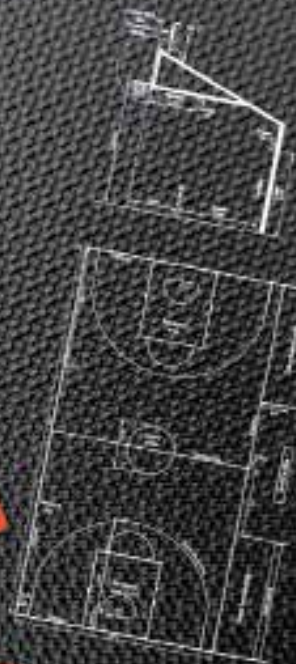


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Thank you all!

WELCOME back...

Good evening and welcome to Moorways for the first match of the 2012/13 season. As usual, we get things underway with a series of group matches in the EBL Men's National Trophy, with Westminster Warriors forming the first such opposition.

As you'll read elsewhere in tonight's match programme, it's a new look Trailblazers side this season, as no less than seven of last years' squad are no longer with the club. For some, it's a time of celebration as the likes of Rema and Josh head off to University in the USA, and also for the likes of Rishi and Aaron, who both move on to pursue professional careers in Italy.

For others, it's a time to relax and rest those tired joints, as Dave and Woody retire from the game, having been valuable servants to the club. And then for Troy, graduation from the University of Derby means he'll soon be heading back to American to plan the next phase of his life. We'd like to thank them all for their contributions to the Trailblazers success, whether it be over just one season, or many years in the case of some players.

So, all those departures mean the Trailblazers coaching staff have had their work cut out in terms of recruitment, but there are a couple of familiar faces to supplement the quartet of players who remain from last season. You can read more about the new look team elsewhere in the match programme.

As you may know, the season should have got underway last weekend, but problems at Moorways, coupled with the over running of the construction project at the new Noel-Baker school left us with no alternative than to call the game against Bradford off and it will be re-arranged in due course. The Trailblazers finally got into the new facilities at Noel-Baker earlier this week and once a few teething problems have been ironed out, it should prove to be a fantastic facility for the club.

For once, the prospect of a long summer without basketball didn't prove to be a problem, as London 2012 provided plenty of competitive action for supporters to get their teeth into. Several members of the club were working as games makers and you can rest assured we will be getting them to tell their stories and share their photographs in a future match programme.

Finally, can we apologise for the lack of new content on the main club website. The editing facility is broken and we are still working to get things back up and running. In the meantime, don't forget to Like Us on Facebook or Follow Us on Twitter.

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We hope you will enjoy tonight's game and don't forget to make some noise for your team!

