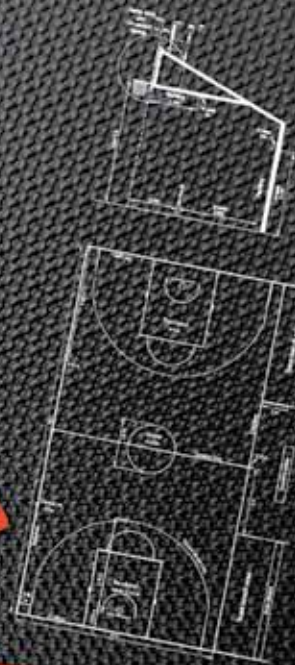


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Thank you all!

WELCOME...

Good evening and welcome to Moorways at the start of another crucial weekend for the Trailblazers. Tonight we welcome Coach Craig Nichol, the supporters and players of Medway Park Crusaders for an important VCARS.co.uk division match.

Tomorrow, there's a chance for Derby to book their place in the semi-finals of the EBL Men's National Trophy, but to do so they must travel south and overcome the threat posed by Essex Leopards in Sunday's Quarter Final draw.

Trying to predict the outcome of any game this season continues to be difficult, as the form book was once again thrown out of the window by both of Derby's forthcoming opponents. Leopards produced a shock by defeating second placed Tees Valley 96-88 on Saturday, while Medway Park took a 79-55 battering at the hands of Hemel Storm. But less than twenty-four hours later, the Crusaders were back to their best as they beat Essex 92-78.

One thing which is certain is that Derby could use a little more luck in terms of injuries, as last weekend's narrow defeat at home to Leicester Warriors probably wouldn't have happened if we had the likes of Miguel Leite, Tom Sherlock and Jeff Smith available.

One positive to come from last weekend was the return of Kingsley Okoroh, who has returned to the UK to complete various educational requirements which he needs before he enter the next stage of his US college career. News of his arrival broke too late to be included in last week's programme, but the 7'1" centre quickly made his mark with a pair of blocked shots and will hopefully become more of an asset once he learns the systems.

The senior men are not the only Derby team to be involved in an important quarter final match this weekend – Andy Josephs' U16 travel to Medway Park on Sunday to face the Crusaders U16 team for a place in the semi-finals and I'm sure everyone within the Trailblazers will want to wish them good luck for such an important match.

We must apologise for the brevity of this weeks' programme, caused by the busy diaries of the team of volunteers who put it together. We hope to have things back to normal for the next home game, which marks the halfway point of the VCARS.co.uk division one programme with the visit of Hemel Storm.

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



Tonight's Visitors

Medway Park Crusaders are the visitors to Moorways tonight, as Derby look to snap a three game losing streak. Crusaders sit two places above Derby in the VCARS.co.uk division one league table, but have only one more win and one less defeat than the Trailblazers. As such, its match that Derby must view as being a must win contest. Assistant Coach Steve Baxter has been casting his eye over the Crusaders key threats.

Mannock Lual 6'6 Forward, University of Prince Edward Island (Canada)

Rookie forward Mannock has made a strong start in his first professional basketball job. He entered with a reputation as an athletic, strong rebounding forward. At the time of going to press he leads the league in rebounding with 12.8rpg as well as being the teams' second leading scorer with 14.5ppg. Mannock also anchors the Medway back line where he adds a physical defensive presence and has twice broken over twenty rebounds in league games so far this season.

Cole Hobin 6'6 Guard/Forward, Carleton University (Canada)

The Crusaders second import is also fresh from University in Canada where he was a three-time national champion and three-time defensive player of the year with traditional powerhouse Carleton University. This year he is the teams' third leading scorer at 14.3ppg and second leading rebounder at 8.3rpg. He also leads the team in steals and blocks proving he does a bit of everything to try and get his team to win. He is also tenth in the league in three-point field goal percentage at 43.2%.

Lukas Volskis 6'0 Guard

A member of the Leopards team which defeated the Blazers in last years' playoff finals Lukas has made the switch to Medway with ease. Currently tenth in the league for assists per game (3.9), his scoring output has also increased this season and he is currently averaging 11.4ppg. Lukas is another Crusader who the Blazers will need to be aware of from the three-point line.

Disraeli 'Dizzy' Lufadeju 5'11 Guard

Third year guard Dizzy has made excellent use of his increased playing time this year. Arguably the leagues most improved player, at least statistically, his scoring numbers have increased from 8.1ppg last year to 20.3ppg this season, which is good enough for third in the league. He has had some impressive performances already this season including a season high thirty-seven against Tees Valley. A quick guard with a deft outside touch, at only 20 years old Dizzy has a bright future ahead of him.

