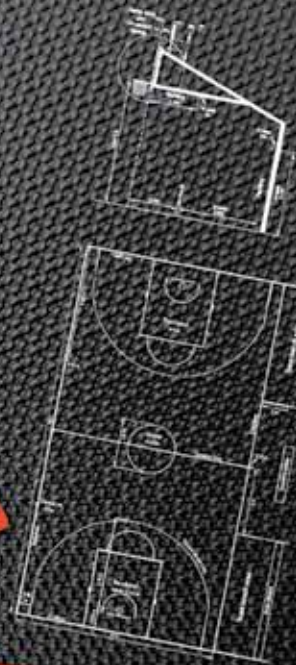


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*Thank you all!*

## WELCOME...

Good evening and welcome back to Moorways at the start of a brand new year. Let's hope 2013 brings greater success for teams throughout the club! I'm not a big fan of new year's resolutions, but I guess doing everything possible to win games would be an essential one for our coaches and players to adopt, although I'm sure most of them will already have committed to that!

We welcome Coach Karl Brown and the Leicester Warriors to Moorways for tonight's VCARS.co.uk division 1 match, as the first team looks to improve on a disappointing first half of the season. It's fair to say injuries have played a major factor in results so far and there are still some players who are still affected.

Looking down the Leicester team roster is almost like examining a Who's Who list of former Derby players! Ben Hallam, Ryan Lewis, Carl Pearson and Sam O'Shea have plied their trade for the Trailblazers in the past and Hilroy Thomas also pulled on a Derby Storm vest in a season of exile away from his natural Leicester habitat! And then there's Ben's dad Chris on the side lines along with Karl Brown, so it really is a local derby in every sense of the word.

There have been some cracking encounters between the two clubs over the years and we hope tonight's game will once again live up to the billing.

Next weekend brings another double-header for Derby, as we welcome Medway Park to Moorways on Saturday, before heading to the Brentwood Centre for a Trophy quarter final tie against Essex Leopards.

Whilst most of our teams have been off right the way though the holiday period, Andy Josephs' Under 16 team were in action on December 30th. They went to Sheffield to take on the Junior Sharks and battled their way to a thrilling 69-68 win, in front of a large travelling support. The victory moved them up to third in the U16 North Premier League table, so well done lads!

While the Trailblazers website remains offline, please don't forget you can keep up to date on all the latest news, fixtures and results via the Facebook page or Twitter feeds.

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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	W64-57	Moorways LC
Sat 29/09/12	Tro P2	Team Northumbria v Derby Trailblazers	W55-77	Sport Central
Sun 7/10/12	Cup R2	Nottingham Hoods v Derby Trailblazers	W66-89	Nottingham Wildcats Arena
Sat 13/10/12	Tro P2	Bristol Fliers v Derby Trailblazers	L86-77	SGS WISE Campus
Sun 14/10/12	Tro P2	Derby Trailblazers v Reading Rockets	W88-80 OT (72-72 FT)	Moorways LC
Sat 20/10/12	Tro P2	Leeds Carnegie v Derby Trailblazers	L87-77	Leeds Met University
Sun 21/10/12	Tro P2	Derby Trailblazers v Bradford Dragons	L65-73	Moorways LC
Sat 27/10/12	League	Derby Trailblazers v Tees Valley Mohawks	L84-72	Moorways LC
Sun 28/10/12	Cup R3	Derby Trailblazers v Loughborough Student Riders	W78-65	TBC
Sun 04/11/12	League	Derby Trailblazers v Reading Rockets	L58-68	Moorways LC
Sat 10/11/12	League	Derby Trailblazers v Westminster Warriors	L74-77	Moorways LC
Sun 11/11/12	League	Bristol Fliers v Derby Trailblazers	L85-54	SGS WISE Campus
Sat 17/11/12	League	Derby Trailblazers v Team Northumbria	L73-77	Moorways LC
Sun 18/11/12	Cup QF	Worthing Thunder v Derby Trailblazers	L70-60	Shoreham Academy
Sat 24/11/12	League	Derby Trailblazers v Essex Leopards	W80-65	Moorways LC
Sun 25/11/12	League	Brixton Topcats v Derby Trailblazers	W57-68	Brixton Rec Centre
Sun 02/12/12	League	Worthing Thunder v Derby Trailblazers	W86-71	Worthing Leisure Centre
Sat 08/12/12	League	Derby Trailblazers v Bradford Dragons	L81-97	Moorways LC
Sat 15/12/12	League	Leeds Carnegie v Derby Trailblazers	L78-69	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	Essex Leopards v Derby Trailblazers	4.00pm	The Brentwood Centre
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	Bristol Academy Flyers v Leeds Carnegie	3:30pm	Ponds Forge, Sheffield
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