Nigel

Nigel Cash
Programme Editor



Division One Men Fixtures 2012-2013

Date	Comp	Teams	Tip/Result	Venue
Sat 22/09/12	Tro P2	Derby Trailblazers v Westminster Warriors	7:30pm	Moorways LC
Sat 29/09/12	Tro P2	Team Northumbria v Derby Trailblazers	6.00pm	Sport Central
Sun 7/10/12	Cup R2	Nottingham Hoods / Northants Thunder v Derby Trailblazers	TBC	TBC
Sat 13/10/12	Tro P2	Bristol Fliers v Derby Trailblazers	7.00pm	SGS WISE Campus
Sun 14/10/12	Tro P2	Derby Trailblazers v Reading Rockets	4.00pm	Moorways LC
Sat 20/10/12	Tro P2	Leeds Carnegie v Derby Trailblazers	6.00pm	Leeds Met University
Sun 21/10/12	Tro P2	Derby Trailblazers v Bradford Dragons	TBC	TBC
Sat 27/10/12	League	Derby Trailblazers v Tees Valley Mohawks	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Sun 28/10/12	Cup R3	(home) v TBC	TBC	TBC
Sun 04/11/12	League	Derby Trailblazers v Reading Rockets	4.00pm	Moorways LC
Sat 10/11/12	League	Derby Trailblazers v Westminster Warriors	7:30pm	Moorways LC
Sun 11/11/12	League	Bristol Fliers v Derby Trailblazers	TBC	SGS WISE Campus
Sat 17/11/12	League	Derby Trailblazers v Team Northumbria	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Sun 18/11/12	Cup QF	(away) v TBC	TBC	TBC
Sat 24/11/12	League	Derby Trailblazers v Essex Leopards	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Sun 25/11/12	League	Brixton Topcats v Derby Trailblazers	4.00pm	Brixton Rec Centre
Sun 02/12/12	League	Worthing Thunder v Derby Trailblazers	5.00pm	Worthing Leisure Centre
Sat 08/12/12	League	Derby Trailblazers v Bradford Dragons	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Sun 09/12/12	Cup SF	(draw to be made after QF's) v TBC	TBC	TBC
Sat 15/12/12	League	Leeds Carnegie v Derby Trailblazers	6.00pm	Leeds Met Uni Sports Centre
Sat 05/01/13	League	Derby Trailblazers v Leicester Warriors	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Sat 12/01/13	League	Derby Trailblazers v Medway Park	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Sun 13/01/13	Tro QF	TBC v TBC	TBC	TBC
Sat 19/01/13	League	Derby Trailblazers v Hemel Storm	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Sat 26/01/13	League	Tees Valley Mohawks v Derby Trailblazers	6.00pm	University of Teesside
Sun 27/01/13	Cup Final	TBC v TBC	TBC	TBC
Sat 02/02/13	League	Reading Rockets v Derby Trailblazers	6.30pm	Rivermead Leisure Complex
Sat 09/02/13	League	Westminster Warriors v Derby Trailblazers	4.30pm	Moberly Sports Centre
Sun 10/02/12	Tro SF	TBC v TBC	TBC	TBC
Sat 16/02/13	League	Derby Trailblazers v Bristol Flyers	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Sat 23/02/13	League	Team Northumbria v Derby Trailblazers	6.00pm	Sport Central
Sat 23/02/13	Trophy Final	TBC v TBC	TBC	TBC
Sat 02/03/13	League	Derby Trailblazers v Brixton Topcats	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Sun 03/03/13	League	Essex Leopards v Derby Trailblazers	4.00pm	Basildon Sports Village
Sat 09/03/13	League	Derby Trailblazers v Worthing Thunder	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Sat 16/03/13	League	Bradford Dragons v Derby Trailblazers	6.15pm	Bradford College
Sat 23/03/13	League	Derby Trailblazers v Leeds Carnegie	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Sun 24/03/13	League	Leicester Warriors v Derby Trailblazers	TBC	Braunstone LC
Sat 30/03/13	League	Medway Park v Derby Trailblazers	5.15pm	Medway Park
Sat 06/04/13	League	Hemel Storm v Derby Trailblazers	7.00pm	Sportspace Hemel

Derby Trailblazers Div1

4.....	Stedroy Baker (c)
5.....	Jamie McGaffin
6.....	Luke Daykin
7.....	Tom Sherlock
8.....	Martyn Gayle (c)
9.....	Simon Allaway
10.....	Jeff Smith
11.....	Benson Arogbo
12.....	Nick Rose
13.....	Tom Brown
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It's all change for the Trailblazers

As we alluded in tonight's welcome column, the Trailblazers team which sets foot on court at Moorways this evening will bear little resemblance to the team which clinched the National Trophy, finished runners up in the Play-Offs and third in the league last season. So it's over to Head Coach Jamie Maudsley to explain all that's been happening:

"I think we've had more guys move on from the club in one season than ever before. For some of them, like Rema [Lascelles] and Josh [Guddemi], it's a natural progression, as they move on to colleges in the States, so we're really happy for them. (You can read more about exactly where they're going to later on in tonight's match programme – Ed) For a couple more, it's testament to how they performed last year that they've earned better contracts elsewhere.



"Sadly, we've also lost Dave Attewell and Mark Woodhouse over the summer, because they've both been fantastic servants to the club. Dave's personally been with me for a very long time and it's going to be strange not having him around. He was looking to play one more season and he was starting to get into a really good pre-season, but unfortunately he's had quite a big knee injury which means he's not going to be able to play. I'm really sorry for Dave, both from a personal perspective and from the perspective of how much the team will miss him.

