, and Robyn Skivens and Talia Roberts hitting the target on some mid-range bank shots.

The Blackhawk ladies never let off the defensive pressure preventing Winchester from bridging the gap that had been created, giving Woking the victory, 55-45.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 -  Aldworth Arrows	17	15	0	2	893	656	237	32
2 -  Aztec Storm	15	14	0	1	860	532	328	29
3 -  Chiltern Fusion	15	8	0	7	680	605	75	23
4 -  Woking Blackhawk Ladies	15	6	0	9	645	694	-49	20*
5 -  Winchester City Royals	15	5	0	10	588	676	-88	20
6 -  Woodley Wildcats	16	4	0	12	615	808	-193	20
7 -  Farnborough Phantoms	13	1	0	12	521	831	-310	14



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**HUNTERS****Woking Take Dominant Win Vs Aztec Jaguars**  
**Woking Blackhawk Hunters 93 - 62 Aztec Jaguars**

The Hunters lost to the Aztecs by a single point back on a freezing cold night in November. It felt good to avenge that loss. Woking led this game from start to finish, increasing their lead with each quarter. Alex Braine-Porter was everywhere to start the game, hitting 2 3-pointers and disrupting the opposition with blocks and steals galore. Nick Sammut backed him up with some strong moves and put backs under the basket. Before anyone knew it, the Hunters were up by double digits within the first 5 minutes of the game.

Alex BP kept working in the 2nd quarter, hitting another 3 and getting more steals. The Aztecs didn't roll over and die though - Jared Adams scored their first 6 points of the quarter and helped bring the scores within 5 points. But James Wildsmith was having none of it. He rattled off a quick 5 points to end the half, keeping the Blackhawks up by a respectable 9-point margin.

The 3rd quarter performance by Nick Sammut pretty much ended the game. Sputnik scored from put backs, on the fast break, post moves, from the free throw line - he could not be stopped. His 14 points in the quarter were huge. James Wildsmith also made his presence known, including a spell where he scored, blocked a shot on the other end, got it back and hit a 3, then stole the ball again! The Hunters built a 20 point lead going into the 4th quarter, giving them the breathing space to relax and enjoy the rest of the game. An 11-0 run was all it took to extend the lead and take the win. Sammut led all players in scoring with 32 points. James Wildsmith added 18 and Alex BP had 14. Contributions came in all shapes and sizes from the whole squad, adding up to a good team win.

## HUNTERS



### Hunters lose in an overtime thriller at home vs the Yateley Silverbacks

Woking Blackhawk Hunters 79 - Yateley Silverbacks 83

Despite 28 points from James Wildsmith and 26 from Nick Sammut, the home team did not have enough to take the win home. The Hunters started with a blistering 31-point 1st quarter, but the visitors clamped down on defense and held the Blackhawks to just 39 points for the rest of regular time. Wildsmith willed his squad into overtime, but no further.

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	■ South Bucks Comets	14	13	0	1	1119	755	364	27
2	□ Yateley Silverbacks	15	11	0	4	1154	1026	128	26
3	■ Craftsman LT Utd	14	11	0	3	946	893	53	25
4	■ Woodley Warriors	15	8	0	7	1039	1002	37	23
5	■ Hungerford Dogs	15	7	0	8	1165	1256	-91	22
6	■ Farnborough Phantoms	15	5	0	10	1026	1123	-97	20
7	■ Aztec Jaguars	16	3	0	13	943	1165	-222	19
8	■ Woking Blackhawk Hunters	15	3	0	12	999	1077	-78	18
9	■ Windsor Warriors Men's 1s	13	5	0	8	811	905	-94	18

## THUNDER AIR



It was a tough month for the Thunder Air, who started off with a loss, away, to the Woodley Thunder; 51-63. The air moved on with hopes for a win against the Basingstoke Blizzards, but though they worked hard, they couldn't find the spark to ignite them for the W. The 63-78 loss ended the Air's chances for a promotion spot this season, but they showed no intention of letting it end their season. They finished the month with a confident home win over the Chiltern Fastbreak, 72-56, keeping their playoff spot solidified. Next month, the Air will take on the Aztec Lemmings in the final game of the regular season.

## THUNDER BOLTS



With Bolt's first season completed and currently sixth of nine in the league (could end up 6th, 7th depending on final games) I am pleased to say as a development squad we have achieved our goals of having fun while developing players and the squad. To see seasoned pros like Jack and John battle out for top scorer (results announced at awards night) while players like Ken and Costas have improved in ability and confidence and have had good game time this season shows the development approach is working.

The league was a tough one this year with three new teams all better than a division three side and all finishing in the playoffs positions shows just how tough it was.

So the planning and player development starts after the Easter break, the plan is to build in some cardio to standard game play to bring our abilities up in preparation for a playoff spot at least next season.

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	▲ □ Basingstoke Blizzards	14	11	0	3	917	753	164	25
2	▼ ■ Woodley Harriers	14	10	0	4	761	689	72	24
3	■ Woodley Thunder	13	9	0	4	763	637	126	22
4	■ Woking Blackhawk Thunder Air	13	8	0	5	799	764	35	21
5	■ Slough Scorpions	12	4	0	8	640	683	-43	16
6	■ Chiltern Fastbreak	12	4	0	8	564	579	-15	15*
7	■ Aztec Lemmings	12	1	0	11	552	858	-306	13
8	■ Windsor Warriors Men's 2s	10	3	0	7	505	538	-33	12*

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	■ Farnborough Phoenix Men	16	14	0	2	1309	909	400	30
2	■ Wolfpack Wolves	15	12	0	3	1062	783	279	27
3	□ Yateley Silverbacks 2	16	11	0	5	1185	924	261	27
4	▲ ■ Woodley Jets	15	11	0	4	905	819	86	26
5	▼ ■ Farnborough Shadows	15	9	0	6	947	852	95	24
6	■ Woking Blackhawk Thunder Bolt	16	4	0	12	906	1155	-249	20
7	▲ □ Yateley Silverbacks 3	16	3	0	13	779	1009	-230	19
8	▼ ■ Lightwater Vipers	15	4	0	11	750	989	-239	19
9	■ Aztec Falcons	16	2	0	14	639	1042	-403	18

### Flyers – National League Playing Opportunities for the Next Season

The season is finished and the Flyers just missed out on a play-off position, gaining fifth position in the Division 4 South West League.

Coach Damian is now looking to the next season with the objective of going one better and progressing to at least the second round of the play-offs.

Whilst he expects and wants the present squad to continue into the new season, he is looking to strengthen and deepen the squad.