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Herts Basketball League Newsletter



League Standings (As of 1st January 2026)

Division One

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Void.	Pts For.	Pts Agt.	Diff.	Points
Herts Stags	11.	7.	3.	0.	863	801	+55	14
Luton Basketball	8.	5.	3.	0.	684	610	+74	10
Amersham Comets	7.	5.	2.	0.	556	487	+69	10
North Herts Knights 1	8.	5.	3.	0.	544	533	+11	10
Michaelians	9.	5.	4.	0.	671	664	+ 7	10
Oaklands Academy & C	4.	4.	0.	0.	338	318	+20	8
Harlow Hawks	9.	4.	5.	0.	596	593	+ 3	8
Aylesbury Dux Elite	8.	2.	6.	0.	530	569	-39	4
Bucks Hornets	7.	1.	6.	0.	471	549	-78	2
Stevenage Royals	4.	1.	3.	0.	304	392	-88	2
Hemel Wolves 1	3.	0.	3.	0.	194	228	-34	0

Division Two

Enfield Mercenaries	10.	10.	0.	0.	798	493	+305	20
Hemel Wolves 2.	9.	9.	0.	0.	638	406	+232	18
Herts Heat	11.	8.	3.	0.	710	535	+175	16
North Herts Knights 2	9.	5.	4.	0.	553	523	+ 30	10
Aylesbury Dux Masters	11.	5.	6.	0.	602	608	- 6	10
West Herts Warriors	7.	5.	2.	0.	450	408	+42	10
Aylesbury Dux Rebels	9.	4.	5.	0.	579	558	+21	8
Hatfield Magic	7.	4.	3.	0.	476	410	+66	8
Watford Hong Kongers	9.	4.	5.	0.	479	529	-50	8
Cranfield	7.	3.	4.	0.	445	462	-17	6
Birchwood Braves	11.	2.	9.	0.	506	631	-125	4
Oaklands Vets	9.	2.	7.	0.	481	668	-187	4
Ravens	13.	0.	13.	0.	336	822	-486	0

INTRODUCING THE TEAMS

DIVISION ONE



AMERSHAM COMETS

Played 8 Points 610

Most Appearances 8. Jack Holt, Connor Rapecki, Michael Daniel

Most Points. Jack Holt 200, Connor Rapecki 177, Michael Daniel 82

Most Fouls. Michael Daniel 20, Angelos Magriplis 15, Connor Rapecki 14

Biggest Win 93-64 (H) Bucks Hornets

Biggest Defeat 71-76 (H) North Herts Knights 1



AYLESBURY DUX ELITE

Played 9 Points 589

Most Appearances. No ever-present player. 8.Ehinon Aikhuomobe, Dhru Kava, Matthew Jenkins, Nasim Madri-Aghmir and Francis Makombe

Most Pts Ehinon Aikhuomoebe 84, Jeremy Thurairajah 82, Daniel Ginger 76

Most Fouls Daniel Ginger 17, Jeremy Thurairajah, Ehinon Aikhuomoebe 16

Biggest Win 84-67 (A) Stevenage Royals

Biggest Defeat 49-71 (A) Harlow Hawks.



BUCKS HORNETS

Played 8 Points 540

Most Appearances 8. Jamie Wright, 7 Leo Mason, Ben Henjic, Marcel Witomki, Eniel Ermino and Lowen Tanner.

Most Points Leo Mason 89. Jamie Wright 87, Ben Henjic 60

Most Fouls Lee Brennan 14, Jamie Wright 13

Biggest Win 73-72 (A) Michaelians

Biggest Defeat 69-115 Oaklands Wolves A&C Division One Cup



HARLOW HAWKS

Played 10 Points 665

Most Appearances 10. Petr Simecek, Guglielmo Miglori. 9.Reuben White, Richard Whytock and Lee Morris.

Most Points. Guglielmo Miglori 154, Freddie Hiscock 94, Matteo Brunelli 55.

Most Fouls. Guglielmo Miglori 35, Petr Simecek 16, Reuben White 14.

Biggest Win 71-49 (H) Aylesbury Dux Elite

Biggest Defeat 49-61 (H) Herts Stags



HEMEL WOLVES 1

Played 5 Points 343

Most Appearances 5. Tomas Gudonis, Raimondas Mikalauskas, Petar Jelcic
Most Points Dominic Prospere 66, Daniel Kostadinov 64, Edvinas Naumovas 37 and Mohamed Kitiri 32.

