

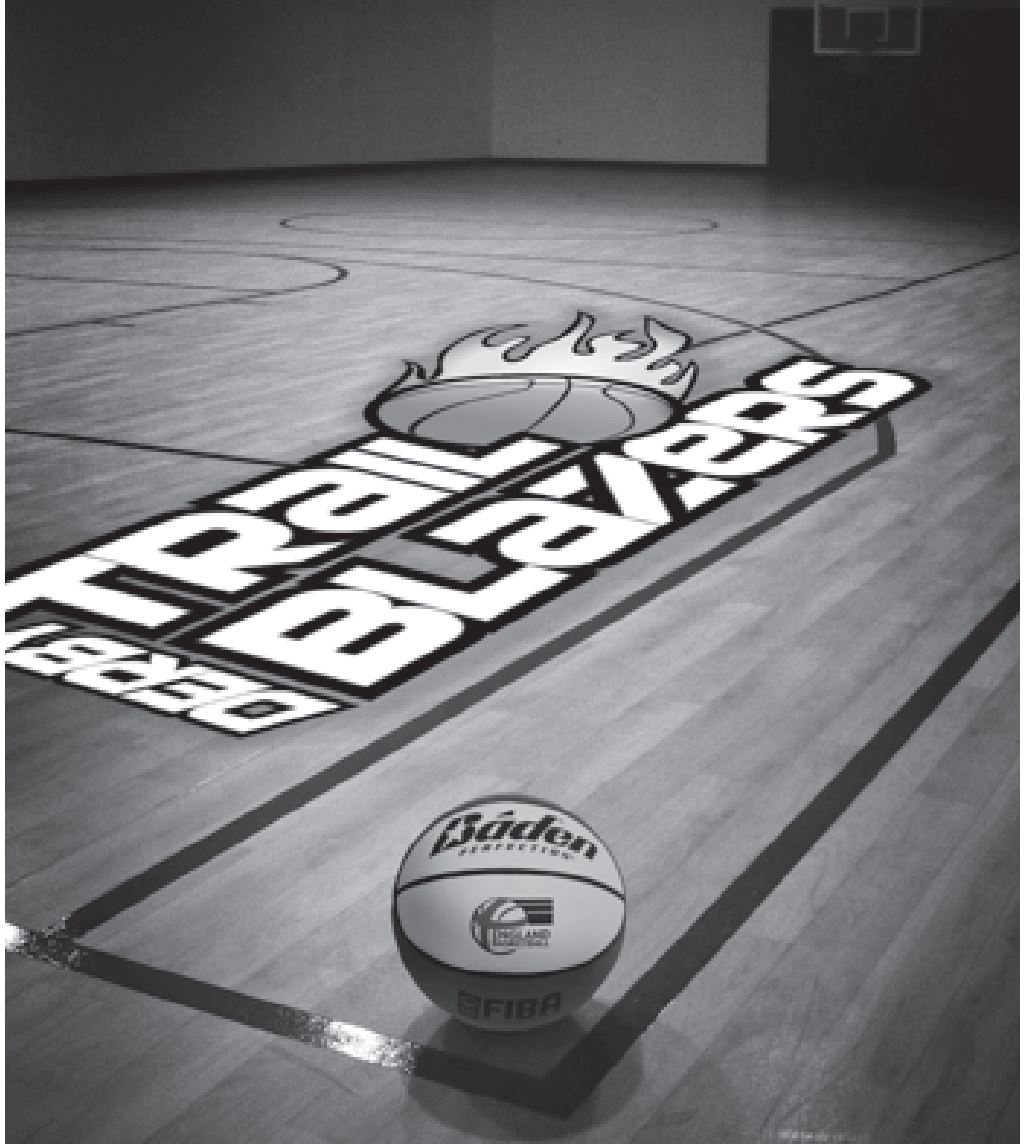
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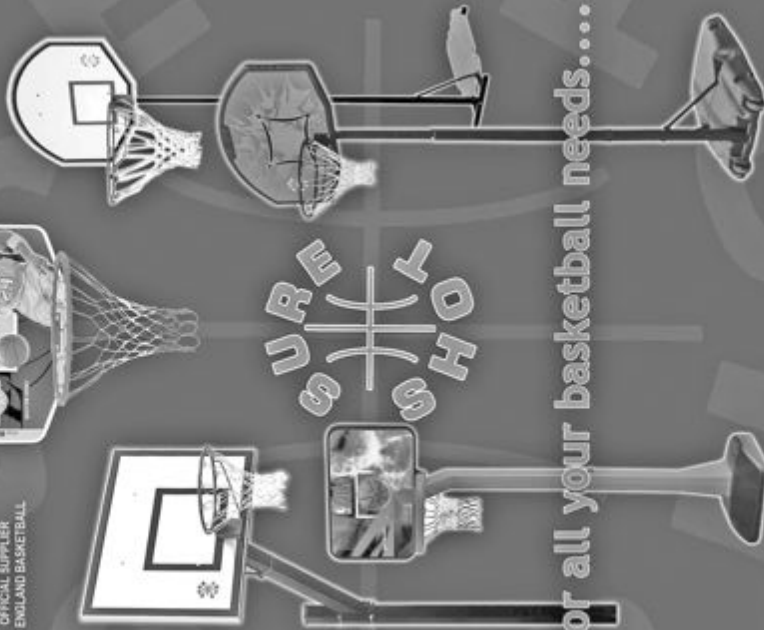