# It's a Classic Rivalry

With Nottingham not being represented either at BBL level or the higher levels of the national league structure, the big local derby in Basketball terms has always been Derby versus Leicester. Back in the BBL days, Bob Donewald was one of the coaches the fans used to hate, but once he hopped onto his Harley Davison and made the short trip up the M1 to take over at Derby Storm, he was instantly loved by the supporters.

Nowadays, the rivalry between the Warriors and the Trailblazers is just as intense, but it's Derby who've had the upper hand in most of the recent battles. Last season saw Derby produce an astonishing second half fight back to overturn a seventeen point halftime deficit before going on to win 73-69 at Moorways. Four months later, it took a buzzer beating lay-up from Stedroy Baker to secure a 78-76 away win.

The majority of matches between the two clubs have been gritty and times scrappy matches, but one recent exception was on the 12th March 2012 at Moorways, when the Blazers crushed their arch rivals 92-57, thanks in the main to a 61-23 rout over the second and third quarters. Impressive as that result was, it's the closer, harder fought battles that stick in the mind for longer and this is the story of what happened at Moorways on December 3rd last season:

This was a match that had pretty much everything, including an unwanted hospital attendance for Mark Woodhouse, who was hit on the head by Dawun Wells as he attempted a cut to the basket to try and reduce Leicester's early 12-5 advantage. A lengthy delay followed while he received treatment and although a hospital visit beckoned, he eventually returned to rapturous applause, just in time to witness his teammates sealing a memorable victory.

It was exactly the sort of stuff that local derbies are made of, but at 43-26 down with just two and a half minutes of the second quarter remaining, there wasn't much for the home fans to celebrate. However, after the break, Derby looked a different side.

Martyn Gayle led the onslaught, with a pair of threes either side of a deuce from Attewell and a solitary free-throw from Leicester cutting the gap to 46-39. After a score from former Trailblazers guard Carl Pearson, both sides missed shots, but Wells' frustration over a non-call led to the referees issuing a technical foul.

Gayle stepped up to sink two out of two at the line and a carefully worked possession resulted in him adding a further two points off an assist from Whittington. A 10-4 run, capped off by a triple from Kakad gave Derby their first lead since the fourth minute, but Warriors responded with a 5-2 sequence to take a 57-55 lead into the final quarter.

Just like the third period, Gayle began proceedings with a

three-pointer to put Derby ahead by a single point. It was the first of nine lead changes in a thrilling final stanza, but it was a shot clock beating three from Rema Lascelles that was probably the most impressive, as it put the Blazers 71-69 ahead with 2'10" left on the clock. Despite the immense pressure of the shot, the Academy youngster nailed it with ease, to cap off another quality performance which saw him finish with four points, six rebounds, three steals and eight assists.

Hopkins then missed a deuce for Leicester and although Pearson captured the offensive rebound, the Warriors were called for a 24 second violation. Gayle, Eugene Pettaway and Kakad then all missed shots from outside the arc, before Attewell made 1 of 2 at the line to stretch Derby's lead to 72-69 with 23 seconds left.

