

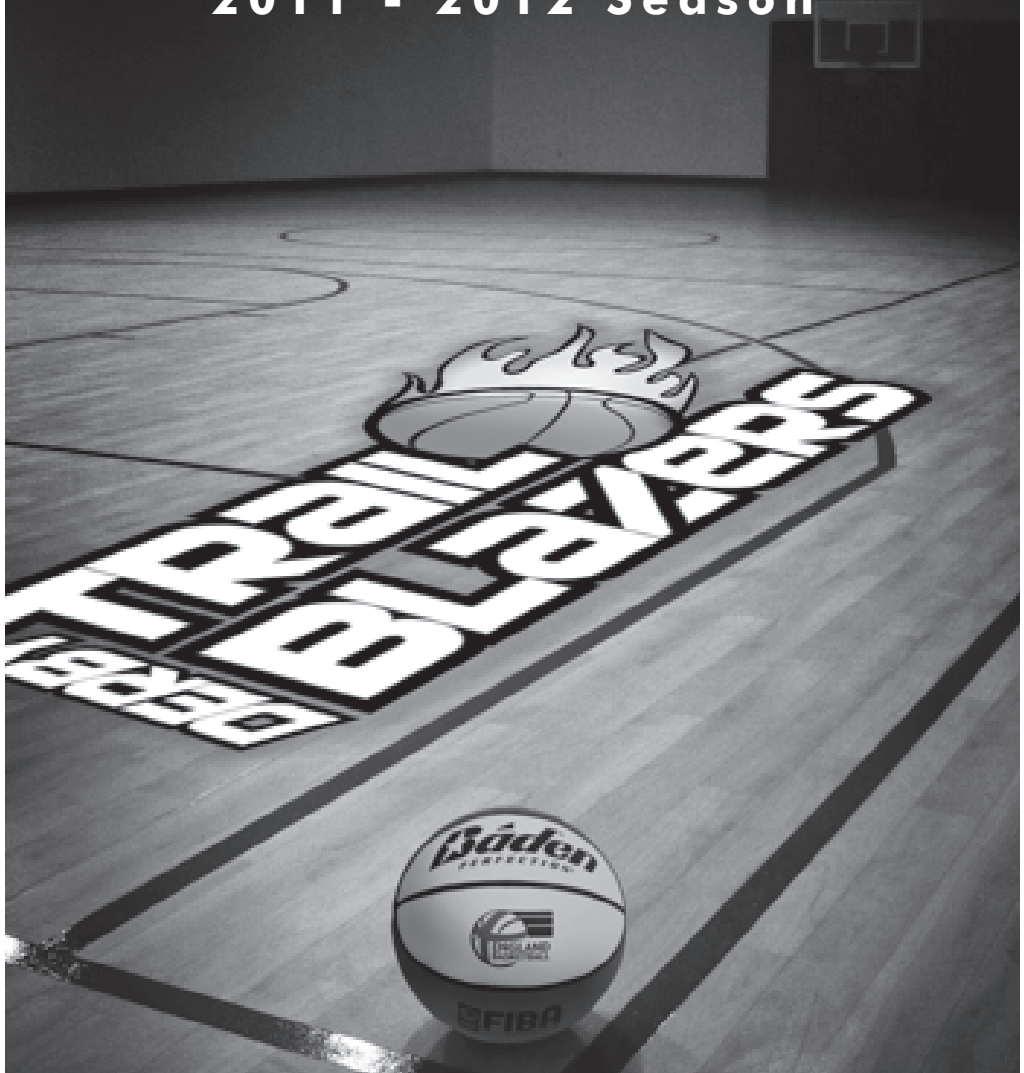
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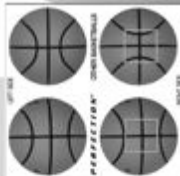
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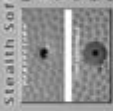
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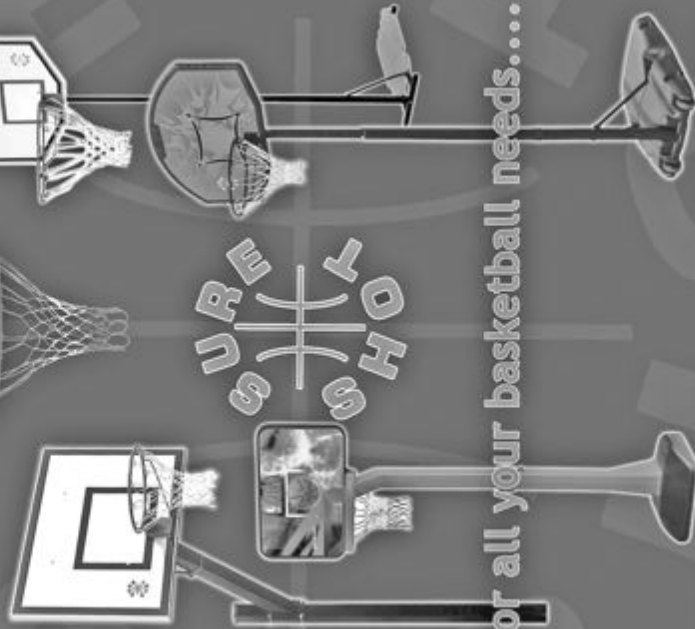