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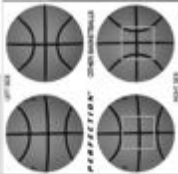
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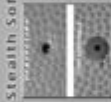
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D1 Men: .....Jamie Maudsley, Steve Baxter,  
.....Stedroy Baker  
D3 Men: ..... Mark Whittingham, Paul Bowen  
D4 Men: ..... Chris Squire,  
U18 Men:..... Matt Shaw, Phil Storer,  
..... Craig Swinton  
U16 Boys:.....Dave Attewell, Ben Atterbury  
U15 Boys:..... Andy Josephs, Lee Fitchett  
U14 Boys:.....Sarah Booth, Dave Marvill  
U13 Boys:.....Charlie Ford  
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*Thank you all!*

## **WELCOME**

Good evening and welcome to Moorways for tonight's division one league match against Leeds Carnegie. We of course welcome Matt Newby, his players and coaching staff and any supporters who's made the short trip down the M1 from Leeds.

What an amazing atmosphere you generated at Moorways last weekend. It was just a shame the result didn't go our way against Reading, but the noise made by the crowd was really appreciated by the Derby players and coaching staff. Here's what Coach Maudsley had to say about it:

"That was the biggest crowd and best atmosphere I can remember since we beat Bristol to win the division one title around 18 months ago. The level of support certainly gave our guys a lift and helps to distract the opposition.

"When Reading were shooting free-throws at the end of the game, I think their percentages were fairly low and I'm sure if the crowd had been quiet, they would have made more.

"Also, if we have a sticky patch, the crowd can really pick us up and work like a sixth man, so it was great to have that against Reading and I hope it's something we can continue to have throughout the remainder of the season."

To back up Jamie's theory, Derby missed six free-throw attempts late on in the game against Worthing the following night, when the Thunder crowd were at their most vocal. So the challenge has been set. How much noise can you make at tonight's game?

You can read reports of last weekend's games elsewhere in tonight's match programme and there are also features on development of the ladies game in Derby and a recent trip made by Coach Matt Shaw and some of our Academy players to Germany.

There's also the usual round up from our development teams and the latest league table for all divisions.

Incidentally, after tonight, there is only one more home league match here at Moorways, plus a Trophy quarter final tie before Christmas, so don't forget to visit the merchandise stall and top up on the latest Trailblazers goodies, as a lot of them will make ideal presents!

Enjoy the game and as we said above, don't forget to make some noise for your team!

*Nigel Cash*



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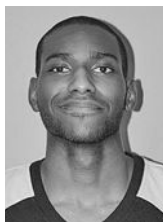
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#8 Martyn