Most Fouls Mohamed Kitiri 13, Egidijus Markevicius 12

Biggest Win 89-74 (H) Oaklands Wolves A&C Division One Cup

Biggest Defeat 59-87 (A) Luton



HERTS STAGS

Played 13 Points 1015

Most Appearances. 13. Ali Sbai, 12 Roan Lenihan and Remus Norkeliuna
11. Richie Wong, Ashley Whipman and Ritchie Burgess

Most Points Ali Sbai 245. Remus Norkeliuna 168, Roan Lenihan 110

Most Fouls Remus Norkeliuna 31, Roan Lenihan 20

Biggest Win 97-78 twice (A) Stevenage Royals and (H) Bucks Hornets

Biggest Defeat



LUTON BASKETBALL CLUB

Played 11 Points 952

Most Appearances 11. Malik Griffith-Johnson. Shaquille O'Henry and
Allanzo Newton-Markman Most Points Malik Griffith-Johnson 275. Shaquille
Lewis 185 Allanzo Newton-Markman 148 and Rian Atkins 90

Most Fouls Rian Atkins 23, Allanzo Newton-Markman 22

Biggest Win 124-70 (A) Stevenage Royals

Biggest Defeat 67-81 (A) Herts Stags



MICHAELIANS

Played 10 Points 738

Most Appearances 10 Lawrence Gaston, Oleksiy Ryabinin and Catalin Preda

Most Points Lawrence Gaston 210 (First player to 200 individual points)

Oleksiy Ryabinin 170 and Solomon Williams 88

Most Fouls Lawrence Gaston 26, Catalin Prada 23, William Critchlow 18

Biggest Win 94-83 (A) Luton

Biggest Defeat 67-77 (A) Herts Stags Division One Cup



NORTH HERTS KNIGHTS 1

Played 11 Points 744

No player ever present. 10 Matthew Eames and Mark Denchfield. 9 Robert
Webb, Chris Whybrow and Luke Patterson

Most Points Mark Denchfield 149, Chris Wybrow 119, Matthew Eames 81

Most Fouls Matthew Eames 26, Rafe Abrook 18

Biggest Win 71-58 (H) Herts Stags

Biggest Defeat 77-88 (H) Luton

OAKLANDS WOLVES ACADEMY AND COACHES

Played 6 Points 527

Most Appearances 6 Darryl Crane, Jerrel Layne, Nick Powdrell, O Alabi and Theo Onakomaiva

Most Points Ben McCollum 90, Darryl Crane 76, Jerrel Layne 71

Most Fouls Brendan Donlon 12, Darryl Crane, Ben McCollum 10

Biggest Win 115-69 (H) Bucks Hornets Division One Cup

Biggest Defeat 74-89 (H) Hemel Wolves 1 Division One Cup

STEVENAGE ROYALS

Played 7 Points 548

Most Appearances 7 Adam Gomme. 6 James Cummings and Connor Digby

Most Points James Cummings 210, Adam Gomme 87, Matas Monvilla 43

Most Fouls Adam Gomme 18, Rob Hamblin and Joel Dunn 12

Biggest Win 78-75 (H) North Herts Knights 1 Division One Cup

Biggest Defeat 70-124 (H) Luton

MILESTONES

First Player to 200 points – Lawrence Gaston (Michaelians)

Largest Victory 124-70 Luton v Stevenage Royals

DIVISION ONE RESULTS GRID

Results Grid Div 1	Comets	A Dux Elite	Bucks Hornets	Harlow	Hemel W1	Herts Stags	Luton	Michs	NHK1	OW A&C	Stevenage
Amersham Comets			93-64	78-71		75-76			71-76		
Aylesbury Dux Elite			71-65				75-83	73-77	61-72		
Bucks Hornets	80-95			56-64					55-57		
Harlow Hawks	69-77	71-49				49-61		56-61			
Hemel Wolves 1				60-82		75-79					
Herts Stags			97-78				81-67	77-82		80-84	
Luton					87-59			83-94	77-76		
Michaelians			72-73	62-67		58-67	78-75			87-93	
North Herts Knights 1	51-67	64-56				71-58	77-88				
Oaklands Wolves A&C		70-61				91-90					
Stevenage Royals		67-84		89-87		78-97	70-124				
As of 01/01/26											

