

2026

Herts Basketball League Newsletter February 26



League Standings (As of 31st January 2026)

Division One

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Void.	Pts For.	Pts Agt.	Diff.	Points
Amersham Comets	11.	9.	2.	0.	911	770	+141	18
North Herts Knights	12.	9.	3.	0.	857	745	+112	18
Herts Stags	11.	7.	4.	0.	863	808	+55	14
Luton Basketball	10.	5.	5.	0.	835	783	+52	10
Oaklands Academy & C	5.	5.	0.	0.	431	391	+40	10
Michaelians	11.	5.	6.	0.	807	835	-28	10
Harlow Hawks	10.	4.	6.	0.	652	658	-6	8
Hemel Wolves 1	6.	3.	3.	0.	467	428	+39	6
Aylesbury Dux Elite	12.	3.	9.	0.	733	825	-92	6
Bucks Hornets	8.	1.	7.	0.	516	655	-139	2
Stevenage Royals	8.	1.	7.	0.	501	675	-174	2

Division Two

Enfield Mercenaries	13.	13.	0.	0.	1037	641	+396	26
Hemel Wolves 2.	12.	12.	0.	0.	859	583	+276	24
Herts Heat	13.	10.	3.	0.	923	652	+271	20
North Herts Knights 2	13.	8.	5.	0.	798	721	+ 77	16
Hatfield Magic	11.	6.	5.	0.	782	690	+ 92	12
Aylesbury Dux Rebels	11.	6.	5.	0.	706	643	+ 63	12
Aylesbury Dux Masters	13.	6.	7.	0.	718	726	- 9	12
West Herts Warriors	9.	5.	4.	0.	506	498	+8	10
Watford Hong Kongers	12.	4.	8.	0.	630	761	-131	8
Cranfield	11.	3.	8.	0.	675	805	-130	6
Oaklands Vets	10.	3.	7.	0.	553	704	-157	6
Birchwood Braves	14.	2.	12.	0.	630	871	-191	4
Ravens	14.	0.	14.	0.	370	941	-571	0

INTRODUCING THE TEAMS

DIVISION ONE



AMERSHAM COMETS

Played 12 Points 965

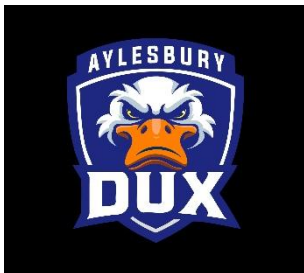
Most Appearances 12. Connor Rapecki, Michael Daniel. 11 Jack Holt

Most Points. Connor Rapecki 281, Jack Holt 249, Michael Daniel 138

Most Fouls. Michael Daniel 28, Connor Rapecki 24, Angelos Magriplis 19.

Biggest Win 93-64 (H) Bucks Hornets

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



AYLESBURY DUX ELITE

Played 13 Points 792 (Including a 20-0 Default win over Stevenage Royals)

Most Appearances. No ever-present player. 11. Matthew Jenkins and Luke

Richardson. Eight players have appeared ten times. Most Pts Daniel Ginger

105, Ehinon Aikhuomoebe 101, Jeremy Thurairajah 97.

Most Fouls Daniel Ginger 25, Ehinon Aikhuomoebe and Luke Richardson 19

Biggest Win 84-67 (A) Stevenage Royals

Biggest Defeat 11/1/2026 (H) Hemel Wolves 1 49-82



BUCKS HORNETS

Played 11 Points 693

Most Appearances 10. Jamie Wright, Leo Mason, Lowen Tanner

9. Baraka Noel, Marcel Witomki and Eniel Ermino.

Most Points Leo Mason 125 Jamie Wright 111, Ben Henjic 74

Most Fouls. 18 Jamie Wright, 14. Lee Brennan and Leo Mason

Biggest Win 73-72 (A) Michaelians (Without a win in 2026)

Biggest Defeat 13/1/2026 (A) North Herts Knights 1 45-106



HARLOW HAWKS

Played 15 Points 1009

Most Appearances 15. Petr Simecek, Guglielmo Miglori. 14. Reuben White, Richard Whytock and Lee Morris.

Most Points. Guglielmo Miglori 244, Freddie Hiscock 161, Matteo Brunelli 97.

