

Wildcats v Nottingham

Wildcats started off brightly and lost the opening exchanges 2-4 over the opening five minutes when with a little more care could and should have found themselves in front.

Despite losing the first quarter 2-14 Wildcats at the start of the second quarter were still more than a match for their East Midlands visitors, who last season were National under 16 runners up.

The second quarter saw Wildcats fail to convert numerous scoring opportunities despite level pegging Nottingham 7-7 over the opening seven minutes. A final flurry from Nottingham gave the score a somewhat distorted view 9-27 in a half that saw Wildcats score just four baskets from 38 at an appalling 10.5%. If Wildcats had shot there normal 30% they could quite easily have been ahead.

Nottingham started the second half with a purple period as everything they threw up went in during a 9-0 two minute opening salvo.

Despite a brief rally Nottingham gained confidence as Wildcats made sure everyone had quality court time, as Wildcats lost the third quarter 6-27.

The fourth quarter saw Wildcats have their most productive period scoring 11pts but with Parry and Head being rested it meant Wildcats struggled at guard, Nottingham capitalised on this weakness to outscore Wildcats 3-28 to run out somewhat flattering victor's 26-90.

It was pleasing to see Wildcats cope with the pressure that Nottingham put on them and that the work in training on footwork paid major dividends as very few turnovers came from poor footwork.

The area turnovers came from was from poor pass selection and poor passing technique. But even this paled into insignificance as Wildcats shot an abysmal 10 from 73 attempts at 14%. If Wildcats are to succeed then they must be looking to hit 45% and also take more care in their passing which will reduce the turnovers

	P	W	L	F	A	PTS
Northampton	1	1	0	110	35	2
B,ham XL	1	1	0	55	54	2
Shropshire	1	0	1	54	55	0
Wolves	3	1	2	81	200	4
Avon						
Bullets						
Derby						
Leicester						
Nottingham	1	1	0	90	26	2
Stoke						

	min	FG	3G	TFG	FT	D	O	TOTT/0	S	A	C	B	F	PTS
Chris Stevens	37	16-3 19%	4-1 25%	20-4 20%	04-2 50%	3	1	[4]	6	2	1	0	2	3 11
Jon Brackett	31	08-0	0-0	08-0	02-0	3	3	[6]	3	0	0	0	1	1 0
Phil Chamberlain	30	11- 2 18%	0-0	11-2 18%	04-1 25%	5	4	[9]	3	1	0	0	1	4 5
Ben Head	27	04-0	3-0	07-0	04-2 50%	2	0	[2]	6	0	0	0	0	2 2
Simon Stewart	27	09-1 11%	0-0	09-1 11%	02-2 100%	6	11	[17]	1	0	0	0	2	1 4
Ed Parry	26	13-2 16%	0-0	13-2 16%	02-0	8	0	[8]	3	2	0	0	0	1 4
Chris Woodman	13	04-1 25%	0-0	04-1 25%	00-0	1	0	[1]	4	0	0	0	0	0 2
Chris Woodman	9	01-0	0-0	01-0	00-0	0	0	[0]	0	0	0	0	0	0 2
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	200	66-9 14%	7-1 14%	73-10 14%	18-5 28%	28	19	[47]	26	13	1	0	6	12 26

Total possessions 108- lost possession 24% - Lost ball every 4.15 possessions - points per possession .241