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## Welcome

On behalf of the Shropshire Warriors Basketball Club I welcome all spectators to the Sport TCAT Arena for tonight's 1st Round National Cup game versus our visitors from Derby Trailblazers. Whilst we hope that we can cause a shock and overcome the Trailblazers we genuinely hope that their players, coaches and staff enjoy their visit to Telford.

The 2010/11 season was our first in the Senior Men's EBL. We decided to enter the League in order to provide yet another route for our most able and committed players into a higher level of basketball. We are delighted that we made that decision. The 2010/11 season was greatly enjoyed by our players, their coaching staff and by the many spectators who enjoyed being part of our home match night experience here at Sport TCAT.

All our players learned a great deal from making the step up from local to National League basketball. We challenged for the title throughout the whole season, but in the end, we lost out on our head to head record with Coalville Cougars and finished runners up.

Despite the fact that we did not therefore qualify automatically for promotion to Division 3 England Basketball offered us the chance to do so due to the excellent reports they had had on our team performances and also the quality of our home match crowds and entertainment package.

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So here we are at the start of the new season, just 14 days away from our first EBL Div 3 North National league, and taking on the illustrious opponents from the EBL Division 1 –Derby Trailblazers. We hope that tonight's game is a cracker

Our thanks go to our major supporter Telford College of Arts and Technology for backing us again this season. TCAT continue to see a Shropshire Warriors National League team as the logical extension of the Academy and AASE programme that we had been running in conjunction with them since the opening of the state of the art Sport TCAT Arena, and the perfect exit route for its AASE players into top quality senior Basketball.. All our Senior Men's West Midlands teams will be playing under the TCAT Warriors banner this season.

Our thanks also go to Steven Reece, the new General Manager of the Telford Whitehouse Hotel, for agreeing to continue to support us by providing the free post-match hospitality to our team and our visitors which is a pre-requisite of entry to the Senior EB. Last but by no means least our thanks go to PLAY & PARTY who have continued to support us for a second season.

Tom Sunley  
Club President  
[http:// www.warriorsbasketball.co.uk](http://www.warriorsbasketball.co.uk)





## Tonight's TCAT WARRIORS Team

Player	Number	Position
Josh Crutchley	No 4	Guard
Arnas Liutkus	No 5	Guard
Matt Hardman	No 6	Guard
Craig Strickland (Capt)	No 7	Guard
Ben Cameron	No 8	Forward
Sam Shephard	No 9	Centre
Simon Kendall	No 10	Centre
Steve Brown	No 11	Forward
Thando Tyanase	No 12	Guard
Jarred Rushton	No 13	Centre
Luke Grant	No 14	Forward
Simon Hoar	No 15	Fwd/Centre



**Head Coach: Dave McLean**

**Team Manager: Ade Rushton**

Regular fans will note that whilst many of last year's squad are back in court tonight a couple of key members of our 2010 11 line-up are missing and some new names are on the list. Great disappointments will be the absence of perhaps our two most exciting players and most prolific scorers – Ben Parry and Forward Douaine Anderson. Fortunately Ben's absence is just temporary family affairs meaning that he simply has to miss this game. Sadly a serious knee injury and a new job in London means that Douaine the ex Worcester Wolves BBL man can no longer be part of our plans. We will miss him, and wish him well for the future.

However, we are delighted to have been able to acquire the services of guards Steve Brown and Matt Hardman, both of who have National League experience Matt was with Birmingham University and Steve with Hull and Coventry Crusaders. RAF big man Simon Kendall will also bring a wealth of experience. We are particularly happy to welcome back big Simon (Ziggy) Hoar - the captain of our West Midlands Premier Division Championship team of 2009 10, who has finally given in to the lure of EBL competitive action and returned home from Canada. We hope he will be one of our great strengths at either end of the court this season.

We wish particular good luck to young Thando Tyanase, one of our three TCAT Basketball AASE programme, who is making his first competitive appearance at this level.