"I think Woody has been with us for three or four years too and in that time, he's been great. He's often played through injury and he's done everything that we've asked him to do, but he's decided that this is the time to take a break. He's got a young son and he's been a full time basketball player for something like thirteen or fourteen seasons, so he thoroughly deserves to have a bit of time off to recharge his batteries. Hopefully, in a years' time, things may be different for him.



"Rishi [Kakad] has got a really good deal in Italy and we wish him well and we really believe he's going to be a success out there. Aaron [Maher] has also been given an opportunity to go out to Europe, so there's no question it's going to be different for us this season, but we're proud that we've been able to play a part in their development and give them an opportunity to become professional basketball players.



"Troy [Whittington] was obviously over here on a one year deal through our partnership with Derby University, so he'll be heading back shortly, but we're at an advanced stage in getting two guys over here for the new season, the first of whom should be on court against Westminster, if all goes according to plan.

"We're looking to develop that link with the University to make it much stronger and to that extent, we're looking to send students from our own Academy to study there and Benson Arogbo will be the first of those from this month. I'll also be coaching at the University from this season, so we're looking for that pathway to develop to enable guys to stay in Derby and also to attract others in as they start to realise they can get a good basketball education without leaving the city. I'm hoping we'll have three or four guys on that University team that can really help us in division one and there's also going to be some guys there that can help our developmental programmes.

"We will have some continuity though, because Stedroy Baker, Jamie McGaffin and Martyn Gayle will all be back with us and we're still hoping Eric Milambo will sign too. All of those guys did well for us last season. Martyn will have more of a leadership role this year, as he'll be my co-captain, along with Steddy. We'd like to see him developing the leadership skills that he's already got and Steddy will be continuing in his same role as player/assistant coach and co-captain. I think he adapted to that really well last year and I certainly benefitted from him being more of a coaching figure both at practice and in games.



"Jamie McGaffin is a great figure for us. He does whatever we ask of him and we're delighted that Simon Alloway has decided to join us again for another crack at division one, after a year away at Nottingham. I think everyone knows

what he's capable of doing for us and it won't take him long to slot back into things. And Tom Sherlock also returns to the club where he started as a junior, having spent the last couple of seasons in the BBL with Leicester Riders. Obviously I would have liked to have brought more people back, but circumstances and opportunities for others mean we'll be a very different looking side this season.



"In addition to those names, we're looking at bringing some guys through from the division three and four teams and the Academy too. Coaches Shaw, Squire and Bowen have done a great job in terms of developing talent and I've been really impressed with what they've shown they're capable of during our summer practices. We're trying to create the mentality that no-one is guaranteed anything but that anyone who produces on the floor could find themselves playing at any level throughout our senior programme.

"It was a little bit disappointing that we couldn't get our season underway on time last weekend, but I'm trying to get frustrated about things I can't do anything about and unfortunately, that was one such situation. We couldn't play at Moorways and while our new facilities at Noel-Baker were supposed to be ready at the start of September, we're still not in there. We were hoping to stage a number of pre-season games in there, which we've not been able to do because of delays on the construction project. I'm pleased that we've managed to reschedule it and I'm hopeful that when we do get in there, it will live to our expectations of it.



University Bound



For the whole of his basketball career, Rema Lascelles has had it drilled into him that travelling is a negative aspect to the game, but he'll certainly have to get used to long journeys, after gaining a full scholarship to play and study at Hawaii Pacific University (HPU). Lascelles, who was MVP when the Trailblazers Basketball Academy won the national title in March, is expected to play as a point guard for HPU and is very enthusiastic about the prospect of life in Hawaii: "I'm very excited about studying and playing basketball in Hawaii, I have heard nothing but good things about the university from everyone I have spoken to so it such be quite an experience," he said.

Coach Matt Shaw added: "We're delighted for Rema. He has made a huge contribution to the Trailblazers over several years and I expect him to be a big success in the States. I'm sure everyone at the club will be keeping a close eye on his progress."

Rema was a major part of the 2009 U18s national championship side and was in the starting five, despite being aged just sixteen at the time. More recently, he started for the D1 men's team which won the 2012 National Trophy. He also captained the Academy side to the National Championship title in March 2012. "It will be hard to replace a player of Rema's quality," Shaw said. "He has such a great understanding of the game and does so many things well on the court, but our club philosophy is about player development and we are delighted to see him have such a great opportunity. We always encourage players to play at the highest possible level and actively seek opportunities like this for them."