#9 Rishi



#10 – Woody



#11 Aaron



#12 Dave



#13 Matt W-H



#14 Eric



#15 Troy

## Division One Men Fixtures 2011-2012

Date	Comp	Teams	Tip/Result	Venue
Sep 11 2011	Friendly	Derby Trailblazers ..... V ..... USA Select (White)	W 88-80	Noel-Baker
Sep 17 2011	Cup R1	Shropshire Warriors ..... V ..... Derby Trailblazers	W112-50	Sport TCAT
Sep 24 2011	Trophy P2	Derby Trailblazers ..... V ..... PAWS London Capital	W96-45	Moorways LC
Oct 1 2011	Trophy P2	BA London Leopards ..... V ..... Derby Trailblazers	W91-97 OT	The Brentwood Centre
Oct 8 2011	Trophy P2	Derby Trailblazers ..... V ..... Bradford Dragons	W88-82	Moorways LC
Oct 9 2011	Cup R2	Loughboro' Student Riders ..... V ..... Derby Trailblazers	W77-99	Loughborough University
Oct 15 2011	Trophy P2	Derby Trailblazers ..... V ..... Medway Park Crusaders	W89-40	Moorways LC
Oct 22 2011	Trophy P2	Reading Rockets ..... V ..... Derby Trailblazers	W72-78	Rivermead Leisure Complex
Oct 29 2011	League	Derby Trailblazers ..... V ..... Tees Valley Mohawks	W104-87	Moorways LC
Oct 30 2011	Cup R3	Mansfield Giants ..... V ..... Derby Trailblazers	W71-110	Oaktree Leisure Centre
Nov 5 2011	League	PAWS London Capitals ..... V ..... Derby Trailblazers	W56-99	Capital City Academy
Nov 12 2011	League	Derby Trailblazers ..... V ..... Reading Rockets	L79-81	Moorways LC
Nov 13 2011	League	Worthing Thunder ..... V ..... Derby Trailblazers	L84-82	Worthing Leisure Centre
Nov 19 2011	League	Derby Trailblazers ..... V ..... Leeds Carnegie	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Nov 20 2011	Cup QF	Newham Neptunes ..... V ..... Derby	TBC	Rokeby School
Nov 27 2011	League	Brixton Topcats ..... V ..... Derby Trailblazers	4.00pm	Brixton Rec Centre
Dec 3 2011	League	Derby Trailblazers ..... V ..... Leicester Warriors	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Dec 10 2011	League	Bradford Dragons ..... V ..... Derby Trailblazers	6.15pm	Bradford College Sports Hall
Dec 11 2011	Cup SF	TBC ..... V ..... TBC	TBC	TBC
Dec 17 2011	League	Bristol Academy Flyers ..... V ..... Derby Trailblazers	7.00pm	WISE - Filton College Campus
Jan 7 2012	League	Derby Trailblazers ..... V ..... Medway Park Crusaders	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Jan 15 2012	Trophy QF	Derby Trailblazers ..... V ..... Leeds or Leicester	TBC	TBC
Jan 21 2012	League	Westminster Warriors ..... V ..... Derby Trailblazers	6.00pm	Moberly Sports Centre
Jan 22 2012	League	Reading Rockets ..... V ..... Derby Trailblazers	4.00pm	Rivermead Leisure Complex
Jan 28 2012	League	Tees Valley Mohawks ..... V ..... Derby Trailblazers	6.30pm	Teesside University (Olympia)
Jan 29 2012	Cup Final	TBC ..... V ..... TBC	TBC	TBC
Feb 4 2012	League	Derby Trailblazers ..... V ..... PAWS London Capitals	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Feb 12 2012	Trophy SF	TBC ..... V ..... TBC	TBC	TBC
Feb 18 2012	League	Derby Trailblazers ..... V ..... Worthing Thunder	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Feb 26 2012	League	Leeds Carnegie ..... V ..... Derby Trailblazers	4.00pm	Leeds Met Uni Sports Centre
Feb 26 2012	Tro Final	TBC ..... V ..... TBC	TBC	TBC
Mar 4 2012	League	Leicester Warriors ..... V ..... Derby Trailblazers	1.30pm	Braunstone LC
Mar 10 2012	League	Derby Trailblazers ..... V ..... BA London Leopards	5.00pm	Noel-Baker
Mar 17 2012	League	Derby Trailblazers ..... V ..... Bradford Dragons	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Mar 18 2012	League	BA London Leopards ..... V ..... Derby Trailblazers	4.00pm	Brentwood Centre
Mar 24 2012	League	Derby Trailblazers ..... V ..... Bristol Academy Flyers	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Mar 25 2012	League	Medway Park Crusaders ..... V ..... Derby Trailblazers	5.00pm	Medway LC
Mar 31 2012	League	Derby Trailblazers ..... V ..... Brixton Topcats	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Apr 7 2012	League	Derby Trailblazers ..... V ..... Westminster Warriors	7.30pm	Moorways LC

# Trailblazers unbeaten start ended by Reading

**Derby Trailblazers..... 79**  
**Reading Rockets ..... 81**

Derby Trailblazers ten game winning sequence came to a halt as they suffered a heart-breaking two-point defeat at home to Reading Rockets. The quality of basketball on show from both teams was by far the best of the season



so far and with 16 changes of lead and 9 tied situations, it was clearly one of those games that neither team deserved to lose.

The Trailblazers were still without Eric Milambo and suffered as a result of Troy Whittington being hampered by foul trouble, meaning Reading had a considerable height advantage. However, Derby overcame this

to out-rebound their opponents 39-33, with Whittington and Rema Lascelles both collecting 9 boards. On the offensive side of things, it was Rishi Kakad who again led the scoring, converting 7 of 12 three-pointers on his way to a game high 33 points.

