

# WILDCATS 47-82 XL B,HAM

Wildcats having improved on last seasons showing against Stoke at Aldersley last weekend, Wildcats were looking to further gauge their progress against XL Birmingham at Stockland Green.

XL B,ham last season saw Wildcats lose both games to 19-72 and 28-143 and without Ed Parry, Simon Stewart and Chris Woodman a depleted side of just six players took to the court and were soon up against it as

Charlie Frost first point from the foul line in the eighth minute was Wildcats first score of the game by which time XL B,ham had already scored 20 ..... A further 11 points without response until Chris Stevens 3-pointer on the dying seconds was an embarrassment as Wildcats played some of the their worst basketball for 12 months, with naive decision making, poor pass and shot selection, and unsure of where to go on offense or transition and as a result XL B,ham took advantage as they did at the start of the second quarter as they built up a commanding 37-4 lead by the 7th minute.

Ben Head scored a nice little driving layup with three minutes of the half remaining, this was quickly followed by four scores from Stevens as Wildcats outscored the home side 11-6 to tie the second quarter 12-12 and reduce the deficit to 27 points 43-16

Wildcats playing excellent man defence saw it provide a platform to outscore XL B,ham 10-4 over

the opening six minutes to further reduce the deficit to 21 points 26-47 thanks to a brace each from Phil Chamberlain and Stevens plus another from Head.

Wildcats failed to read the press and for a couple of mins saw XL regain the upper hand with a 14-2 run which saw the home team squeak the third quarter 13-16 to lead 29-59.

Coach Parkes set the Wildcats a target of scoring 50 points and restrict XL to just 80 and this looked unlikely as XL started on fire and run up a 16-4 run in just four minutes to lead 73-33 but excellent defence again provided a good platform for a tiring Wildcats to produce a 14-9 finish to just fail to reach both goals by a whisker

Credit must go to the six players for not giving up and coming back from a soul destroying first quarter to compete on level terms for the final three quarters 45-43....

## Wildcats Player Effective Match Ratings

Phil Chamberlain	17.50
Dan Tolgyesi	14.30
Chris Stevens	-1.07
Ben Head	-1.25
John Brackett	-2.10
Chas Frost	-5.20

	Ms	2G	3G	TG	FT	D	O	[T]	To	S	A	B	F	Pts
C Stevens	40	22-06 27%	9-2 22%	31-08 26%	4-1 25%	3	3	[ 6]	6	3	3	0	1	19
B. Head	40	09-05 56%	4-1 25%	13-06 46%	2-0 25%	5	1	[ 6]	7	3	2	0	1	13
P. Chamberlain	40	18-04 22%	0-0	18-04 22%	0-0	14	11	[25]	6	5	0	0	3	8
J Brackett	38	05-02 40%	1-0	06-02 33%	8-2 25%	3	4	[ 7]	5	1	1	0	2	6
C. Frost	28	03-00	2-0	05-00	2-1 50%	4	1	[ 5]	3	0	1	0	0	1
D. Tolgyesi	14	00-00	0-0	00-00	0-0	0	0	[ 0]	0	2	0	0	0	0
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	200	57-17 30%	14-3 21%	71-20 28%	16-4 25%	29	20	[49]	27	22	7	0	7	47

Total Possessions 106 - Lost Possession 26% - lost ball every 3.93 possessions - points per possession 0.443