HPU play in the PAC West conference, travelling via plane to mainline America to play all of their away conference games and many pre conference exhibition games. HPU is located in the island of Oahu which is a region in the area of Honolulu. Derby does have some history with HPU but in the past, it has normally been with players heading from Hawaii to Derby, rather than the other way round. Trailblazers outgoing Player of the Season Rishi Kakad spent three happy years there playing for coach Vorderbruegge and it was Rishi who suggested Rema to his former coach. Going even further back London born Andy Gardiner played at HPU in the early 1990s before joining the Derby

Bucks where he played alongside Rema's father Tim during one of the Derby's most successful basketball periods. Gardiner went on to have a hugely successful professional career across mainline Europe.

Derby has also seen a former HPU coach at the helm too, as Steve Tucker was head coach at HPU in the late 80s before spending a short time coaching the Derby Storm in 1997. With an average temperature year round above 70 degrees, let's hope Lascelles has remembered to pack his shorts and tee shirts.



Meanwhile, Josh Guddemi has headed across the Atlantic to attend New Haven University after being offered a full scholarship. Josh had several scholarship opportunities after attending an exposure camp in Philadelphia and chose New Haven, a top NCAA II program because he liked the location, the university size and the basketball program. Frequently players in their freshman year don't see the floor too often, but Coach Hotaling expects Josh to contribute from day one. New Haven University, nicknamed the Chargers is located in Connecticut and play in the Northeast-10 Conference. Last season they finished with a 15-13 winning record.

Josh has attended the Derby Trailblazer Academy for the last two years as an AASE student, playing for the academy and also the Trailblazer men's division 1 team. Travelling daily from Nottingham Josh has shown dedication not only as an athlete but also a student, recently passing his three A-levels. Assistant Coach Paul Bowen commented: "Josh has been a huge success and a great ambassador for our program. On the court in training and games his attitude has always been outstanding. We are delighted he has earned this opportunity."

Guddemi's attitude and ability has not only resulted in a numerous scholarship offers. He also won the British Colleges Sports Personality of the Year award; a nationwide award that recognises not only outstanding sporting achievement but also takes into account students grades and their contribution to the local community. There is no doubt that New Haven got themselves a great student athlete when they selected Josh.

Academy Coach Matt Shaw confirmed Josh will be sorely missed: "On the court you don't find too many players with Josh's skill set - that will be hard for our academy and our Men's team to replace. But we will also be sad to lose the camaraderie he brings to the squad and I know his teammates will miss him as a friend too. As a club we always push players to further themselves and this is certainly a great opportunity we have encouraged Josh to take."

A number of other Trailblazers Academy graduates are also moving on, albeit to slightly less exotic locations, as Coach Shaw explains:

"Matt Basi achieved the required grades to attend his chosen university Sheffield. The 6'4 forward from Littleover, Derby had an excellent year at Academy level saving his best performance for the national final where he collected 8 rebounds and 8 points. Basi also played for the Trailblazer D4 squad. We hope Matt will continue to play at EBL club level with one of the teams in Sheffield. Matt will be majoring in Game software development at Sheffield Hallam.

"For Ollie Stanley all roads lead to Birmingham. He will be studying at the City of Birmingham University starting this September. Ollie, who started his basketball career late, was among the most improved players on last years'

team. He had a record 7 blocks for the Blazer u18 team v Worchester in March. After gaining good A-level grades he will be studying Graphic Design for the next three years. We hope Ollie will continue to play in the EBL for one of the Birmingham based teams.

"We're also delighted that Benson Arogbo will be staying in Derby to attend Derby University this autumn. Benson won the award as 'academy hardest working player' in 2012 and also shared the players' player award. Benson had a season high 25 points versus Burliegh College back in November and averaged 11 points per game for the EBL division 4 side. Benson will be part of the Derbyshire Institute of Sport (DIS) program (see <http://www.teamderby.com/institute.php> for more details) This partnership between Derby city and county councils, Derby University and Derby Trailblazers is aimed at developing elite sports performances and we are thrilled to have Benson, who is originally from Nottingham remain with the club and take advantage of this new initiative.

