

# **NORTHAMPTON NEPTUNES PRESS RELEASE**

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Northampton Neptunes      92  
Tile Hill Trojans              76

**The Northampton Neptunes kept their 100 percent record last week after seeing off last years league runners up.**

The Neptunes were given an early scare in the first quarter as the Trojans came out strong and took a double digit lead, Tyler Kathan helped the Neptunes fight back as he drove to the basket for consecutive scores. Mark Spatcher help the Neptunes regain the lead at the end of the quarter after hitting a pair of three pointers to give the Neptunes a 25-17 advantage.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> the Neptunes stepped up their defence as they gave up just 16 points. The Neptunes fast break was beginning to function as Shafiq Omar and Sam Mennell picked up transition scores. Spatcher and Kathan kept the score board ticking as the Neptunes began to stamp their authority on the game, another three pointer on the half time buzzer from Spatcher saw the Neptunes go into the break 50-39 in front

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> the Neptunes bench began to get into the game with Henry Uriem and Ben Knight both hitting around the basket as the Neptunes extended their lead to 77-55. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter saw the Neptunes cruise to victory 92-76

After the game Spatcher said “ to give Tile Hill credit they put us under pressure early on in the game, there tall side bigger than a lot of National league teams so we found the going tough in the first quarter. I’m happy with our teams performance overall, today was our best collective effort as a team so far this season so hopefully we can keep building on our first 4 wins, I think our real test will be when we take on the Coventry Warriors at the end of the month at Lings Forum, they’ve won 8 of the last 10 league titles so that will be a massive game for us, I think who ever wins that game will certainly be in the driving seat for winning the league”.

Top scorers for the Neptunes were Mark Spatcher who hit a game high of 29 points, American Tyler Kathan gave vital support with 27 points, the two were well support by Shafiq Omar who backed them up with 17 points.

The Neptunes have a week off from the league as they prepare to take on Warwick University in two weeks time.

For more information see [www.northampton-neptunes.co.uk](http://www.northampton-neptunes.co.uk) or contact Dianna Stroud on 07718 324406.

## **Warwickshire Basketball Men's League Final Table**

<b>Division ONE</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Points</b>
Northampton Neptunes	4	4	0	391	303	8
Premier Warriors	3	3	0	272	165	6

GAC	3	2	1	261	206	5
Aylesford Hawks	4	1	3	289	339	5
Tile Hill Trojans I	3	1	2	242	253	4
Onley Outlaws	3	1	2	193	234	4
Tamworth Tigers	3	1	2	207	269	4
Warwick University I	3	0	3	170	256	3