Most Fouls. Guglielmo Miglori 53, Reuben White 25, Petr Simecek 21

Biggest Win 28/1/26 (H) Bucks Hornets 82-53

Biggest Defeat 49-61 (H) Herts Stags



HEMEL WOLVES 1

Played 8 Points 616

Most Appearances 8. Petar Jelcic 7. Egidijus Markevicius, Edvinas Naumovas and Dajein Cunningham

Most Points Daniel Kostadinov 120, Edvinas Naumovas 83.

Most Fouls, Egidijus Markevicius 19 Mohamed Kitiri and Petar Jelcic 16.

Biggest Win 23/1/26 (H) Stevenage Royals 106-69

Biggest Defeat 59-87 (A) Luton



HERTS STAGS

Played 14 Points 1087

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

Most Points Ali Sbai 289. Remus Norkeliuna 193, Roan Lenihan 130

Most Fouls Remus Norkeliuna 35, Roan Lenihan 28

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

Biggest Defeat 11/11/25 (A) North Herts Knights 1 58-71



LUTON BASKETBALL CLUB

Played 14 Points 1189

Most Appearances 14. Malik Griffith-Johnson. Shaquille O'Henry and Allanzo Newton-Markman
Most Points Malik Griffith-Johnson 311. Shaquille Lewis 229, Allanzo Newton-Markman 200

Most Fouls Rian Atkins 29, Allanzo Newton-Markman 24, Ahmed Omar 23.

Biggest Win 124-70 (A) Stevenage Royals

Biggest Defeat 67-81 (A) Herts Stags



MICHAELIANS

Played 12 Points 874

Most Appearances 12 Lawrence Gaston, Oleksiy Ryabinin

Most Points

Lawrence Gaston 269 Oleksiy Ryabinin 209 and Solomon Williams 105

Most Fouls Lawrence Gaston 35, William Critchlow 25 Catalin Prada 24.

Biggest Win 94-83 (A) Luton (Still without a win in 2026)

Biggest Defeat 20/1/26 56-78 (A) North Herts Knights 1



NORTH HERTS KNIGHTS 1

Played 15 Points 1057

14 Matthew Eames. 13 Mark Denchfield and Chris Whybrow

Most Points Mark Denchfield 188, Chris Wybrow 183, Matthew Eames 104

Most Fouls Matthew Eames 35, Ewan Kassir 22

Biggest Win 13/1/26 (H) Bucks Hornets 106-45

Biggest Defeat 77-88 (H) Luton (Currently unbeaten in 2026)

OAKLANDS WOLVES ACADEMY AND COACHES

Played 9 Points 752

Most Appearances 9 Jerrel Layne, Nick Powdrell and Theo Onakomaiya.

8. Ola Alabi, Elmaz Ibrahim and Ben McCollum and Brendan Donlon

Most Points Ben McCollum 123, Jerrel Layne 104 and Aaron Grey 97

Most Fouls. Dominice Charles 17, Brendan Donlon 14,

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

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

STEVENAGE ROYALS

Played 11 Points 745

Most Appearances 10 Adam Gomme. 9. Connor Digby 8.Rob Hamblin

Most Points James Cummings 217, Adam Gomme 131, Kodie Green 66

Most Fouls Adam Gomme 19, Rob Hamblin 18, 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 300 points – Malik Griffith-Johnson (Luton) (311)

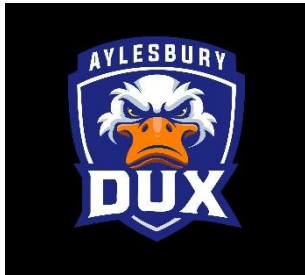
Largest Victory 106-45 North Herts Knights v Bucks Hornets

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		86-62	93-64	78-71		75-76	88-69	93-80	71-76		
Aylesbury Dux Elite	72-88		71-65		49-82		75-83	73-77	61-72		20-0 FF
Bucks Hornets	80-95			56-64		55-72			55-57		
Harlow Hawks	69-77	71-49	82-53			49-61		56-61		55-66	
Hemel Wolves 1				60-82		75-79	85-82				106-69
Herts Stags			97-78				81-67	77-82		80-84	
Luton				86-62	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	106-45	65-56		71-58	77-88	78-56			64-55
Oaklands Wolves A&C		70-61		66-69		91-90					
Stevenage Royals		67-84		89-87		78-97	70-124			73-93	
As of 01/02/26											