There was still time for Leicester to put up a pair of three-point attempts, but Whittington grabbed a crucial defensive rebound off the second miss and after being fouled by Hopkins, he sank the second of his two attempts to seal a four point victory for the Trailblazers. Head Coach Jamie Maudsley felt Leicester were well prepared and admitted they caused Derby some major problems in the early stages of the game:

"It was a true local derby and we're delighted to have secured the win. They shot the ball exceptionally well in the first half and we struggled to match their intensity. They had a very balanced scoring attack with a number of players causing us problems - Ryan Lewis especially.

"We made some adjustments at half-time and set a target to reduce their lead to a more manageable sum going into the fourth quarter and we exceeded this, cutting the gap to one point and putting us in a solid position. The crowd really fuelled our run, they made a difference during the second half; they were really loud for some spells.

"It's the second week in succession where we've had a big deficit to overcome and while it's disappointing we got ourselves into that position, it's encouraging we were able to stage a comeback and pick up two huge wins. We had some stand out performances but it was a real team effort that secured us the win. To hold a team of Leicester's quality to twenty-five points in the second half is a remarkable effort and I'm exceptionally pleased that we managed to get the job done," he said.

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**Derby: Gayle 22, Kakad 17, Attewell 14, Whittington 12, Lascelles 4, Guddemi 2, Woodhouse 2, Maher 0, Baker 0, McGaffin DNP.**

**Leicester: Mbye 14, Pettway 13, Wells 13, Lewis 11, Pearson 8, Powell 6, Hopkins 4, Wright 0, Francis DNP, Payne DNP, Weaver DNP.**

# Steve's Scouting Spotlight



*Our opponents tonight are Leicester Warriors who come to Moorways for the first time this season, something which in itself is a little unusual, as recent years have seen Derby and Leicester battling it out in the pool stages of the EBL Men's Trophy before their first league meeting. As a result, Trailblazers Assistant Coach Steve Baxter hasn't had a chance to scout the Warriors personally this season, but Head Coach Jamie Maudsley has seen them and as a result, this week's Scouting Spotlight is written using their combined knowledge of the Warriors key threats.*

## **Eugene Pettway 6'6 Guard/Forward Sacred Heart University**

Eugene enters his second year with the Warriors after a successful first season where he finished fourth in the league in scoring (21.9 ppg) and was the sixth most efficient player in the league. Eugene shoots the ball at a high percentage all the way out to the three-point line and also rebounds and defends well too. His points per game have decreased slightly this year at 17.3 ppg, but that's still good enough for ninth in the league. He has also played professionally in Finland for Helsinki.

## **Sam O'Shea 6'6 Forward**

Sam has returned from a years' break to play for his hometown Warriors. A former Blazers favourite, Sam is renowned for his effort on court and is a tenacious defender and rebounder. Sam is also an effective scorer whether it's in the low post or from mid-range. A key member of the 2009/10 league winning team, Sam was also the Blazers leading scorer in the playoff final loss during the same year.

## **Elliott Sentance 6'3 Guard**

Eighteen year old Sentance is an England junior international who is improving all the time. An effective three-point shooter, Elliott also attacks the basket with confidence. He has increased his scoring output each year and is now one of the Warriors leading scorers with increasing regularity.

## **Carl Pearson 5'10 Point Guard**

Another former Blazer, Carl is the point guard and leader of the Warriors. He is a strong defender and penetrates well to the basket where he can convert himself or find his teammates for easy opportunities. We will also need to box him out of defence as he has had a habit of getting some crucial rebounds against us in recent years, especially from missed free throws.

## **Emile Hopkins 6'6 Forward**

Emile returns to the Warriors after starting the season with Leicester Riders in the professional ranks. Emile is an athletic forward who does a bit of everything for the team. He can put up big scoring numbers but is also a more than capable rebounder and defender and plays the passing lanes particularly well.

## **Ryan Lewis 6'6 Centre**

The third former Blazer to be highlighted is another League winner from the 2009/10 season. Birmingham born Ryan is in his second season with the Warriors and brings strength and toughness to their team. Ryan battles hard in the paint and rebounds strongly as well. As he showed last season here at Moorways, Ryan can hit the midrange jump-shot if left open.