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Thank you all!

WELCOME

Welcome & Happy New Year!

Good evening and welcome to Moorways for tonight's division one league match against Medway Park Crusaders. We extend a warm welcome to Coach Vear and his players and of course to any supporters who've made the lengthy trip up to Derby.

The first half of the season proved to be a winning one and if Blazers can make a few adjustments, starting tonight, we can look forward to an exciting few months ahead.

Behind the scenes, the club has been busy making a few changes off the court. This is because over the last few years the club has grown and is now a very large organisation. The current management structure needed to change to meet the increasing demands placed upon it. We have introduced a number of sub-committees tasked with helping the club to raise participation levels, raise standards and become financially stable.

To achieve all this, we need your help. If you have any skills in marketing, promotion, fund raising, ICT or administration, and would be willing to donate some time, please let us know. Drop me an email or give me a call on the numbers listed below.

I will provide some more details in a future programme, but for now, let's enjoy tonight's game and make some noise to support the Trailblazers!

Charlie Wright



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#4 – Stedroy



#5 Jamie



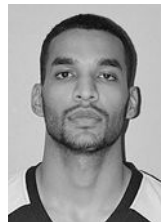
#6 Josh



#7 Rema



#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	W88-50	Moorways LC
Nov 20 2011	Cup QF	Newham Neptunes V Derby	L86-79	Rokeby School
Nov 27 2011	League	Brixton Topcats V Derby Trailblazers	W67-73	Brixton Rec Centre
Dec 3 2011	League	Derby Trailblazers V Leicester Warriors	W73-69	Moorways LC
Dec 10 2011	League	Bradford Dragons V Derby Trailblazers	W75-88	Bradford College Sports Hall
Dec 11 2011	Cup SF	N/A V N/A	N/A	N/A
Dec 17 2011	League	Bristol Academy Flyers V Derby Trailblazers	L70-66	WISE - Filton College Campus
Jan 7 2012	League	Derby Trailblazers V Medway Park Crusaders	7.30pm	Moorways LC
Jan 14 2012	Trophy QF	Derby Trailblazers V Leeds Carnegie	7.30pm	Moorways LC
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	N/A V N/A	N/A	N/A
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 Park
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 win epic local derby

Derby Trailblazers..... 73
Leicester Riders 69

Derby Trailblazers produced a sensational second half fight back to clinch a thrilling 73-69 win in the first local derby of the season at home to Leicester Warriors. They overturned a seventeen point deficit and had to cope with the absence of Mark Woodhouse for the majority of the game, after an early altercation left him needing a hospital visit and several stitches to a gashed head.

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, Dawaun Wells' three-pointer that had given the Warriors their biggest lead of the night was immediately cancelled out by a triple from Rishi Kakad, who was suffering from some superbly shackling by his former teammates.

Moments later, a steal from Dave Attewell led to score for Martyn Gayle off an assist from Kakad as the gap was cut to 43-31. A Leicester time out followed and although there was around a minute remaining before the break, the only change to the score-line was a single free-throw from the impressive Warriors forward Mansour Mbye, who finished with 14 points and 12 rebounds.

After the break, Derby looked a different side. 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 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 the shot to cap off another quality performance that 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 Pettway 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.

Earlier, Derby had got off to a seemingly good start, scoring the first five points of the game, but a Leicester time out sparked a run of 12 straight points. As Woodhouse then attempted to cut the deficit with a lay-up, he was hit on the head by Wells, as the American attempted to block his shot.