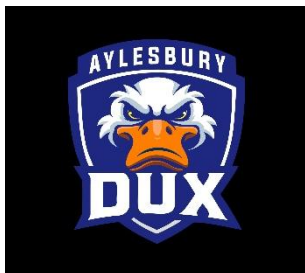
INTRODUCING THE TEAMS

DIVISION TWO



AYLESBURY DUX MASTERS

Played 15 Points 822 includes a 20-0 forfeit win against Ravens
 No player ever present. Most Appearances 14 Brian Strong, Chris Hamill and Manos Triantafyllou 13. Keith Dolan
 Most Points Brian Strong 242, Joey Haynes 102 Ricky Levenston 94
 Most Fouls Brian Strong 31, Ricky Levenston 19 and Francis Obeten 18
 Biggest Win 63-17 (A) Ravens
 Biggest Defeat 40-71 (A) Herts Heat



AYLESBURY DUX REBELS

Played 12 Points 752
 Most Appearances 12. Scott Cheattle. 11 Theo Nightingale
 Most Points Scott Cheattle 156, Will Marshall 111, Noky Chinzowo 83.
 Most Fouls. Noky Chinzowu and Ransford Wiredu 28, Jordan Brand 21.
 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 15 Points 667 includes a 20-0 forfeit win against Ravens
 Most Appearances 14. Shaveen Fernando and Modetas Vainavicius
 12 Lukasz Nowicki, Lukas Sakavicius, Tade Idowu, Andy Currie, Ikenna Agolobi and Nathaniel Crossdale. Most Points Shaveen Fernando 150, Ikenna Agolobi 98. Most Fouls Modetas Vainavicius 32, Lukasz Nowicki 31
 Biggest Win 57-20 (A) Ravens. Biggest Defeat 38-78 (H) Enfield Mercenaries



CRANFIELD

Played 12 Points 734.
 Most Appearances 11 Roman O'Hara. 10 Keyu Wong 9 Lingfeng Huang
 Most Points Roman O'Hara 155, Mia Thompson 117, Miles Qu 70
 Most Fouls Roman O'Hara 27, Stratis Chatzidarellis & Nathan Lallement 20
 Biggest Win 8/12/25 (A) Ravens 122-25
 Biggest Defeat 12/1/26 (A) Hatfield Magic 72-101



ENFIELD MERCENARIES

Played 18 Points 1462

Most Appearances. 18. Samuel Watkins 16. Reece Springer, Joe Withey and Daniel Weekes. Most Points. Reece Springer 172, Ross Dias 166, Joe Withey 151 Ashley Edwards 147.

Most Fouls Daniel Weekes 26, Amrik Ahluweilia 20, Steven Frazer 19.

Biggest Win 94-25 (A) Oaklands Vets

Biggest Defeat – Currently unbeaten



HATFIELD MAGIC

Played 13 Points 897

Most Appearances 13. Janis Silsans, Matt Shearn and Matthew Basi.

12. Issac Benjamin and Jon Ord.

Most Points. Alex Marcello 192, Janis Silsans 152, Michael Snow 133.

Most Fouls Matthew Basi 25, Michael Snow 22, Janis Silsans 20.

Biggest Win. 12/1/26 (H) Cranfield 109-72

Biggest Defeat 20/1/26 (A) Enfield Mercenaries 51-78



HEMEL WOLVES 2

Played 13 Points 908

Most Appearances 13. Gytis Zikorius and Tadas Lukosevicius

12. Daniel Lawrence and Rokos Milonas

Most Points. Gytis Zikorius 105, Omo Fafowora 86, Tomos Gudonis 84.

Most Fouls. Daniel Lawrence 33, Gytis Zikorius 23, Rokos Milkonas 18.

Biggest Win. 78-30 (A) Birchwood Braves

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



HERTS HEAT

Played 16 Points 1132

Most Appearances 16. Mike Dodds. 15. Jason Lovejoy, Luke O'Mahony, James Martin, Gabe Serea and Stephen Nyarko

Most Points. Luke O'Mahony 196, Jake Fisher 136, Stephen Nyarko 112 and Jack Harris 111.