# Development Team News, Results and Fixtures

The final two weekends of 2012 were disappointing for the two Men's development teams. Trailblazers II suffered a 67-58 defeat away to Sefton Stars in VCARS.co.uk division three north and this was followed up with an 84-68 loss against Sheffield Sabres. In VARS.co.uk division four midlands, Trailblazers III lost 60-52 at Leicester Warriors II and were then thrashed 110-50 away to Northants Thunder.

There was better news for several of the junior teams though. At U18 level, there were wins against City of Birmingham 94-57 and Ilkeston Outlaws 86-71. The U16's also beat City of Birmingham, coming away with a 79-73 home win. They also added a 105-49 league success over Stockport Spartans and a 69-68 away win over Shropshire Warriors in R3 of the Sureshot Cup. They will face Medway Park Crusaders in the quarter finals in Gillingham on Sunday 13th January.

The U15's beat Coventry Tornadoes 75-52, but lost 53-39 at home to City of Birmingham. At U14 level, the boys lost 56-53 at home to Team Wolverhampton Slam, while the U13's enjoyed a 75-52 away win over Coventry Tornadoes and a 73-32 success over Shropshire Warriors.

**As the Trailblazers main website is still undergoing redevelopment, here are the next few fixtures for all out teams:**

# What's that referee on about?



Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2013					
Team	Home		Away	Venue	Tip Off
D3 Men	Derby Trailblazers	V	Stockport Falcons	Noel-Baker School	2:30pm
U16:	Derby U16's	V	Northants Thunder	Noel-Baker School	12:30pm
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2013					
Team	Home		Away	Venue	Tip Off
D1 Men	Derby Trailblazers	V	Medway Park Crusaders	Moorways LC	7:30pm
D3 Men	City of Sheffield Saints	V	Derby Trailblazers II	All Saints Sports Centre	6:00pm
U18:	Derby U18's	V	Worcester Wolves	Noel-Baker School	2:15pm
U16:	Cheshire Panthers	V	Derby U16's	Stanley Oaks LC	6:00pm
U15:	Derby U15'	V	Coventry Trojans	Noel-Baker School	12:15pm
U13:	YH Leicester Heat	V	Derby U13's	Fullhurst Community College	10:30am
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2013					
Team	Home		Away	Venue	Tip Off
D1 Tro QF:	Essex Leopards	V	Derby Trailblazers	The Brentwood Centre	4:00pm
D4 Men:	Sporting Club West Brom	V	Derby Trailblazers III	Crystal Leisure Centre	3:00pm
U16 Cup:	Medway Park Crusaders	V	Derby U16's	Medway Park LC	TBC
U15:	Derby U15's	V	Notts Nova	Noel-Baker School	2:30pm
U14:	Derby U14's	V	Notts Nova	Noel-Baker School	12:30pm

For games showing TBC for either Venue or Tip Off, please check back to the England Basketball website at [www.EnglandBasketball.co.uk/fixtures/fixtures-results.aspx](http://www.EnglandBasketball.co.uk/fixtures/fixtures-results.aspx)

# Tonight's Opposition – Leicester Warriors

They're our closest local rivals and the matches between 'us and them' have served up some real thrillers in recent times. Rarely do any of the matches turn out to be anything more than single digit affairs and there's always a lot of passion and gritty determination on display. Assistant coach Steve Baxter looks ahead to the first match of 2013.

"We're really looking forward to getting back onto court after the Christmas break and hopefully the rest period will have allowed us to recuperate from some of our early season injury problems.

"I've not had the chance to scout Leicester this season, but I know Jamie has and we are well aware of their strengths and weaknesses. Of course they have a number of personnel that we are very familiar with, including Sam O'Shea and Ryan Lewis from our own League winning team in 2009/10 and former Blazers point guard Carl Pearson

"The Warriors have retained the core of their team from last year which finished fifth in the league but with only one more loss than we had in finishing third. In some ways the Warriors have been similar to us this year in that they have not found consistency in their performances and have struggled to put

enough winning sequences together. Judging from the statistics available, that could be down in part to them not being able to field their strongest team week in, week out for whatever reason.