With blood flowing from the wound, he had to head to hospital for stitches and Leicester began to dominate. He eventually returned to rapturous applause just in time to witness his teammates seal the victory. 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 that we've got ourselves into that position but an encouraging sign that we've been 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.

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.

Derby suffer narrow defeat in Bristol

Bristol Academy Flyers 70 Derby Trailblazers..... 66

Derby Trailblazers slipped to third place in EBL division one, after losing their top of the table clash against Bristol Academy Flyers. Derby had worked hard to build a 37-28 half time advantage, but a dismal third quarter saw them held scoreless for almost three and a half minutes, until Dave Attewell managed to convert one of two at the line. Bristol had already piled in nine unanswered points by that stage and a further eight without reply concluded a 17-1 run for the home side, leaving them 45-38 ahead with just three minutes and eighteen seconds of the third quarter remaining.

Poor defensive transition by Derby had allowed Bristol to execute much better on the offensive end after the break, resulting in a number of easy scores. However, the Trailblazers were also guilty of holding the ball for too long, meaning a lot of their own attempts ending up being rushed from poor positions as the shot clock was running out. Despite this, the Blazers stayed in contention and had a chance to tie the game when Aaron Maher attempted a three-pointer inside the last minute. On another night, it may well have dropped, but the Trailblazers were suffering an unusually poor shooting night, particularly from outside the extended three-point arcs which were marked on the Bristol court.

did not respond. We held one of the better scoring teams in the league to 70 points, and that should be enough for us to win any game. Unfortunately, our shooting percentages were horrendous both collectively and individually. It's actually the worst we've shot since the opening game of last season. That's the frustrating thing for us, because the chance was there and we just didn't take it," he said.

Derby started well, with Troy Whittington and Mark Woodhouse causing problems inside as they propelled the Blazers to an 8-4 lead by the fifth minute. Further baskets from Rishi Kakad and Whittington stretched the lead to 12-6, before Bristol ended the first quarter with a 7-2 run. The early stages of the second saw Derby again on top, but four quick points from Enrique Garcia which included a dunk kept Bristol in touch through the mid part of the period. After Tyrone Treasure cut the gap to 24-23, the Blazers then produced their best spell of the match in the run up to half time.

Blocks from the diminutive Stedroy Baker and Whittington were the catalyst for a 9-0 run, which included four points from Woodhouse and another three from Rema Lascelles. That left Derby ahead by ten, and they maintained a similar margin for the remainder of the period. Despite Bristol's domination of the third quarter, they were still only one point ahead going into the final ten minutes and when a deuce from Woodhouse was followed up by a triple from Martyn Gayle, it looked as if the momentum may have switched back in Derby's favour as they established a 53-49 advantage, but Bristol's Tyrone Treasure had other ideas. He stepped up to score 12 of his game high 23 points in the final nine minutes, to steer his team to victory.

"Treasure definitely caused us problems, but to be honest, it seemed like a quiet twenty-three. He's their best player and he showed that again at the weekend," Baxter said. "They're a difficult team to beat on their own floor and with the way they defended in the second half, you can see why that's the case. We felt we did a good job of getting the ball inside and converting in the first half, but after the break they made it much more difficult for us and since our outside shooting was off target, our scoring threats simply dried up.

"Despite the defeat, we are only one loss off the top of the table at the Christmas break and I think the league will probably be one of the most open it has been for many years. Our three losses have come for a combined eight points. We need to learn from the defeats we've had and convert those narrow losses into wins. There is no doubt the talent is there, but we have to demonstrate that on the court," he said.

Bristol: Treasure 23, Bowne 9, McLaughlin-Williams 9, Garcia 7, Streete 7, Owen 6, Ranklin 6, Alfaka 3, John-Lewis 0, Watson DNP.

Derby: Whittington 17, Woodhouse 17, Kakad 14, Gayle 9, Attewell 3, Lascelles 3, Maher 3, Baker 0, McGaffin 0, Guddemi 0.