INTRODUCING THE TEAMS

DIVISION TWO



AYLESBURY DUX MASTERS

Played 13 Points 706 includes a 20-0 forfeit win against Ravens
 No player ever present. Most Appearances 12 Brian Strong, Chris Hamill and Manos Triantafyllou 11. Francis Obeten and Keith Dolan
 Most Points Brian Strong 204, Joey Haynes 80 Craig O'Malley 73
 Most Fouls Brian Strong 25, Francis Obeten 18
 Biggest Win 63-17 (A) Ravens
 Biggest Defeat 40-71 (A) Herts Heat



AYLESBURY DUX REBELS

Played 10 Points 635
 Most Appearances 10. Scott Cheatle. 9 Noky Chinzowu and Theo Nightingale
 Most Points Scott Cheatle 139, Will Marshall 86 Noky Chinzowu 74
 Most Fouls. Noky Chinzowu 27, Ransford Wiredu 22
 Biggest Win 88-46 (H) Ravens
 Biggest Defeat(s) 58-84 (H) Enfield Mercenaries
 and 56-82 (A) Herts Heat (Division Two Cup)



BIRCHWOOD BRAVES

Played 12 Points 553 includes a 20-0 forfeit win against Ravens
 Most Appearances 11. Shaveen Fernando, Modetas Vainavicius
 10 Lukasz Nowicki and Tade Idowu
 Most Points Shaveen Fernando 140, Lukasz Nowicki 68, Ikenna Agolobi 64
 Most Fouls Modetas Vainavicius 29, Lukasz Nowicki 28
 Biggest Win 57-20 (A) Ravens
 Biggest Defeat 38-78 (H) Enfield Mercenaries



CRANFIELD

Played 8 Points 504. No player ever present. Most Appearances 7 Roman O'Hara. 6 Adrien Le Derf and Keyu Wong
 Most Points Roman O'Hara 110, Mia Thompson 63, Miles Qu 50
 Most Fouls Roman O'Hara 17, Keyu Wong 10, Nathan Lallement 9
 Biggest Win 122-25 (A) Ravens Biggest Defeat 44-95 (H) Enfield Mercenaries



ENFIELD MERCENARIES

Played 13 Points 1067

Most Appearances. 13 Reece Springer and Samuel Watkins. 12 Ashley Edwards, Joe Withey and Daniel Weekes

Most Points. Ross Dias 131, Reece Springer 120, Ashley Edwards 110

Most Fouls Daniel Weekes 23, Amrik Ahluweilia 19

Biggest Win 94-25 (A) Oaklands Vets

Biggest Defeat – Currently unbeaten



HATFIELD MAGIC

Played 8 Points 540

Most Appearances 8. Janis Silsans, Simon Mills, J Ord, Matt Shearn and Matthew Basis

Most Points. Janis Silsans 95. Michael Snow 86. Alex Marcello 82

Most Fouls Matthew Basi 15, Michael Snow 11, Christopher Jones 10

Biggest Win. 83-48 (H) Oaklands Vets

Biggest Defeat 64-71 (H) Enfield Mercs and (A) West Herts Warriors (Cup)



HEMEL WOLVES 2

Played 10 Points 687

Most Appearances 10. Adrian Jurczak, Gytis Zikorius, Tadas Lukosevicius

Most Points. Gytis Zikorius 86, Dajein Cunningham 79, Omo Fafowora 63

Most Fouls. Daniel Lawrence 27, Gytis Zikorius 19, Rokos Milkonas 15

Biggest Win. 78-30 (A) Birchwood Braves

Biggest Defeat. 49-85 (A) Enfield Mercenaries (Division 2 Cup)



HERTS HEAT

Played 14 Points 920

Most Appearances 14. Mike Dodds. 13. Jason Lovejoy, Luke O'Mahony, James Martin, Gabe Serea and Stephen Nyarko

Most Points. Luke O'Mahony 151, Jake Fisher 138. Jack Harris 100

Most Fouls Jake Fisher 22, Jack Harris 20

Biggest Win 73-16 (A) Ravens

Biggest Defeat 39-74 (H) Enfield Mercenaries



NORTH HERTS KNIGHTS 2

Played 13 Points 821

No player ever present. Most Appearances 12. Simon Kendall. Jeff Ee, 11. Jason Halawa and Adam Sullivan