The Blazers started strongly, with Whittington scoring four as Derby built an 8-3 advantage but Reading responded with ten straight points prompting a time out from the Trailblazers. The response was immediate, with Kakad converting the first of seven three-pointers off an assist from Dave Attewell.

After misses from both sides, Attewell was fouled and subsequently converted both shots to tie the game at 13-all and there was little to separate the two sides for the remainder of the first quarter.

The Rockets gradually stretched the lead to 22-18, before Kakad provided the assist for a successful three-pointer from Josh Guddemi. Seconds later, Kakad stole the ball and although his shot rimmed out, Aaron Maher was on hand for an offensive put back which gave Derby a one point lead.

Both Reading and Derby then went on 6-0 runs, before Kakad, who was having an unusually poor night from the free-throw line, missed the chance to further extend the Blazers lead beyond 29-28. His season average of nearly 89% will be significantly damaged by a strike rate of just 2 from 8 against Rockets. Before the break, Jon May added a further two points for the visitors and then despite being the second smallest player on court, he came up with a huge block shot to prevent Maher from sending Derby into the locker room up by one.

After Kakad opened the third quarter with a second triple, Reading hit ten points without reply to lead 40-32. The run was eventually stopped by Kakad hitting another three. However, the real drama was to come midway

through the third period. With Derby trailing 37-45, Dave Attewell was fouled by Steve Vaughan, whose subsequent protestations were punished with a technical foul.

That should have meant two shots for Attewell, followed by a further two shots and possession for the Trailblazers, with the second pair being able to be taken by a player of Derby's choice. For some inexplicable reason, Kakad stepped up to the line and sank the first two shots without anyone realising the mistake.

When it was pointed out by the Reading bench, the referees deliberated for some time before cancelling the shots relating to the initial foul. That left Kakad to return



to the line for the shots pertaining to the technical and he made just one, with Lascelles making a shot off the possession.

The Blazers were down by three going into the final quarter, but a monstrous dunk from Whittington made it 58-all with six minutes still to play. A Reading time out brought four quick points, but a pair of free-throws from Lascelles, followed by a steal and a lay-up from Gayle again tied the scores. However, that was as close as Derby would get towards keeping their 100% start to the season intact.

A pair of three-pointers from Robbie Parker and ever improving play from Rockets American guard Tryston Lawrence on his debut saw them extend their lead to 78-69. Kakad then added another three, before Rockets missed four attempts from the line, either side of a Blazers turnover. Whittington then had a chance to cut the gap still further, but was called for his fifth and final foul after clattering into Ryan Lohfink.

There was a glimmer of hope moments later when Lascelles struck from downtown to cut the gap to 75-78, but in the dying moments, Reading hit three of four from the charity stripe, while Derby could only add a pair of inside shots from Lascelles and Mark Woodhouse. It had been an intense and thoroughly enjoyable game, but sadly the result went the way of the Rockets.

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**Derby: Kakad 33, Woodhouse 12, Lascelles 10, Whittington 7, Gayle 6, Guddemi 5, Attewell 4, Maher 2, McGaffin 0, Baker 0.**

**Reading: Parker 18, Lawrence 16, Gamble 12, Vaughan 10, Guymon 7, Lohfink 7, May 5, Champion 2, Matzeder 2, Nelson 2, Simon 0.**

# Tonight's Visitors – Leeds Carnegie

With likes of Adrian Fenyn and Mike Medved now departed, it's a new look Leeds Carnegie side that visit's Moorways for a division match tonight. However, Coach Matt Newby has worked hard to add some familiar and some slightly less familiar names to his roster. David Ajumobi, Armand Anebo and Josh Houghton all have division one experience with other clubs, while Sean Clifford, Henry Wilkins, Gyorgy Polya, Oliver Hylands and Cameron Gypsyn are among the returnees.

Leeds had mixed fortunes last weekend, suffering a thirty-point loss away to Bristol Academy Flyers, before recovering to pick up their first win of the season in D1, as they beat Medway Park Crusaders 82-70, despite a 26 point haul from former star player Adrian Fenyn.



"I think Leeds will be tougher than people might expect," says the Derby Head Coach Jamie Maudsley [left]. "They have a number of players who've been on England teams in the past and they've added an overseas player to their ranks too.

"From our perspective, I think the two defeats we suffered have strengthened us as a group because the players have seen it as being something of a wake-up call. Everyone has responded positively in training this week and although we had one or two missing because of injuries, all those who were there did exactly as I asked of them. I think there signs that we have taken some collective and personal

responsibility over the defeats and I don't think they've made us fragile. It's more a case of having been able to recognise some of the things we need to do to make ourselves harder to beat.