James Harris 6'2 Guard

Now in his ninth season with the Crusaders, James holds lots of the Crusaders career records including career points, three-pointers and most appearances. The veteran club captain who helped Medway in their rise through to division one in recent years is currently leading the team in three-pointers made and attempted this year. He averages 11.3ppg and is a dangerous scorer when he gets hot. We will need to be aware of his position on the court, especially in the corners where he can be deadly from three-point range.

Coming up...

Tomorrow afternoon, 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.

Next Saturday, we return to Moorways, for the visit of Hemel Storm, in a match which marks the midway point of the VCARS.co.uk division one league season. Tip off is at 7:30pm.

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
	..... Kingsley Okoroh	.....7'1"	..... Centre



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



Medway Park Crusaders

5	..... Disraeli Lufadeju	.....6'2"	..... Guard
6	..... Fred Whitehouse	.....6'2"	..... Guard
11	..... Cole Hobin	.....6'6"	..... Forward
13	..... Simon Bucknor	.....6'5"	..... Forward
15	..... Sam Betts	.....6'1"	..... Forward
22	..... James Acres	.....6'4"	..... Forward
23	..... James Harris	.....6'0"	..... Guard
40	..... Tyler Russell	.....6'0"	..... Guard
43	..... Lukas Volskis	.....6'0"	..... Guard
55	..... Manock Lual	.....6'6"	..... Forward

Coach: Craig Nicol
Assistant: Graham Wilson

Referees: Eduard Udyanskyy, Benas Januskevicius

Around the club – Results & Fixtures

There was good news for Derby's division three men last Sunday, as they raced to a 94-55 win over Stockport Falcons. Earlier in the day, the U16's cruised to a 90-69 win over Northants Thunder.

On Saturday, the U15's had a 60-39 win over City of Birmingham, but there was disappointment for three other age group teams. Both the U18's and U13's suffered single point defeats so Shropshire Warriors and Notts Nova respectively, with the result of

both matches being a 66-65 away loss. Elsewhere, the U14's lost 86-59 at Northants Titans.

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

Sunday 13 th January 2013					
Team	Home		Away	Venue	Tip Off
D1 Tro QF:	Essex Leopards	V	Derby Trailblazers	The Brentwood Centre	4:00pm
U16 Cup QF:	Medway Park Crusaders	V	Derby U16's	Medway Park Old Hall	2:00pm
U15:	Derby U15's	V	Notts Nova	Noel-Baker School	12:30pm
U14:	Derby U14's	V	Notts Nova	Noel-Baker School	2:30pm
Saturday 19 th January 2013					
Team	Home		Away	Venue	Tip Off
D1 Men:	Derby Trailblazers	V	Hemel Storm	Moorways	7:30pm
U18:	Birmingham A's	V	Derby U18's	Doug Ellis Sports Centre	4:00pm
U15:	Northants Titans	V	Derby U15's	Weavers LC	2:00pm
Sunday 20 th January 2013					
Team	Home		Away	Venue	Tip Off
D3 Men:	Derby Trailblazers II	V	Rossendale Raptors	Noel-Baker School	2:30pm
D4 Men:	Derby Trailblazers III	V	Bromsgrove Bears	Noel-Baker School	12:30pm
U16:	City of Birmingham	V	Derby U16's	Nechells LC	1:20pm

In Brief...

2013 didn't start in the manner Derby Trailblazers would have hoped, as they were beaten 68-64 at home to Leicester Warriors, in a match they could and probably should have won. Derby were four points up with two and half minutes remaining, but after a Leicester time out, they were held scoreless over the remainder of the match, as the Warriors piled in eight unanswered points to secure the win.

In reality, the match should never have been that close, as Derby had led 19-5 after only seven minutes. A superb start from Nick Rose helped to build that sizeable early advantage. The American, who had only just arrived back in the country, hit the first four points of the game and went on to shoot a trio of three-pointers in a 13-nil run which left Derby fourteen points clear of their opponents.

Luke Daykin and Benson Arogbo hit the other four points in the run, as the pair of youngsters continued to add valuable contributions to Coach Jamie Maudsley's injury affected squad. The Trailblazers were still missing Tom Sherlock, Jeff Smith and Miguel Leite, but they

were boosted by the return to the UK of former Trailblazers junior Kingsley Okoroh. The 7'1" England player will be with Derby for the remainder of the current season, while he completes an essential part of his education which is needed before he can progress to the next stage of his US College career.

When Okoroh came off the bench in the fifth minute, it seemed as if he might provide precisely the kind of spark Derby had been looking for. He rose twice in quick succession to swat away a pair of Leicester attempts, but with only one training session under his belt, his impact wasn't as dramatic as it could become once he learns the club's systems.

After the Blazers closed the final period leading 23-11, Leicester won each of the remaining three periods by nine, three and four points respectively, which was enough to give them a 68-64 away win.

A full report will follow in next week's programme.



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