They converted just 21% from downtown and a paltry 32% from the floor overall and assistant coach Steve Baxter believes that was a major factor:

'It was a disappointing loss for us. We put ourselves into an excellent position at half time to go on a win this game and we did not do it. Fair play to Bristol they came out in the second half and really stepped up the intensity, unfortunately for us we

Development and Junior Team News

Division 3 Men					Division 4 Men				
Date	Home	Result	Away	Tip/Venue	Date	Home	Result	Away	Tip/Venue
4/12	Derby II	81-79	Huddersfield		4/12	Derby III	20-0	Gloster	
10/12	Stockport	58-97	Derby II		18/12	CU Bulldogs	PP	Derby III	Rearranged – see below
18/12	Sefton	79-69	Derby II		8/1	Derby III	v	Bristol II	15:00; Noel-Baker
7/1	Nottm Hoods	v	Derby II	19:30; Jesse Boot	14/1	B'ham Mets	v	Derby III	13:00; B'ham College
14/1	Sheff Sabres	v	Derby II	16:00; EIS	22/1	Derby III	v	Oxford Hoops	15:00; Noel-Baker
15/1	Derby II	v	Loughborough	17:00; Noel-Baker	28/1	CU Bulldogs	v	Derby III	16:20; Bury LC
U18's					U16's				
Date	Home	Result	Away	Tip/Venue	Date	Home	Result	Away	Tip/Venue
3/12	B'ham Mets	71-51	Derby		4/12	Trafford	46-63	Derby	
10/12	Ilkeston	58-99	Derby		10/12	Sheffield	89-51	Derby	
11/12	Derby	65-82	Sheffield Saints	Sureshot Cup R3	17/12	Cheshire	85-72	Derby	
7/1	Derby	v	Worcs Wolves	16:00; Noel-Baker	8/1	Northants	v	Derby	13:45; Northants Ac
14/1	Derby	v	Leics Sparks	TBC; Fullhurst SC	15/1	Derby	v	Cheshire	15:00; Noel-Baker
U15's					U14's				
Date	Home	Result	Away	Tip/Venue	Date	Home	Result	Away	Tip/Venue
18/12	City B'ham	49-67	Derby		10/12	Derby	56-74	Wellingboro	
8/1	Derby	v	Leicester Flame	13:00; Noel-Baker	18/12	Notts Nova	110-31	Derby	
14/1	Notts Nova	v	Derby	12:00; Jesse Boot	7/1	Northants	v	Derby	11:30; Northants SFB
15/1	Derby	v	Sheffield Saints	13:00; Noel-Baker	21/1	Coventry T	v	Derby	14:00; Woodlands SC
U13's					Ladies				
Date	Home	Result	Away	Tip/Venue	Date	Home	Result	Away	Tip/Venue
3/12	Wolv'ton	53-57	Derby		12/11	Derby	41-70	Bradford	
10/12	City B'ham	92-25	Derby		21/01	Bradford	v	Derby	18:15; Bradford SC
17/12	Shropshire	40-42	Derby						
8/1	Derby	v	Leics Blaze	11:00; Noel-Baker					
14/1	Notts Nova	v	Derby	14:00; Trinity School					
15/1	Derby	v	Coventry T's	11:00; Noel-Baker					

In next week's programme...



We hope to have a brief review of the recent England U18 games in the Belgacom Invitational Cup. Derby's Josh Guddemi [left] was a part of the team which finished fourth in the tournament.

England won both group matches against USA Prague (84-77) and Switzerland (76-40), before losing their semi-final against Canarias (69-56) and the 3/4th play-off game against the hosts Belgium (74-61).

We also hope to bring you some news about the work the Trailblazers committee has been doing in recent weeks to reorganise the management of the club. This will include the creation of various sub-committees to help steer the club forward and also help reduce the workload of certain individuals who currently have far too much to do.

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Next Weekend

After a break of more than two months, the EBL Men's Trophy is once again at the centre of attention next weekend, as the competition reaches the quarter final stage. Derby go into the knock out phase of the Trophy with a 100% record from the group stages, where they recorded wins over London Capital, London Leopards, Bradford, Reading and tonight's opponents Medway Park. Their opponents, Leeds Carnegie, finished fourth in the opposite pool, after

wins over Worthing, Leicester and Tees Valley left them with a record of three wins and three defeats.

The quarter final tie is a straight knock out affair, with the winners progressing to the semi-finals on the weekend of February 11/12th. Tip off next Saturday January 14th is at 7:30pm at Moorways. The other three ties all take place on Sunday 15th January, with Bristol taking on Bradford, Brixton up against Reading and Leopards at home to Worthing.