"Obviously, there's a degree of frustration related to losing a pair of games we thought we could win, but to put things into perspective, we lost against two very good teams who are both liable to be challenging for honours this season. Part of the frustration comes from that fact we scored enough points in both of those games. We had 79 against Reading and 82 against Worthing and both of those should be game winning scores if we play defence well enough.

"I said before the weekend that Reading are always well prepared and I think the guys they've brought in made a difference to how they played. Lawrence in particular really stepped up in the fourth quarter and Matzeder was another big body that they could throw against us. Reading won two of the four titles last year and they have the same nucleus in their squad this year. There are also reports around which suggest Worthing have a better roster this year than they had in the BBL last year.

"We won't be doing anything different in terms of preparation. We'll try and do as good a job as we can in scouting them and then we'll try and prepare for the kind of things that could hurt us as well as thinking about how we can be successful offensively. The key thing for us this weekend is to make sure we respond positively and go out and play to our potential in both games," he said.

## On the Road tomorrow...



The second half of Derby's weekend double-header takes them to Rokeby School in North London, for a Cup quarter final tie. Opponents Newham (NASSA) Neptunes have already taken

the scalp of Cup holder Brixton Topcats 80-71 in the third round and fellow division one side Medway Park Crusaders 78-75 at the previous stage.

For the second weekend in succession, Derby will be facing a team who've been without a game on Saturday, whilst they themselves have had a tough home match and Maudsley is wary of the advantage that may provide:

"It's never easy to play back to back, particularly when your opponent is coming into the second game fresh, but it's something we'll have to contend with. For a division three side, they seem to have a lot of talent you wouldn't expect to find at that level. For instance, they have a couple of ex-BBL players like Jeff Danchie and they've also have picked up Ladi Brown who's caused quite a few problems for us in the past," he said.

Tip off on Sunday is at 2pm at Rokeby School, Barking Road, London E16 4DD. Travelling supporters should note this is NOT the school of the same name which is located in Kingston!

# Development and Junior Team News

Division 3 Men					Division 4 Men				
Date	Home	Result	Away	Tip/Venue	Date	Home	Result	Away	Tip/Venue
13/11	Derby II	82-59	Shropshire		13/11	Derby	90-77	Lincoln Stars	
20/11	Leeds II	v	Derby II	12:00; Leeds Met	20/11	Northants T	v	Derby III	15:00; Lings Forum
26/11	Derby II	v	Sheffield Saints	15:00; Noel-Baker	27/11	Derby III	v	Newcastle UL	15:00; Noel-Baker
4/12	Derby II	v	Huddersfield	17:00; Noel-Baker	4/12	Derby III	v	Gloster	15:00; Noel-Baker
U18's					U16's				
Date	Home	Result	Away	Tip/Venue	Date	Home	Result	Away	Tip/Venue
12/11	Notts Nova	30-73	Derby		13/11	N'ton Nets	72-58	Derby	Cup Round 2
13/11	Derby	70-58	Birmingham Mets	Cup Round 2	19/11	Leeds C	v	Derby	13:15; Carr Manor
19/11	Derby	v	Birmingham II	16:00; Noel-Baker	4/11	Trafford	v	Derby	15:30; ABC
26/11	Derby	v	Shropshire	12:00; Noel-Baker					
3/12	B'ham Mets	v	Derby	12:00; Met Col					
U15's					U14's				
Date	Home	Result	Away	Tip/Venue	Date	Home	Result	Away	Tip/Venue
20/11	Derby	v	Leics Warriors	15:00; Noel-Baker	12/11	N'ton Trojans	69-55	Derby	11:45; Hereward Col
18/12	City B'ham	v	Derby	13:15; DEC Sch	19/11	Derby	v	Leics Dyn.	12:00; Noel-Baker
					10/12	Derby	v	Wellingboro	12:00; Noel-Baker
U13's					Ladies				
Date	Home	Result	Away	Tip/Venue	Date	Home	Result	Away	Tip/Venue
12/11	Mansfield	35-57	Derby	12:30; Oaktree LC	12/11	Derby	41-70	Bradford	12:00; Noel-Baker
20/11	Derby	v	Leics Warriors	13:00; Noel-Baker	21/01	Bradford	v	Derby	18:15; Bradford SC
3/12	Wolv'ton	v	Derby	13:00; OLSC SC					

## Developing Female Basketball in Derby

Basketball in Derby is now well established for males with teams at all age groups from Mini's (U12) right up to our division one men in the EBL. Derby Wheelblazers are also moving forward, but with the exception of a few die hard local league players, our Ladies programme has failed to move forward at the same pace.

