WARRIORS U15'S 58-41 WILDCATS

Following last weeks mauling at the hands of an older Shropshire Warriors, this friendly against their under 15's was a much closer affair.

Wildcats started the game lacking visible confidence and missed three good opportunities to take the lead before Shropshires Biddulph opened the scoring with the first of his eight successive points, all on the drive from the top , through the key as a result of a lack of help defence by the Wildcats.

Charlie Frost scored Wildcats first basket in the seventh minute by which time Shropshire had established a commanding 13-0 lead. Three foul shots from Chris Stevens started to get the score moving and as the game moved into the second quarter Wildcats were 14 points adrift 5-17

With the score 25-5 in the 13th minute Wildcats changed to a zone defence but failed to stop the Salopians from establishing a healthy half time lead of 24 points 33-9

With several of Wildcats shots hitting the low roof, the second half hopefully wold prove better and with the Wildcats now introducing their own press reaped dividends as they outscored the home team 10-4 to reduce the 24 point margin to 18 after seven mins.

As Wildcats confidence visibly grew on the back of the Zone press so the game became even and a good contest as the game moved into the final quarter with Wildcats 23-48 behind.

With Big Neil Goode grabbing the rebounds and Chris Stevens finding how easy it was to drive to the hoop so Wildcats reduced the deficit with a good run to reduce the margin even further to 17 points 41-68. With the exception of the first quarter when Shropshire dominated, the game was even which showed how far the Wildcats had come in one week since their last outing.

Ben Hood was excellent in controlling the point as was Chas Frost and both Ed Parry and Jon Buchan had solid games.

The most glaring deficiencies Which undermined Wildcats games was footwork and poor pass selection which amounted to 42 of Wildcats 46 loss of possession. One area that was pleasing was that with the introduction of the press and the more up tempo game allowed Wildcats to gain possession 47 times, the other positive area was the 46 rebounds.

Chris Stevens 19 pts

Chris Stevens is the first player to gain double double stats of the season following his 18 points and 11 rebounds

	Ms	2G		3G		TG		FT		D	O	[T]	To	S	A	B	F	Pts
N. Goode	40	10-03	30%	0-0		10-03	30%	4-0		15	3	[18]	16	5	0	2	2	6
C. Stevens	38	14-05	36%	3-1	33%	17-06	31%	11-5	46%	8	3	[11]	5	1	0	1	3	18
B. Hood	32	19-03	16%	6-1	17%	25-04	16%	0-0		1	1	[2]	10	1	1	0	3	9
C. Frost	29	08-02	25%	0-0		08-02	25%	6-4	67%	1	2	[3]	10	7	1	0	2	8
E Parry	27	04-00		0-0		04-00		0-0		3	1	[4]	1	1	0	0	2	0
J. Buchan	25	01-00		0-0		01-00		0-0		5	1	[6]	3	0	2	0	0	0
A. Pinder	06	00-00		0-0		00-00		0-0		1	1	[2]	1	0	0	0	1	0
D. Tolgyesi	03	00-00		0-0		00-00		0-0		0	0	[0]	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	200	66-13	20%	9-2	22%	75-15	20%	21-8	38%	34	12	[46]	46	47	4	3	13	41

Total Possessions 131 - Lost Possession 35% - lost ball every 2.85 possessions - points per possession 0.313