Tonight's Visitors – Medway Park Crusaders

Medway Park Crusaders make their second visit of the season to Moorways for tonight's opening league match of 2012 and there is no doubt that they will provide much sterner opposition than they did when taking on Derby in pool stage of the EBL Men's Trophy. Forwards Adrian Fenyn and Kalil Irvine were both missing through injury that night and the Crusaders have also strengthened their roster since then. Trailblazers Coach Jamie Maudsley believes the Crusaders are probably the form team in the league at the moment, having racked up some impressive results in recent weeks:

"I really like the team that James [Vear] has put together. Bringing his brother [Steve] back to play point guard was a great move and they've also brought in Josh Johnson from Leopards too, which makes them even tougher. When we played them last time, Joe Schow was playing through injury and two of their regular starting five didn't play either. Consequently, I don't think you can attach any relevance to what happened in the Trophy game back in October, because they could legitimately be putting out four guys we haven't seen before when they face us tonight.

"James is a good coach and it looks like he's got them playing very well. They've had some big results going into the Christmas break, beating Bristol, Leopards and Reading. They're definitely the form team at the moment. They've got good inside players, they've got a centre who can do a bit of everything and tough guards who can shoot the ball well from inside and out, so I think it's a tough game to prepare for," he said.

One of key's to Medway's recent success has been the return to the roster of Steve Vear, who hit 26 points in their win over Bristol, including ten straight in the final quarter to help secure the victory. Not surprisingly, Maudsley has identified him as a significant threat:

"I coached against him when I was in charge of Derby's second team and he was playing for Westminster Warriors in division three and he's every bit as tough as you'd expect a former BBL player to be. They're also going to be tough inside. Adrian Fenyn has consistently been one

of the best post players in the league over the last season and I don't expect anything to have changed. They'll also have Kalil Irvine back, who didn't play against us last time and they have some of the best shooters in the league with the likes of Luke Baker, James Harris and Tom Raymen.

"To go three weeks without a competitive game is fairly unusual, but with the exception of the Christmas week, we've tried to keep training as usual. In effect, it's no different to normal, because we will have trained Tuesday and Thursday before playing on Saturday. I'm guessing it will have been the same for them, because they have a couple of import players or players from out of the area, who will have wanted to go home and spend time with their families.

"In terms of a mid-season report for us, if I'm honest I'd say it's a case of could do better. Our three losses are for a combined total of eight points and when losses are as narrow as that, it's often just a case of a shot dropping or not. We had a shot to win the game against Worthing which rimmed out. I don't think we had a shot to win against Reading, but we had a three-point attempt that would have tied the game inside the last minute against Bristol, so there are lessons to be learned as we prepare for the final two thirds of the league season.

"I think our guys are getting bored of me saying it, but every game we play at the moment has massive significance. Medway Park are on three losses like us, although they've played one game less. If we lose the game, they'll move ahead of us in terms of the head to head situation and so although it's a bit of a cliché, every game is a big game and that's not going to change anytime soon.

"Our focus this weekend is therefore going to be about focussing on what we need to do against Medway and hopefully we'll have a big crowd in again at Moorways like we've had for the last couple of home games and they can inspire us towards getting an important win," he said.

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"	Guard
13.....
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



Medway Park Crusaders

4.....	Luke Baker	6'2"	Guard
5.....	Disraeli Lufadeju	6'2"	Guard
6.....	Fred Whitehouse.....	6'5"	Forward
11.....	Thomas Raymen	6'0"	Guard
15.....	Sam Betts	6'4"	Forward
21.....	Joseph Schow.....	6'9"	Forward
22.....	Adrian Fenyn	6'6"	Forward
23.....	James Harris	6'0"	Guard
24.....	Ibrahim Omar	6'1"	Guard
25.....	JP Dimandja	6'6"	Centre
32.....	Matt Carpenter	6'6"	Forward
33.....	Steve Year	5'10"	Guard
50.....	Kalil Irving.....	6'6"	Forward
53.....	Josh Johnson.....	6'1"	Guard