Reasons for this are now in the process of being resolved, starting during last season with the appointment of Men's division one player Mark Woodhouse as Head Coach and this season's addition of the experienced Coach Colin Henderson as his assistant.

Part of the issue has been trying to retain younger players that join our Mini programme. Historically, there have not been enough female players, so we have been unable to form development teams. This means they have either had to stop playing or move to other clubs that can cater for their development. We are continuing to look at ways of rectifying this.

Females who are prepared to train and play with our local league ladies are few and far between. We try hard to ensure playing time for these players and will continue playing at this level as we see it as an important part in the continued growth of our Ladies programme.

As a start to our development, this season our Ladies have entered the EBL Founders Cup Competition for the first time. This is a competition for non-National League players and we see it as an important stepping stone to enter the National League proper in the very near future.

In another attempt to move the Ladies game forward here in Derby, Coach Henderson has recently accepted the position of Coach with the Ladies team at the University of Derby. We

see this as an important link for both the Trailblazers and the University in terms of developing the game and we hope that this will bring educational steps for our youngsters and attraction for players from around the country in the future.

Early discussions are also underway towards adding a female programme to the already swelling ranks of the Basketball Academy running at Noel Baker School and Derby College.

With all these links in place, we will hopefully be far more capable of retaining and attracting players to the club here at Derby. We realise that moving this forward will not be simple or easy, but we want this to grow into a well-established programme, just like the Men's operation.

The Ladies team are currently 1 & 1 in the pool stage of the Founders Cup, having beaten Manchester Slam Dunkin' Divas thanks to 22 points from Sue Hemsley [right], but lost to Bradford Dragons. The other team in their pool is Huddersfield Heat and their next game is away to Bradford on January 21st.



# Academy players benefit from European experience

Three Derby Trailblazers Academy students recently returned from the first ever AASE European development trip. Tom Brown, Luke Daykin and Deivids Kravalis joined 18 other lucky AASE students from other academies across the country. The 16-day tour was hosted by German club SG Weiterstadt and involved the students undertaking daily training sessions, cultural and enhancement visits and a number of games against teams within the Hessen region of Germany.

The 16-day tour was made possible utilising funding from the Leonardo UK Agency. The Leonardo UK Agency grant mobility funding to enable organisations to send apprentices/trainees on European work placements to help develop their individual skills and to open up future employment opportunities. Coach Matt Shaw who was also on the trip was delighted with how the guys responded during the two week.

“On the court the lads did particularly well against some top opposition. Luke Daykin was just shy of a triple double in a double overtime thriller when he had 11 points, 9 assists and

9 rebounds! All in all I think the lads benefited from the trip in many different ways, they had access to top facilities, trained with different players and they also had Warwick Cann (GB Basketball performance director) work with them. Having said that, I think some of the of court stuff was just as valuable, seeing basketball in another country and learning about another culture is something that will certain stay with them,” he said.

***“On the court the lads did particularly well against some top opposition”***



AASE students and coaches in Heidelberg, Germany



# Derby Trailblazers Div1

4.....	Stedroy Baker.....	5'8"	Guard
5.....	Jamie McGaffin .....	6'1"	Guard
6.....	Josh Guddemi .....	6'7"	Forward/Centre
7.....	Rema Lascelles .....	6'3"	Guard
8.....	Martyn Gayle .....	6'3"	Guard
9.....	Rishi Kakad .....	6'2"	Guard
10.....	Mark Woodhouse .....	6'10"	Forward
11.....	Aaron Maher.....	6'1"	Guard
12.....	Dave Attewell.....	6'7"	Forward/Centre
13.....	Matt Ward-Hibbert.....	6'2"	Guard
14.....	Eric Milambo.....	6'7"	Forward
15.....	Troy Whittington .....	6'6"	Forward/Centre

**Coach: Jamie Maudsley**

**Assistants: Steve Baxter, Stedroy Baker**

**First Aid: Jill Kent**



# Leeds Carnegie

4.....	Sean Clifford .....	4
5.....	Dujon Lattie .....	5
6.....	Jesus Guerrero .....	6
7.....	Henry Wilkins.....	7
8.....	Gyorgy Polya .....	8
9.....	Jack McDonald .....	9
10.....	Josh Houghton.....	10
11.....	Ben Thomas .....	11
12.....	Reiss Harwood .....	12
13.....	David Ajumobi .....	13
14.....	Justin Berry .....	14
15.....	Luke Meakin .....	15
22.....	Oliver Hylands .....	22
23.....	Cameron Gypsyn.....	23
24.....	Armand Anebo .....	24

**Coach: Matt Newby**

**Assistants: Bob Muir, Sergio Lara Bercial, James Dugdale**

**Referees:** Paul Unsworth, Kate Webb



# Disappointing weekend ends in 2nd defeat

Worthing Thunder..... 84  
Derby Trailblazers..... 82

For the second night in succession, Derby Trailblazers found themselves on the wrong end of a narrow defeat, as they lost 84-82 at the hands of Worthing Thunder. A disastrous second quarter in which they were outscored 31-14 was largely responsible, but a second night of below par free-throw shooting and some sloppy ball handling were also significant factors.