"They have already beaten some of the top teams in the league this season, but have also picked up some tough losses which I'm sure Coach Karl Brown won't have been happy with. Part of their problem appears to have been a lack of scoring threat. They are currently ranked 12th out of 14 teams, scoring just over 66 points per game. However as is the trademark of any Karl Brown team, it is on the defensive end where the Warriors excel. They are one of the meanest teams in the league, being ranking fourth after conceding a shade over 69 points per game.

"We will need to match the Warriors intensity on both ends of the court and execute wisely on offense. Leicester are not exceptionally tall but they have a lot of guys around 6'5" / 6'6" who are very athletic. They are a strong, physical team who will play hard for 40 minutes. With the support of the crowd to spur us on, this promises to be an exciting game of basketball," he said.

## Next Weekend...

**After the luxury of just one game this weekend, it's another double-header next weekend. On Saturday, we'll be back at Moorways for our first meeting of the VCARS.co.uk Division One season against Medway Park Crusaders. Derby won the same fixture last season 87-70 in January, but beaten 98-82 in Gillingham two months later.**

**On Sunday, Derby travel south to take on Essex Leopards in the quarter final of the EBL Men's Trophy. The Trailblazers will be keen to repeat the kind of performance they produced against Leopards in the league, when they notched up an 80-65 home win, but the match was also Leopards worst showing of the season and as such, they are likely to be up for revenge. Tip off at the Brentwood Centre is at 4pm and if you're planning to travel, you'll find it on Doddinghurst Road in Brentwood, Essex. The postcode for your Sat Navs is CM15 9NN**



# Derby Trailblazers Div1

4.....	Stedroy Baker (c) .....	5'8" .....	Guard
5.....	Jamie McGaffin .....	6'1" .....	Guard
6.....	Luke Daykin.....	6'0" .....	Guard
7.....	Tom Sherlock.....	6'7" .....	Forward
8.....	Martyn Gayle (c) .....	6'3" .....	Guard
9.....	Simon Allaway.....	6'2" .....	Guard
10.....	Jeff Smith .....	6'7" .....	Forward
11.....	Benson Arogbo.....	6'3" .....	Forward
12.....	Nick Rose.....	6'2" .....	Guard
13.....	Tom Brown .....	6'6" .....	Forward/Centre
14.....	Eric Milambo.....	6'7" .....	Forward
15.....	Miguel Leite .....	6'6" .....	Forward/Centre



**Coach: Jamie Maudsley**  
**Assistants: Steve Baxter, Stedroy Baker**  
**Team Manager: Tracey Mousley**  
**Medical Coordinator: Jill Kent**



# Leicester Warriors

4.....	Keiran Wright.....	5'11" .....	Guard
5.....	Ben Hallam .....	5'11" .....	Guard
6.....	CJ Bishop.....	.....	.....
7.....	Elliott Sentence.....	6'3" .....	Guard
8.....	Ryan Lewis.....	6'6" .....	Forward
9.....	Carl Pearson .....	5'10" .....	Guard
10.....	Mansoor Mbye .....	6'5" .....	Forward
11.....	Emile Hopkins .....	6'6" .....	Forward
12.....	Sam O'Shea .....	6'6" .....	Forward
13.....	Eugene Pettaway .....	6'6" .....	Forward
14.....	Hilroy Thomas .....	6'4" .....	Forward
15.....	Simon Payne .....	6'3" .....	Forward

**Coach: Karl Brown**  
**Assistant: Chris Hallam**

**Referees:** Joshua Bell, Neil Wilkinson

# Poor defending costs Derby a chance of beating understrength Dragons

**Derby Trailblazers.....81**  
**Bradford Dragons .....97**

A disappointing defensive effort from the Trailblazers cost them a chance of beating an injury ravaged Bradford side who arrived at Moorways with only seven players. With no acknowledged ball hander in their midst, the Dragons should have proved easy fodder, but stand in Lithuanian Mark Saladzius looked more than comfortable in the role, despite only have played the position once before in college.