Coach: James Year
Assistants: Craig Nichol

Referees: Roger Harrison, Mac Callender



Derby go top of the table after Bradford win

Bradford Dragons75
Derby Trailblazers.....88

Derby Trailblazers 88-75 away win over Bradford Dragons coupled with an unexpected defeat for Bristol Academy Flyers has catapulted the Blazers back to the top of the EBL division one table and set up a fascinating match next weekend, when Derby and Bristol meet in the West Country for the final game before the Christmas break. Derby's success was spearheaded by the sensational performance of American Troy Whittington, who top scored with 26 points off the back of an incredible 92% strike rate. His haul included three trademark slam dunks, while at the defensive end of the court he produced another two blocked shots, to further cement his position as the leading shot blocker in division one. The Blazers Assistant Coach Steve Baxter was delighted by his performance:

"Troy had a standout game for us. To score twenty-six points by converting twelve of thirteen from the floor was mightily impressive. Defensively he was always where we needed him to be and it was pleasing that he carried that momentum to the offensive end. He is so dangerous close to the basket and Jamie and I have been urging him to score more, and tonight he delivered," he said.

Bradford's impressive power forward Vance Silcott, who put thirty past Derby in the Men's Trophy tie between the two clubs and who had been averaging 21.6 points and 12 rebounds a game, was held to just eighteen points and three boards, thanks again to the efforts of Whittington: "We were aggressive on defence, especially on Silcott who caused us so many problems at home. Our big guys did a great job in contesting his shots and boxing him out and to hold him to 40% shooting and only three rebounds was a phenomenal effort, particularly by Troy," Baxter added.



the lead continued to seesaw first one way and then the other throughout much of the period, with a dunk from Whittington being one of the few highlights.

Bradford's biggest lead of the night came right at the start of the third quarter, when a jump shot from Silcott made it 42-37 in the Dragon's favour. However, Derby responded with 11 straight points, which included baskets from Kakad, Woodhouse and another spectacular slam from Whittington, who was responsible for seven of the points in the run. Three-pointers from Lascelles and Martyn Gayle helped the Blazers extend the lead to 60-50, before Raimonds Pabriezta fired home a triple to cut the deficit to seven points going into the final quarter. That was a signal that Bradford were in no mind to give up and a strong start to the fourth saw them tie the game at 62-all and force a Derby time out.

A third dunk from Whittington, a three and a two from Lascelles and a triple from Gayle in a 10-4 run was precisely the kind of response the Blazers coaching staff were looking for. When Woodhouse stretched the lead to 79-70 with two minutes left, a Bradford time out gave the instruction to foul on subsequent Derby possessions, but the Blazers kept their cool to convert nine out of the ten at the line, to seal a fourth straight win. For Baxter, it was a job well done:

"We knew going in to the game that they were a very dangerous team at home and that we would need to play well to win. It's their first year in Division 1 and they have started off very well and got some great results, particularly on their home court. They're a little short handed at the moment, so our plan was to try and play an up tempo game and try and wear them out. When we established a double figure lead in the second half it looked like the plan was working, but credit to them, because they came back to tie the game up. In the end I think we had a bit too much for them and it helped that we had ten players who saw court time against their seven.

"In the first half we just could not seem to get our shots to fall. We were getting good looks but not converting. When I saw the stats afterwards and that we shot 52% from the field I was quite shocked as it didn't feel like our best shooting performance of the season. I guess that was testament to our second half performance where we played mostly a much better game. That's four wins in a row now which should give us confidence. Hopefully we can take that confidence into Bristol next week. They are the reigning champions so we are under no illusions how tough they are going to be. They also have not lost yet on their home court so we need to be focussed and prepared if we are going to go down there and come away with the victory," he said.

Derby got off to a good start, with Mark Woodhouse netting the first two baskets and after Whittington blocked a shot from Michael Ciesla, Rema Lascelles made it 6-0 to the Blazers after just two and a half minutes. But a succession of missed shots allowed Bradford back into the game and they were leading 13-11 by the end of the first quarter. A three-pointer from Rishi Kakad put Derby back in front at 16-15 early in the second, but

Bradford: Silcott 18, Sulcs 15, McGrew 12, R .Pabriezta 12, Ciesla 9, Edmunds 9, Scott 0, D. Pabriezta DNP.

Derby: Whittington 26, Kakad 19, Gayle 14, Woodhouse 12, Lascelles 11, Maher 6, Baker 0, Attewell 0, Guddemi 0, McGaffin 0.