Derby could only convert 14 of 21 attempts at the line and six of their seven misses came when the pressure was on deep into the final quarter. Their figure of 20 turnovers was also unacceptably high and is something the team must work to eliminate sooner rather than later. Despite this, there was another stunning finale in which the Trailblazers came agonisingly close to snatching the win, but their revival was a little too late in it's arrival.

Derby got off to a great start, with three-pointers from Martyn Gayle and Fishi Kakad helping them to a 12-2 lead after just four minutes, but a Worthing time out and the introduction of Vinnie Darpino steadied their ship as they pulled it back to 18-17 four minutes later. Coach Maudsley was screaming for a time out as Darpino cut the gap to a single point, but his call wasn't answered by the table officials until each side had scored another basket. He subsequently got the response he was looking for from his players, as two points each for Troy Whittington, Josh Guddemi and Mark Woodhouse saw Derby close the first quarter with a 6-0 burst to lead 26-19.

The second period started with a deuce for Worthing before a triple from Gayle put Derby ahead by eight points. However Darpino and Courtney Small then combined to produce an 11-0 burst which put them into a lead which they never relinquished. Worthing's 6'8" American forward Hank Rivers was also becoming increasingly influential at both ends, on his way to 23 points and 9 rebounds and it seemed that without the likes of Dave Attewell and Eric Milambo, the Blazers were struggling to guard him.

A further 10-4 Worthing run saw them open up a 42-35 advantage, before a Derby time out prompted back to back scores from inside and outside the arc by Kakad which cut the gap to just two points. However, there was worse to come, as Darpino hit five of the points in an 8-0 conclusion to the second quarter by the home side, as they went into the break leading 50-40. The gap remained around seven to eleven points throughout much of the third quarter, but it took a monstrous block shot from Whittington to prevent Worthing from adding to their 67-57 advantage at the end of the period. It was one of four such spectacular plays he produced on the night.

Worthing had the better of the opening exchanges in the fourth, with Darpino again scoring at will as they stretched the lead to 75-62 with 6'24" left in the game, but it was at that point that Derby began to fight back. Scores from Kakad and Woodhouse prompted a Thunder time out and when Woodhouse scored again straight after the restart, Gary Smith surprisingly called for his final time out with almost four minutes left. It had little effect, as Gayle immediately hit a three-pointer to complete a 9-0 burst by Derby, which cut the gap to 75-71. The Blazers had a chance to make that 11, but Whittington missed twice at the line.

A wide open James Brame then nailed a three-pointer for the home side, but Gayle responded in kind and made it a trio of threes in quick succession on the next possession. After a couple of exchanges of score, Woodhouse made it a two point game with a pair from the charity stripe with 29 seconds left.

The drama wasn't over though as Rivers missed a pair and he then fouled Rema Lascelles, to become the second Worthing player to exit the game on five fouls in quick succession. The Derby youngster, who had played another blinding game with 4 points, 5 assists and 9 rebounds, could only convert one of the shots to make it 83-82 with 14 seconds on the clock.



Moments later, Lascelles fifth foul ended his involvement and although Small made the first shot, he missed the second. Francesco Amato grabbed an offensive rebound but under intense defensive pressure from Derby, he probably should have been called for a three-second violation. However, the referees instead blew a foul on Stedroy Baker, sending Amato to the line. Remarkably, he missed both shots, leaving Derby 84-82 in

arrears, but with a chance to win the game. The responsibility fell to Kakad, who despite getting a good look at the basket, saw his three-point attempt bounce back off the hoop as the final buzzer sounded.

While on reflection it seems like an extremely disappointing weekend for the previously unbeaten Blazers, Derby can draw positivity from the fact both defeats were by just two points and with that in mind, the return fixtures against both clubs are already promising to be mouth-watering prospects.

