

NORTHAMPTON NEPTUNES PRESS RELEASE

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Northampton Neptunes 92
Aylesford Hawks 78

The Northampton Neptunes go top after an impressive win over the Hawks at Lings Forum.

The Neptunes made it three wins from three after they beat the Aylesford side in front of 400 strong crowd at Lings Forum leisure centre on Saturday. The Neptunes got off to a good start as Mark Spatcher picked up back to back scores in the opening minute which was followed up by a long range three pointer from Sam Mennell, as the Neptunes took the lead. American Tyler Kathan began to get to the basket as he helped extend the Neptunes lead to 24-18 at the end of the quarter.

In the 2nd the Neptunes stepped up their defence which lead to quick scores from Shafiq Omar and a dunk from Spatcher, the Neptunes bench kept the score board ticking over as Ross Caffrey and Henry Uriem picked up scores around the basket. The Hawks continued to fight hard and scored a three pointer on the buzzer at the half as the Neptunes went into the break with a commanding lead 47-34.

In the 3rd and 4th quarters the Hawks did manage to narrow the lead to single digits but each time Northampton's leading scores Kathan and Spatcher came up with scores, also Joe Mclean and Like Griffiths picked up scores as all of the Neptunes team got onto the score sheet. The Neptunes eventually ran out winners 92-78.

Top scorers for the Neptunes were Tyler Kathan who hit a game high of 29 points, skipper Mark Spatcher hit 25 points, the two were well support by Shafiq Omar who backed them up with 14 points. Sam Mennell also had his best game of the season in the Northampton colours.

The Neptunes take on Tile Hill this week as they look to cement their place at the top of the table.

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Warwickshire Basketball Men's League

Division ONE	P	W	L	F	A	Points
Northampton Neptunes	3	3	0	299	227	6
Premier Warriors	2	2	0	197	111	4
Aylesford Hawks	3	1	2	213	251	4
GAC	1	1	0	105	59	2
Onley Outlaws	1	0	1	54	76	1

Tile Hill Trojans I	1	0	1	61	92	1
Tamworth Tigers	1	0	1	73	119	1
Warwick University I	1	0	1	50	105	1