He dished off six assists whilst using his size to mass twenty-six points and pull down six rebounds. But it was his teammate Ricky Fetske who did the bulk of the Dragons damage. Averaging only eleven points per game in the season so far, he capitalised from the excess space he was allowed by Derby's lack-lustre defence, barely missing a shot in the first half. He finished the night on thirty-four points, off the back of a staggering 64% floor shooting and six of eight at the free-throw line.

Bradford were without Rihard Sulcs and Daumants Pabrieza because of injury and their influential point guard Bobby Edmunds was also absent because a skin condition which has seen him return to the States for treatment.

For their part, Derby were still without Miguel Leite and while Tom Sherlock was continuing to play through injury, a new injury meant they were also without Jeff Smith. That left the Blazers with just Eric Milambo and Tom Brown to play in the post positions, giving Bradford a tremendous advantage because of their superior size.

The Blazers didn't start the match too badly and were holding their own at nine-all after six minutes, but the visitors then completed the first quarter with a 14-6 run which gave them a 23-15 first quarter advantage. The second period was pretty much even, with Derby taking the quarter 23-21.

A couple of positives to draw from the first half were that the Trailblazers had taken good care of the ball, committing only three turnovers

compared to Bradford's eight, but perhaps the most important factor was the emergence of Benson Arogbo as a confident shooting threat. All of his points came in the first half, with three strong, positive drives to the hoop to convert lay-ups and a confident three-pointer from the corner.

Trailing 44-38 at the break, it should have been very much game on, but it took Derby three minutes and twenty seconds before they could even find the hoop, courtesy of a Stedroy Baker jump shot. During that time, the Dragons had added nine points without reply, with Fetske netting all but three of them.

The shots simply weren't dropping for the Trailblazers and the careful ball handling of the first half was suddenly non-existent. Six turnovers in the third period alone allowed Bradford far too many opportunities to score.

And score they did, with astonishing ease at times, as they steadily extended their advantage, which peaked at twenty-two points when Saladzius knocked down a three-pointer with one and a half minutes left in the third quarter. The closest Derby could get thereafter was when Simon Allaway converted a long range shot to cut the gap to 81-66 with just under four and half minutes remaining.

Once again, Bradford had proved they can play smart in the face of serious injury concerns as they had to do throughout the majority of the previous last season. The Blazers need to work out how to do likewise.

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**Derby: Gayle 20, Rose 20, Allaway 14, Arogbo 12, Milambo 6, Daykin 5, Baker 2, McGaffin 2, Brown 0, Sherlock 0.**

**Bradford: Fetske 34, Saladzius 26, Silcott 15, Hylands 12, Scott 7, Dut 2, Meakin 1.**

# Blazers magnificent seven come up short against Leeds

**Leeds Carnegie .....78**

**Derby Trailblazers.....69**

Derby Trailblazers injury ravaged squad of just seven fit players put up a valiant fight against Leeds Carnegie, but ultimately came up just short of pulling off what would have been a sensational win.

The previous weekend's defeat to Bradford was met with stern criticism from the coaching staff with regards to the players' determination and commitment, but those harsh words seemed to have hit a nerve or two, as this performance was full of pride, passion and gritty fight.

Tom Sherlock, Jeff Smith and Miguel Leite were all unavailable due to a variety of injury problems and personal commitments meant Jamie McGaffin also missed the trip. That left Coach Jamie Maudsley with just seven fit players to call upon, but those seven fought desperately hard to get themselves a much needed win ahead of the Christmas break.

Derby started with Luke Daykin, Martyn Gayle, Benson Arogbo, Nick Rose and Eric Milambo, leaving just Simon Allaway and Stedroy Baker to come off the bench. With Milambo being the Blazers only inside threat against a Leeds side which boasted considerably more inside presence, it was important to keep him out of foul trouble and for him to do an effective job on the boards at both ends of the court.