Most Fouls Jake Fisher 32, Jack Harris 20, Luke O'Mahony 19

Biggest Win 14/1/26 (H) Ravens 119-34

Biggest Defeat 39-74 (H) Enfield Mercenaries



NORTH HERTS KNIGHTS 2

Played 17 (including 20-0 Default win against West Herts W) Points 1066
No player ever present. Most Appearances 15. Simon Kendall 14. Jeff Ee, Jason Halawa and Adam Sullivan

Most Points. Simon Kendall 173, Jeff Ee 147, Jason Halawa 97.

Most Fouls. Simon Kendall 27, Edi Okoro 23, Josh Ryan and Rob Bassham 21

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

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



OAKLANDS VETS

Played 11 Points 600

Most Appearances 11. Ian Johnston. 10. Jason Dempsey.

9 Jack Forrester-Fellowes, Graeme Pitt and John Bretherton.

Most Points Jack Forrester-Fellowes 129, Ian Johnston 93. Erik Witt 89.

Most Fouls. Ian Johnston 23, Jack Forrester-Fellowes 17, Erik Witt 16

Biggest Win 26/1/26 (A) Cranfield 72-36

Biggest Defeat 25-94 (H) Enfield Mercenaries



RAVENS

Played 15 (Including two forfeited matches) Points 370

Most Appearances (Max 13) 13 Gaetano Lo Niero.

12 David Shore and David Large. 11. Otto Opito.

Most Points. David Shore 71, Otto Opiyo and Daniel Large both have 58

Most Fouls. David Shore 35, Otto Opiyo 30.

Biggest Win. Currently without a win this season

Biggest Defeat. 25-122 (H) Cranfield



WATFORD HONGKONGERS

Played 13. Points 674

No player ever present. Most Appearances 13. Kai Yuan Tan (KY), Ka Lun Au (Angus) Ka Kit Chan. 10. Cheuk Lu Cheng (Sam)

Most Points. Chi Kit Mak (Harris) 117, Peter Chan 90, Jimmy TNG 73.

Most Fouls. Kai Yuan Tan 14, Kat Kit Chun 10

Biggest Win 72-36 (A) Ravens

Biggest Defeat. 27/1/26 (A) Enfield Mercenaries 53-101



WEST HERTS WARRIORS

Played 12 (Including 0-20 Forfeit loss against North Herts K2 Points 696

Most Appearances 11. Iman Shir-Khan and Mike West. 10. Oisin Hegarty

Most Points. Chris Lloyd 100, Djordje Cecaric 96, Iman Shir-Khan 76

Most Fouls. Oisin Hegarty 20 Matt Jones 19, Thushan Perera 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	62-46	
Birchwood Braves		39-65			38-78	50-61	30-78				20-0F	57-62	62-73
Cranfield					44-95			83-94		36-72	51-27		
Enfield Mercenaries			61-38	68-39		78-51				80-61		101-53	70-56
Hatfield Magic	70-57	59-61	68-50	109-72	64-71		67-75	69-52		83-48			70-71
Hemel Wolves 2	59-44	56-48	57-35	75-56				63-53		91-53	70-38	66-36	
Herts Heat				71-34	39-74				74-31	74-45	119-34		70-47
North Herts Knights 2	67-47	69-63	68-51		67-78	83-62	75=89	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	52-69		64-54							44-55	59-52		52-55
West Herts Warriors				75-77					0-20F		65-28		

31/1/26

CLUB SPOTLIGHT AMERSHAM COMETS



Amersham Comets was established in 2021, when a few older men and a couple of 17 year olds, who use to scrimmage on a Saturday morning, decided they fancied playing some competitive games.

It was thoroughly enjoyed by all and in 2023/2024, with a few new players, Comets finally won Division Two. In the playoffs that season they had a nail biting game against Hemel Wolves the game only decided in the final seconds! (Photo shows the victorious side)

Having gained promotion at the start of the 2024 season expectations weren't particularly high, the plan being to stay up and not get relegated. Finishing 3rd in the league was a great achievement.

This season Amersham Comets have had a good start and now have a mixed age group, three of their players who previously played for Reading Rockets at Under 14's are back on court together. They have a new player from Australia and hampered by some injuries at the beginning of the season and two players with new born babies, they have still managed to field a team, even getting a win with just 6 players on one occasion and losing another by just one point. Despite a lot of tough games ahead Comets hope to match or improve on their position this season.