Most Points. Simon Kendall and Jeff Ee 147, Jason Halawa 79

Most Fouls. Simon Kendall 22, Edi Okoro 17, Josh Ryan 16

Biggest Win. 86-47 (H) Birchwood Braves (Division Two Cup)

Biggest Defeat. 41-97 v Enfield Mercenaries (Division Two Cup Final)



OAKLANDS VETS

Played 10 Points 528

Most Appearances 10. Ian Johnston. 9 Jack Forrester-Fellowes, Graeme Pitt and Jason Dempsey

Most Points Jack Forrester-Fellowes 121, Ian Johnston 72. Erik Witt 62

Most Fouls. Ian Johnston 17, Jack Forrester-Fellowes 16.

Biggest Win 83-55 (H) Watford Hongkongers

Biggest Defeat 25-94 (H) Enfield Mercenaries



RAVENS

Played 15 (Including two forfeited matches) Points 370

Most Appearances (Max 13) 12 Gaetano Lo Niero.

11 David Shore and David Large

Most Points. David Shore 67, Otto Opiyo and Daniel Large both have 52

Most Fouls. David Shore 33, Otto Opiyo 27

Biggest Win. Currently without a win this season

Biggest Defeat. 25-122 (H) Cranfield



WATFORD HONGKONGERS

Played 10 Points 523

No player ever present.

Most Appearances 9. Kai Yuan Tan, Ka Lun Au, Ka Kit Chan and Dillon Wong

Most Points. Chi Kit Mak 85, Peter Chan 70, Jimmy TNG 68

Most Fouls. Kai Yuan Tan 14, Ka Lun Au and Kat Kit Chun 8

Biggest Win 72-36 (A) Ravens

Biggest Defeat. 44-79 (A) Enfield Mercenaries (Division Two Cup)



WEST HERTS WARRIORS

Played 10 Points 640

Most Appearances 10. Iman Shir-Khan and Mike West

9. Oisin Hegarty and Chris Lloyd

Most Points. Chris Lloyd 100, Djordje Cecaric 78, Iman Shir-Khan 70

Most Fouls. Oisin Hegarty 19, Matt Jones 18

Biggest Win. 65-78 (H) Ravens

Biggest Defeat 51-89 (A) North Herts Knights 2 (Division Two Cup)



DIVISION TWO RESULTS GRID

Results Grid Div 2	ADM	ADR	Braves	Cranfield	Enfield	Magic	HW2	Heat	NHK2	Vets	Ravens	WHK	WHW
Aylesbury Dux Masters			66-49		59-83			40-71	67-62	67-61	20-0F		49-64
Aylesbury Dux Rebels	72-70			94-61	58-84			47-57	48-56		88-46		
Birchwood Braves					38-78	50-61	30-78				20-0F	57-62	62-73
Cranfield					44-95						51-27		
Enfield Mercenaries			61-38							80-61			
Hatfield Magic	70-57	59-61			64-71			69-52		83-48			70-71
Hemel Wolves 2	59-44	56-48		75-56				63-53		91-53	70-38	66-36	
Herts Heat				71-34	39-74				74-31	74-45			70-47
North Herts Knights 2		69-63	68-51		67-78			69-76				69-35	
Oaklands Vets					25-94	83-48	48-80					85-55	
Ravens	17-63		20-57	25-122				16-73	31-62			36-72	
Watford Hongkongers			64-54							44-55	59-52		52-55
West Herts Warriors				75-77							65-28		

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

HERTS HEAT



Competing in their inaugural season in the Herts Basketball League, Heat have recovered from an edgy start to now be consider one of the title contenders in Division Two this season.

With ambitions to be the number one side in Stevenage, Heat plays their matches at the Arts and Leisure Centre, former home to NBL sides Stevenage Phoenix, Greene King Rebels and Falcons back in the day.

Set up and managed by Mike Dodds, Heat have the ethos that basketball is Made by players for players. They have a pretty cool online presence as well.

Watch out for Heat they are going places



DIVISIONAL CUPS.