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**Worthing: Rivers 23, Darpino 22, Small 17, Tullis 13, Mitchell 4, Brame 3, Amato 2, Seduikis 0, Sunderland 0, Martin DNP, Ugbana DNP.**

**Derby: Gayle 26, Woodhouse 19, Kakad 17, Whittington 14, Lascelles 4, Guddemi 2, Baker 0, Maher 0, McGaffin 0.**

# Latest League Tables

EBL Men D1	W	L	%	Pts
Bristol Academy Flyers	4	0	100%	8
Leicester Warriors	3	0	100%	6
Bradford Dragons	3	1	75%	6
Reading Rockets	2	1	67%	4
Tees Valley Mohawks	2	1	67%	4
Derby Trailblazers	2	2	50%	4
Medway Park Crusaders	1	1	50%	2
Worthing Thunder	1	2	33%	2
Leeds Carnegie	1	2	33%	2
Westminster Warriors	1	2	33%	2
Brixton Topcats	1	3	25%	2
BA London Leopards	0	2	0%	0
PAWS London Capitals	0	4	0%	0

EBL Men D3 North	W	L	%	Pts
Loughboro Students Riders	6	1	86%	12
Manchester Magic	5	0	100%	10
City Of Sheffield Saints	4	2	67%	8
Leeds Carnegie II	4	2	67%	8
Warrington Wolves	4	2	67%	8
Derby Trailblazers II	4	3	57%	8
Huddersfield Heat	4	3	57%	8
Sefton Stars	4	3	57%	8
Sheffield Sabres	3	3	50%	6
Shropshire Warriors	2	4	33%	4
Nottingham Hoods	1	5	14%	2
Birmingham Lions	0	5	0%	0
Stockport Falcons	0	7	0%	0

EBL Men D4 Midlands	W	L	%	Pts
Worcester Wolves II	6	0	100%	12
Ipswich Tomcats	6	1	86%	12
Newcastle Under Lyme	4	3	57%	8
Derby Trailblazers III	4	3	57%	8
Oxford Hoops	4	3	57%	8
Team Gloster	4	3	57%	8
Lincoln Stars	3	3	50%	6
Northampton Trojans	2	4	33%	4
Birmingham Mets II	2	4	33%	4
Leicester Warriors II	1	4	20%	2
County Upper Bulldogs	1	4	20%	2
Bristol University Flyers II	1	6	14%	2

U18 Men - Midlands	W	L	%	Pts
Birmingham Mets	4	0	100%	12
Derby Trailblazers	3	0	100%	9
Shropshire Warriors	3	0	100%	9
Sporting Club Albion (WB)	2	2	50%	8
Birmingham As	2	2	50%	8
Ilkeston Outlaws	2	2	50%	8
Worcester Wolves	1	3	25%	6
Notts Nova Centurion	1	3	25%	6
Leicester Sparks	1	3	25%	6
City of Birmingham II	0	4	0%	4

U16 Boys - North Premier	W	L	%	Pts
Manchester Magic	7	0	100%	21
Northampton N.P.	5	1	83%	16
Cheshire Juniors	4	3	57%	15
Sheffield Saints	3	1	75%	10
Cheshire Jets	2	3	40%	9
Derby Trailblazers	2	3	40%	9
Stockport Falcons	1	5	17%	8
Birmingham As	1	4	20%	7
Leeds Carnegie	1	4	20%	7
Trafford	1	3	20%	6

U15 Boys - Midlands Conf	W	L	%	Pts
Derby Trailblazers	5	0	100%	15
Sheffield Saints	4	1	80%	13
Doncaster Danum Eagles	3	3	50%	12
Notts Nova	3	3	50%	12
City of Birmingham	3	1	75%	10
Leicester Warriors	2	3	40%	8
Leicester Flame	1	5	17%	8
Derbyshire Arrows	0	5	0%	4

U14 Boys - Midlands	W	L	%	Pts
City of Birmingham	3	1	75%	10
Notts Nova	3	0	100%	9
Leicester Dynamite	2	2	50%	8
Derby Trailblazers	2	2	50%	8
Wellingborough Phoenix	2	2	50%	8
Northants Thunder	2	1	67%	7
Coventry Trojans	1	1	50%	4
Coventry Tornadoes	0	4	0%	4
Arden Griffins	0	2	0%	2

U13 Boys - Midlands	W	L	%	Pts
Notts Nova	6	0	100%	18
City of Birmingham	3	1	75%	10
Team Wolverhampton Slam	3	1	75%	10
Leicester Blaze	2	2	50%	7
Coventry Tornadoes	1	3	25%	6
Shropshire Warriors	1	3	25%	6
Derby Trailblazers	1	2	33%	5
Leicester Warriors	1	2	33%	5
Mansfield Giants	0	4	0%	4

Ladies - Founders Cup	W	L	%	Pts
Bradford Dragons	2	0	100%	4
Derby Trailblazers	1	1	50%	2
Huddersfield Heat	0	0	0%	0
Manchester S.D. Divas	0	2	0%	0



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