Championing Inclusion

The Herts Basketball League is very proud to be at the forefront of inclusion, welcoming players of all abilities, regardless of their age, the sex, their faith or sexuality.

For example, there are several Girls playing within the league, Mia Thompson standing out and hitting the highs at Cranfield, currently their second top scorer with 117 Points



One of the best stories of the season so far was when Father Ben Jones took to the court alongside Daughter Lottie Silva-Jones, could this be a first? both hitting baskets in Enfield Mercenaries 78-38 win over Birchwood Braves. Ben was an original members of the Enfield Mercs set up twenty years previous.

Lottie is certainly making waves in the game; she's in the Wales U17 squad as well as currently having scored the most 3s in U16 Premier National League averaging over 3 3s a game.



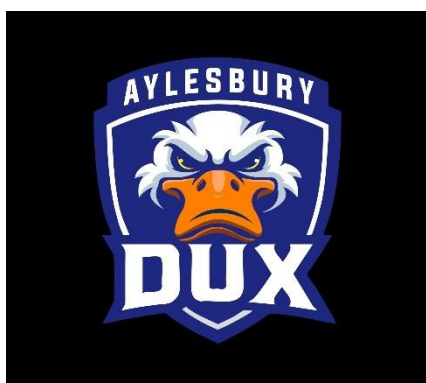
To top this amazing story off the Girls went head-to-head on Thursday 29th January when Mercs hosted Cranfield, both hitting two three pointers



(To play the link click below)

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BIG UP TO OUR SPONSORS



Starting the New Year with some funky new branding, Aylesbury Dux would like to give a huge thank you to the sponsors that help to support their Club. Here are the details for their sponsors.

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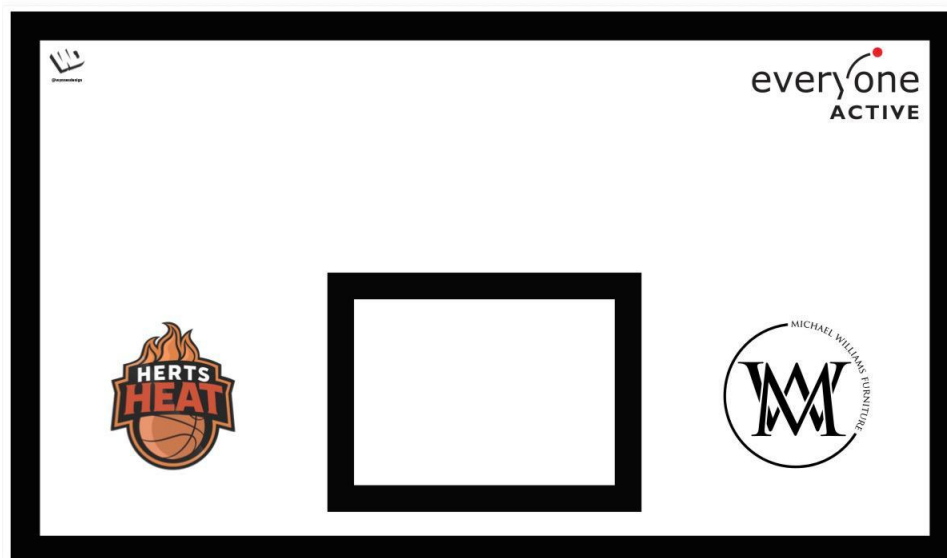
Home Counties Architectural Services -

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To make it fair to all I'm thinking of creating a table of sponsors for all clubs to publicising the good work and services of their supporters.

HITTING THE BOARDS

Mike Dodds of Herts Heat fame is currently in the works of replacing the clubs back boards and rims with these custom back boards (See Below) If anyone is interested into having this for their home court or practice areas, Mike will investigate pricing if anyone else is interested.



NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Following encouraging feedback following the first Newsletter, thank you for your contributions, hoping to grow the articles please let me have anything you'd like to contribute either in the coaches WhatsApp group or by emailing me Simon Mortimer at secretary@nhkbasketball.co.uk

Hoping to do this communication perhaps on monthly basis, anything you think is newsworthy or quirky strictly to do with your clubs or the league in general let me know *Simon Mortimer*