Latest League Tables

EBL Men D1	W	L	%	Pts
Bristol Academy Flyers	7	2	78%	14
Worthing Thunder	7	2	78%	14
Derby Trailblazers	6	3	67%	12
Leicester Warriors	6	3	67%	12
Bradford Dragons	5	3	63%	10
Medway Park Crusaders	5	3	63%	10
Reading Rockets	5	4	56%	10
Brixton Topcats	5	4	56%	10
Leeds Carnegie	3	6	33%	6
BA London Leopards	2	4	33%	4
Tees Valley Mohawks	2	6	25%	4
PAWS London Capitals	1	7	13%	2
Westminster Warriors	1	8	11%	2

EBL Men D3 North	W	L	%	Pts
Manchester Magic	8	2	80%	16
Loughboro Students Riders	8	2	80%	16
Warrington Wolves	8	3	73%	16
City Of Sheffield Saints	8	3	73%	16
Sefton Stars	7	5	58%	14
Sheffield Sabres	6	4	60%	12
Derby Trailblazers II	5	6	45%	10
Leeds Carnegie II	4	5	44%	8
Huddersfield Heat	4	7	36%	8
Nottingham Hoods	3	9	25%	6
Shropshire Warriors	2	8	20%	4
Stockport Falcons	1	10	9%	2

EBL Men D4 Midlands	W	L	%	Pts
Worcester Wolves II	10	0	100%	20
Ipswich Tomcats	10	1	91%	20
Derby Trailblazers III	6	3	67%	12
Team Gloster	6	4	60%	12
Lincoln Stars	6	5	55%	12
Oxford Hoops	5	5	50%	10
Newcastle-u-Lyme College Knights	5	6	45%	10
University of Northampton Trojans	4	6	40%	8
Birmingham Mets II	4	7	36%	8
County Upper Bulldogs	3	5	38%	6
Leicester Warriors II	1	9	10%	2
Bristol University Flyers II	1	10	9%	2

U18 Men - Midlands Conf	W	L	%	Pts
Birmingham Mets	8	0	100%	24
Shropshire Warriors	7	1	88%	22
Derby Trailblazers	6	1	86%	19
Sporting Club Albion (WB)	4	4	50%	16
Birmingham A's	4	4	50%	16
Notts Nova Centurion	4	4	50%	16
Leicester Sparks	2	6	25%	12
Ilkeston Outlaws	2	6	25%	12
Worcester Wolves	2	5	29%	11
City of Birmingham II	0	8	0%	8

U16 Boys - North Premier	W	L	%	Pts
Manchester Magic	9	0	100%	27
Northampton Nets Phoenix	8	1	89%	25
Sheffield Saints	7	2	78%	23
Cheshire Juniors	5	3	63%	18
Cheshire Jets	4	5	44%	17
Derby Trailblazers	4	5	44%	17
Leeds Carnegie	2	7	22%	13
Birmingham A's	2	5	29%	11
Trafford	1	8	11%	11
Stockport Falcons	1	7	13%	10

U15 Boys - Midlands	W	L	%	Pts
Derby Trailblazers	7	0	100%	21
Sheffield Saints	6	1	86%	19
Notts Nova	5	3	63%	18
City of Birmingham	5	2	71%	17
Doncaster Danum Eagles	4	5	44%	17
Leicester Warriors	2	6	25%	12
Leicester Flame	1	8	11%	11
Derbyshire Arrows	1	6	14%	9

U14 Boys - Midlands	W	L	%	Pts
Notts Nova	7	0	100%	21
City of Birmingham	6	1	86%	19
Leicester Dynamite	5	2	71%	17
Northants Thunder	4	2	67%	14
Coventry Trojans	3	4	43%	13
Wellingborough Phoenix	3	4	43%	13
Derby Trailblazers	2	5	29%	11
Arden Griffins	1	6	14%	9
Coventry Tornados	0	7	0%	7

U13 Boys - Midlands	W	L	%	Pts
Notts Nova	9	0	100%	27
City of Birmingham	6	2	75%	20
Leicester Blaze	6	2	75%	20
Team Wolverhampton Slam	4	4	50%	16
Derby Trailblazers	4	3	57%	15
Shropshire Warriors	3	4	43%	13
Leicester Warriors	1	7	13%	10
Coventry Tornados	1	6	14%	9
Mansfield Giants	0	6	0%	6

Ladies - Founders Cup	W	L	%	Pts
Bradford Dragons	3	0	100%	9
Derby Trailblazers	1	1	50%	4
Huddersfield Heat	0	1	0%	1
Manchester Slam Dunkin Divas	0	2	0%	2

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