In addition, a couple of our 2012 graduates are taking a gap year before attending university in 2013 and several entering the world of work. Trailblazers would like to thank them all for their efforts during their team with the academy and with the club and wish them all the best for the future.

A message from Robin...

Hi All

Welcome back to the new season, I hope you had a good (and relaxing!) summer. I've had all the fun of refitting my bathroom, but anyway...

I'm really looking forward to this year, I'm sure the team will play their hearts out every game and don't forget that the support we give them can make or break a difficult game. So let's really get behind the team this year. Not forgetting all the other teams in the club - all the mens, ladies, juniors and wheelchair teams, wherever you support.



At the time of writing a lot of the roster details aren't finalised yet so we'll have to wait a couple of weeks before we know who's definately going to be playing for the D1 mens team this year. If you didn't know, we've lost Rema and Josh to the US. They've both gained scholarships to US colleges - Rema in Hawaii (hard life I know!) and Josh in Connetcticut. Rishi, Troy and Aaron are all pursuing other playing opportunities and Dave has, finally, retired. All great opportunities for the players and we wish them all the best

for the future, but at a loss for Derby. Still, when I spoke to Jamie (head coach) he was sure that all the guys would come out with guns blazing and I'm certain we'll be in for an exciting season.

Remember that, as club Chaplain, I'm here for everyone in the club - players, supporters, volunteers, families and friends. If you need to talk to someone impartial in confidence or just need to share some good news then come and find me. I have 'Chaplain' printed on the back of my kit (No, it's not my surname as most people assume). I'd love to keep in contact with as many of you as possible. I have set up a Twitter account, @BlazersChaplain, so if you're on Twitter follow me and I'll follow you back. Otherwise you can always email me on chaplain@excellentconsultancy.co.uk.

Well that's enough to start the season

Take care all

Go Blazers!

Robin

The new Noel-Baker Sports Hall

Well it's been a long time coming, but the mini-Blazers became the first Trailblazers group to experience the new facilities at Noel-Baker last Saturday morning and whilst there are still a few issues to be sorted out, the facility is looking pretty spectacular...



There are two courts side by side within the new facility, or it can be operated as a single show court, with retractable bleacher seating for spectators. The facility also boasts several changing suites, with separate changing for match officials and separate toilets for spectators. All in all, it's a far cry from the old sports hall which will soon be reduced to rubble. Over the course of the last week, all Trailblazers teams have switched their practice sessions to the new centre and the U13's will be the first team to use it for competitive action, on October 6th. They take on Notts Nova in a match tipping off at 12:30pm.

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If you've tried to visit the Trailblazers main website over the summer months, you'll notice that it has been rather devoid of updates and still is for that matter. Unfortunately, the software used to edit the site has stopped working and we've been unable to track down what's causing the problem. However, there is some good news...



A new website is under construction and we hope to have it up with basic information as soon as possible. It will obviously take some time to copy all the archive information over, but we're sure it will be worth the wait. It will be accessible via the same web address. In the meantime, don't forget to **Like Us** on **Facebook** or **Follow Us** on **Twitter**. The addresses you need are **www.facebook.com/DerbyTrailblazersClub** or **www.twitter.com/derbyblazers**

Up and coming home games...

D1	Sun 7th October	Notts Hoods or Northants Thunder – National Cup R2 – Tip and venue TBC	U16	Sun 7th October	Cheshire Juniors – 12:30pm at Noel-Baker
D1	Sun 14th October	Reading Rockets – Men's Trophy – 4pm at Moorways	U16	Sat 13th October	City of Birmingham - TBC
D3	Sun 14th October	Sheffield Saints – 2:30pm at Noel-Baker	U15	Sat 27th October	Northants Titans – 2:30pm at Noel-Baker
D4	Sun 14th October	West Brom – 12:30pm at Noel-Baker	U14	Sun 21st October	Birmingham A's – 12:30pm at Noel-Baker
U18	Sat 13th October	Birmingham A's – 2:15pm at Noel-Baker	U13	Sat 6th October	Notts Nova – 12:15pm at Noel-Baker

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