## Tonight's DERBY TRAILBLAZERS Team

Player	Number
Stedroy Baker (Captain)	No 4
Jamie McGaffin	No 5
Josh Guddemi	No 6
Rema Lascelles	No 7
Martin Gayle	No 8
Rishi Kakad	No 9
Mark Woodhouse	No 10
Aaron Maher	No 11
Matt Shaw	No 12
Matthew Ward-Hibbert	No 13
David Attewell	No 15



**Coach: Jaimie Maudsley**

**Assistant: Coach Steve Baxter**

**Team Physio: Jill Kent**

We are delighted and proud to be able to have Derby Trailblazers as our first opposition of 2011/12. The Trailblazers Club is one of the UK's real basketball powerhouses, and they have a long record of success at the highest levels of the game.

As recently as 2009/10, their Junior Men's team were crowned National Champions in the Unser 18 boys age group and their National League Division team were also crowned EBL National Champions. This was a fantastic achievement, showing just what excellent work has gone into developing a really outstanding overall programme over a number of years.

The Derby team tonight is a mixture of experience and youth. They are captained by former BBL star Stedroy Baker, one of the two Baker Boys, the other being brother Ronnie - who have graced British courts at the highest level, and are able to draw on the strength and experience of a number of others like big Dave Attewell and Matt Shaw, who have been around for many years. Like us they also have several youngsters who have come through the ranks of their outstandingly junior player development programme, many of who – like Rema Lashelles and Martin Gayle- have gone on to attain international recognition,

The prize for victory in tonight's game is an away trip on Sunday 9th October to either Division 4 Lincoln Stars or fellow Division 3 outfit Loughborough Students Riders.

## Warriors home fixtures 2011/12

SAT	17/9/11	DERBY TRAILBLAZERS NAT CUP RD 1
SAT	1/10/11	BIRMINGHAM LIONS
SAT	22/10/11	SHEFFIELD SAINTS
SUN	23/10/11	SEFTON STARS NAT SHIELD RD 2
SAT	5/11/11	HUDDERSFIELD HEAT
SAT	19/11/11	SEFTON STARS
SUN	27/11/11	LOUGHBOROUGH STUDENTS RIDERS
SAT	3/12/11	SHEFFIELD SABRES
SAT	10/12/11	WARRINGTON WOLVES
SAT	14/1/12	LEEDS CARNEGIIIE
SUN	15/1/12	STOCKPORT FALCONS
SAT	28/1/12	COALVILLE COUGARS
SAT	11/2/12	DERBY TRAILBLAZERS
SAT	25/2/12	NOTTINGHAM HOODS
SAT	17/3/12	MANCHESTER MAGIC



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## Basketball Rules - Fouls



A personal foul is some form of illegal body contact. If a player commits a personal foul, the opposing team will be awarded by a free throw or possession of the ball by the referee. A game official can also charge a player, coach or any other member of a team with a technical foul as punishment for unsportsmanlike or inappropriate behaviour. The following moves are considered to constitute illegal body contact and will result in a penalty for a personal foul:

**Charging** - When a player is moving with the ball and runs directly into a player who is attempting to guard them, the offending player will be penalised for 'charging.'

**Illegal guarding** - Aggressively bumping into an opponent from behind them.

**Illegal screening** - This is attempting to slow down a member of the opposing team who is not in current possession of the ball.

**Illegal checking** - This is bodily contact made with a player who is attempting to release the ball by passing to a team-mate or making an attempt at the basket.

**Hand checking** - This is defined as deliberately trying to slow down an opponent by grabbing at them.

**Blocking** - It is illegal to create an obstacle, or 'block' a player who is dribbling the ball (unless the player defending has adopted a legal guarding stance).

**Holding** - Holding is making bodily contact with a member of the opposing team to somehow prevent them from moving

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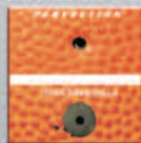


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