Division One

1st Round

Herts Stags	77-67	Michaelians
Oaklands Wolves A&C	115-69	Bucks Hornets
North Herts Knights 1	57-54	Amersham Comets

All other sides received a bye to Round 2

2nd Round

Aylesbury Dux Elite	59-68	North Herts Knights 1
Harlow Hawks	69-76	Luton
Herts Stags	75-76	Stevenage Royals
Oaklands Wolves A&C	74-89	Hemel Wolves 1

Semi Finals

Hemel Wolves 1	60-75	Luton
Stevenage Royals	78-75	North Herts Knights 1

Herts League Division One Cup Final

So the stage was set for the final show down with prolific scorers Stevenage Royals coming up against free-flowing Luton who has enacted a high scoring loss against the same opposition weeks before in the League. Royals were quickly on the back foot with Luton strong from the off, Stevenage without their talisman James Cummings struggling to keep them at bay, Luton lead by ten at the end of the first quarter. Pretty nip and tuck in the second period. But Luton going in at the break with a 51-39 advantage.

The second half was like the baz-ball of hoops with a barrage of baskets from both sides Luton scoring a whopping 34 points in the third to stretch their lead to 85-69. Despite a healthy challenge, Luton continued to add points at will smashing through the tonne to end up on a mighty 117. Royals can feel proud amassing a huge 90 points of their own. Shaquille Lewis top scoring with 32 points for the victors, with large contributions from Malik Griffith-Johnson (23) and Kuam Aderonmu (20). Hats off to Olly Beedle from the Royals with 27 points of his own.



The Victorious Luton side.

Division Two

1st Round

Enfield Mercenaries	95-49	Hemel Wolves 2
Herts Heat	82-56	Aylesbury Dux Rebels
North Herts Knights 2	86-47	Birchwood Braves
Aylesbury Dux Masters	68-34	Ravens
West Herts Warriors	71-64	Hatfield Magic

Byes for Cranfield, Oaklands Vets and Watford Hongkongers

2nd Round

Enfield Mercenaries	79-44	Watford Hongkongers
Herts Heat	68-58	Aylesbury Dux Masters
North Herts Knights 2	50-47	Oaklands Vets
West Herts Warriors	68-59	Cranfield

Semi Finals

Enfield Mercenaries	76-60	Herts Heat
North Herts Knights 2	89-51	West Herts Warriors

Herts League Div 2 Cup Final

Following an impressive victory over West Herts Warriors the week before, Knights 2 Men moved into the Division Two Cup Final full of hope, Mercs having reached the final with a gritty win over Herts Heat.

A powerful opening quarter from the currently unbeaten Enfield Mercenaries set the tone for the game with a blistering period which saw storm to a 28-11 lead. Knights already on the backfoot lost Edd Gregory to injury. After a short break in which he received treatment for his knee, Mercs capitalized on their advantage forging further ahead, a Jeff Ee three pointer a rare bright spot for Knights as Mercs stretched their lead to 51-23 at the break. Enfield showed no mercy in the second half continuing their dominance with a devastating performance, and as is their way the points were distributed throughout the team, Knights struggling to hold them at bay, the men in black eventually running out 97-41 winners to make a statement first silverware haul in the Herts League. They are also firm favourites to win the league



Now that's OFFICIAL

HBL encourages everyone to participate in basketball in ways which best suit the individual. From Playing, coaching and officiating.

HBL prides itself in inclusion.

In September 2025, HBL held its first officiating weekend where novices and experienced officials were given the opportunity to learn and develop. 50 officials attended and achieved a Level 1 referee and Level 1 table officiating course. All are now helping with officiating at School, Jnr National league and CVL.

There is continued support from experienced officials and mentors to help and encourage officials to progress. Currently HBL has 6 L1 referees who have been promoted to L2 referees. There are 3 Level 2 referees who are being mentored towards their Level 3 referee award.

5 L1 Table officials have now been promoted to Level 2 Table officials and 3 Level 2 Table officials are being supported through to their L3 Table officiating award.

Next phase of development is to assist with Level 2 coaching awards.

If anyone is interested in becoming a basketball official, please do not hesitate in contacting the HBL

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Really hoped you liked this first Newsletter. It will work better going forward with your contributions, please let me have these either in the coaches WhatsApp group or by emailing me Simon Mortimer at secretary@nhkbasketball.co.uk

Hoping to do this communication perhaps on a six-weekly basis, anything you think is news-worthy or quirky strictly to do with your clubs or the league in general let me know

With kind regards

Simon Mortimer