For the bulk of the first half, he managed to fulfil both requirements with a degree of ease. He collected twelve rebounds in the first half alone and didn't pick up his first foul until early in the second quarter. Partly as a result of his significant contribution, Derby got off to a great start, with Rose knocking down back to back triples to counter Leeds opening three-pointer.

When Allaway also converted from outside, it was the start of a 15-2 run for the Trailblazers, which took them into a 25-13 first quarter advantage. The points were being spread throughout the team, but among the highlights was a simple score for Arogbo after Rose had stolen the ball and provided the assist and another steal from Milambo which led to him bagging the final points of the first quarter.

Meanwhile, Gayle, Daykin and Baker were doing a great job in the back court, dishing off assists to create easy shots for their teammates.

Leeds produced a mini fight back at the start of the second quarter, but Derby continued to fight and another 8-2 burst which included three-pointers from Arogbo and Daykin provided the Trailblazers with their biggest lead of the night at 35-22 two minutes before the break. However, Leeds finished the first half strongly, with a 7-2 run which cut the gap to 37-29. Within that run, Milambo was called for two

quick fouls, one of which clearly wasn't his and this was something which would hamper Derby's chances as the game progressed.

Undeterred, Derby began the second half with their original starting five back on court and they once again got off to a good start. Martyn Gayle's first triple of the night arrived two and half minutes after the re-start and restored a double-digit lead at 44-33, but this was short lived as an unmarked Sean Clifford replied in kind.

Milambo then made it 49-40 to Derby but on the next defensive play, he was called for his fourth foul with 4'39" left in the third. It happened after Arogbo was attempting to block a shot from David Ajumobi and perhaps should have been given against the former Academy player who appeared to have made the contact.

With Milambo forced to sit out, Leeds seized the initiative and then went on something of a scoring blitz, concluding the third period with a 19-1 run to move from nine points down to lead 59-50 going into the final ten minutes.

When Ajumobi opened the last quarter with a triple, the signs looked bleak for Derby, but they responded with a 10-0 burst which cut the gap to just two points with seven minutes remaining. Arogbo and Gayle combined for all the points in that run.

Leeds then pulled away again, but when Gayle converted two of three from the line, Milambo added a deuce and Rose nailed a three-pointer courtesy of an assist from Baker, it was game on once more, with the score standing at 69-67 in Leeds favour and two minutes left to play.

However, Carnegie's Rob Marsden then took over with six straight points, as fatigue started to affect the magnificent seven. Three of Derby's eleven turnovers happened within those last couple of minutes and their shots were no longer dropping. With fresher legs on court, the home side were able to move towards a victory they probably hadn't deserved.

Milambo finished the night on eleven points and seventeen rebounds, whilst Rose led the Blazers with 23 points. They end 2012 with just three wins from their opening ten games in VCARS.co.uk division one.

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**Leeds: Marsden 19, Anebo 18, Clifford 15, Ajumobi 12, Laing 6, Metcalfe 5, Wilkins 3, Elderkin 0, Evans 0, Mokeski 0.**

**Derby: Rose 23, Gayle 14, Arogbo 13, Milambo 11, Allaway 3, Daykin 3, Baker 2, Brown DNP.**

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	W	L	%	Pts
Reading Rockets	10	0	100%	20
Tees Valley Mohawks	7	2	78%	14
Bristol Academy Flyers	7	3	70%	14
Leeds Carnegie	7	3	70%	14
Bradford Dragons	6	3	67%	12
Team Northumbria	5	3	63%	10
Leicester Warriors	5	5	50%	10
Essex Leopards	4	3	57%	8
Hemel Storm	3	5	38%	6
Medway Park Crusaders	3	6	33%	6
Westminster Warriors	3	6	33%	6
Derby Trailblazers	3	7	30%	6
LSBU Brixton Topcats	1	8	11%	2
Worthing Thunder	0	10	0%	0

## VCARS.co.uk D3 North

	W	L	%	Pts
Nottingham Hoods	8	2	80%	16
Rossendale Raptors	8	3	82%	18
Derby Trailblazers II	8	4	75%	18
Sheffield Sabres	8	5	67%	16
Huddersfield Heat	7	2	62%	16
City Of Sheffield Saints	7	4	60%	12
Sefton Stars	6	4	50%	12
Stockport Falcons	4	6	40%	8
Middlesbrough Lions	2	10	33%	8
Shropshire Warriors	1	7	23%	6
Leeds Carnegie II	1	8	20%	4
Birmingham A's	2	7	8%	2

## VCARS.co.uk D4 Midlands

	W	L	%	Pts
Northants Thunder	7	0	100%	14
Sporting Club Albion (WB)	4	2	67%	8
Derby Trailblazers III	3	3	50%	6
Bromsgrove Bears	3	4	43%	6
Birmingham Mets II	2	3	40%	4
Loughborough Students Riders II	2	4	33%	4
Leicester Warriors II	2	4	33%	4
College of West Anglia Fury	2	5	29%	4

## U18 Men - Midlands

	W	L	%	Pts
Worcester Wolves	9	1	90%	28
Derby Trailblazers	8	2	80%	26
Birmingham Mets	7	3	70%	23
Birmingham A's	7	1	88%	22
Shropshire Warriors	6	3	67%	21
Ilkeston Outlaws	5	4	56%	19
Notts Nova	4	6	40%	18
YH Leicester Sparks	4	6	40%	17
City of Birmingham II	2	8	20%	14
Sporting Club Albion (WB)	1	9	10%	12
Bournville Bears	0	10	0%	10

## U16 Boys - North Premier

	W	L	%	Pts
Manchester Magic	10	1	91%	31
Notts Nova	10	0	100%	30
Derby Trailblazers	9	2	82%	29
Northamptonshire Titans	8	3	73%	27
City Of Birmingham	5	6	46%	21
Sheffield Junior Sharks	5	5	50%	20
Trafford	4	6	40%	18
Northants Thunder	4	6	40%	18
Cheshire Jets	4	6	40%	18
Stockport Spartans	3	7	30%	16

## U15 Boys - Midlands

	W	L	%	Pts
Notts Nova	9	0	100%	27
YH Leicester Dynamite	8	2	80%	26
City of Birmingham	7	3	70%	24
Coventry Trojans	7	3	70%	24
Northants Thunder	6	4	60%	22
Northamptonshire Titans	5	4	56%	19
Derby Trailblazers	3	6	33%	15
City of Birmingham Bulls	2	8	20%	14
Coventry Tornadoes	1	9	10%	12
Bromsgrove Bears	0	9	0%	9

## U14 Boys - Midlands

	W	L	%	Pts
City of Birmingham	9	1	90%	28
Northamptonshire Titans	9	0	100%	27
Notts Nova	7	2	78%	23
Northants Thunder	4	6	40%	18
Milton Keynes Lions	4	4	50%	16
YH Leicester Blaze	4	4	50%	16
Derby Trailblazers	1	9	10%	12
Leicester Warriors	2	5	29%	11
Shropshire Warriors	1	8	11%	11
Team Wolverhampton Slam	2	4	33%	10

## U13 Boys - Midlands

	W	L	%	Pts
Leicester Warriors	8	0	100%	24
YH Leicester Heat	6	1	86%	19
City of Birmingham	5	1	83%	16
Notts Nova	4	4	50%	16
Derby Trailblazers	3	4	43%	13
Mansfield Giants	2	5	29%	11
Shropshire Warriors	1	6	14%	9
Coventry Tornadoes	0	8	0%	8

## Ladies - Founders Cup

	W	L	%	Pts
Camden Panthers	2	0	100%	4
Ilkeston Outlaws	1	0	100%	2
Huddersfield Heat	1	1	50%	2
East Kent Blitz	0	0	0%	0
University of Leicester	0	1	0%	0
Derby Ladyblazers	0	2	0%	0

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