

# MILTON KEYNES BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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**Welcome to all club members for the 2007-2008 basketball season.**

**Let's make it great!**

## A REVIEW OF CLUB ACTIVITIES 2006-2007

Looking back to reflect upon the 2006-2007 season the club can be pleased with its wide ranging achievements both on and off the court.

- MK Old Boys won division 2 of Northampton men's basketball league, remaining undefeated in the league whilst doing so in their very first competitive season!
- MK Ladies performed well in both the Northampton and Oxford local leagues, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the oxford league.
- MKBA hosted a fun and enjoyable open day during June. The open day was made possible by the support of the Milton Keynes Community Foundation and through the efforts of all the volunteers involved that made it a great success.
- Following the open day an U16s practice group has been created, MKBA hopes to develop its efforts with this group to support and encourage young people interested in playing basketball.
- The basketball club achieved 1 star accreditation with England Basketball during the 2006-2007 season, something we hope to retain and improve upon in future.

This season we have three full senior teams competing in local leagues and an U16s group developing. MKBA hopes that all teams perform well in competition and that all members continue to thoroughly enjoy practice whilst working hard on their abilities in basketball. The club will witness a continuation of activities aimed at raising money for charity throughout the year ahead. In addition MKBA will continue its efforts to promote the game of basketball in the local community at all times.

## Thanks for support in 2006-2007

The club remains thankful to:

- last season's sponsor C.T.D.I nethouse services.
- the local council for the award of the wider use grant
- the BUCKS and oxford basketball area partnership for financial support for training volunteers.
- Milton Keynes Community Foundation for their support of the open day we held in June.

## Congratulations to club members for the following achievements during 2006-2007:

- Award of Level 1 coaching certification to – Kiet Hua, Abby Watson-Keeler and Amy Riches.
- Award of Level 2 coaching certification to – Victoria Ogundaire and Amy Riches.
- To the new parents within the club on the birth of their future basketball stars and best wishes to those expectant parents and future parents promising to make additional contributions to fulfillment in their own lives and to the developing junior basketball programme.

Those interested in becoming qualified as coaches or basketball officials should please contact Amy Riches at [info@mkbasketball.org.uk](mailto:info@mkbasketball.org.uk) (This includes younger members interested in obtaining a young leadership award).

## MK OLD BOYS

### NORTHAMPTON MENS LEAGUE DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONS 2006-2007



Photograph above: Some of the key members of MK Old Boys Northampton men's basketball league division 2 champions

MKBA entered a competitive senior men's team for the first time in its history during last season. MK Old Boys entered Northampton men's basketball league in division 2 and performed superbly to not only win their division in their very first season but to remain undefeated as they did so.

Building on the success of last season the men's training group has grown significantly over the summer off-season period resulting in the ability to field two men's teams this season. MK Old Boys I are in Northampton basketball league division 1 where they will face tough opposition but hope to perform well. MK Old Boys II has been created and will enter division 2; hopefully they will also perform well in their first year of competition.

Hopefully this club will be able to celebrate success in both divisions of the Northampton men's basketball league this year!

## MK LADIES BASKETBALL TEAM 2007-2008

The MK Ladies Basketball team performed well during the demands of competition last season. This season sees a number of new players joining the MK Ladies team and welcomes new coach, Anya Higgins. Anya is guiding the MK Ladies team forward as they enter the newly established BUCKS ladies basketball league. This season the ladies hope to improve in competition throughout the year and of course aim for great success and enjoyment!



Above photograph: Some of the members of this seasons MK Ladies Basketball Team.  
Coach Anya Higgins is shown kneeling in the centre.

## MKBA U16s Group

MKBA have begun to make provisions for younger players interested in joining our club to play basketball. The U16s group was created following the open day and is looking forward to friendly games this season as they prepare to enter the local BUCKS junior basketball league in the seasons ahead.

The young members of this team are currently working on a new name for themselves and the club is hoping to apply for funding to support the running of this group and to advertise it further in the local community.

If you know of any boys or girls aged 11-16 interested in learning to play basketball or to improve their own skills please do encourage them to join us!

## MATCH REPORTS

### MK OLD BOYS I - GAMES BEGIN

- MK Old Boys I Vs Wellingborough Flames 2<sup>nd</sup> Team (wf2)

September 30<sup>th</sup>, Away at Wellingborough

MK Old Boys I began their first game with some fast scoring, but wf2 began to turn the game around to their advantage, with the MK Old Boys momentarily down by 19 points. With many new players in the MK Old Boys I squad this difficult opposition, with a great deal of support from their home crowd.

As the second half began earlier nerves within the MK Old Boys I team were replaced by confidence as they pulled the score level. With 35 seconds remaining on the clock in the final quarter wf2 scored to put themselves in the lead, MK Old Boys I replied to regain the 1 pt advantage. With only 7 seconds remaining on the clock team captain Karl Nason received the ball and scored a lay-up whilst being fouled. Karl did not score the foul line shot but the team had done just enough to secure victory with a final 3 points lead.

FINAL SCORE 61-64 – MK OLD BOYS I – Victory!

- MK Old Boys I Vs Wellingborough Phoenix A-team (wpa)

October 11<sup>th</sup>, Home game at MK – Report by Dinch, team coach.

The game began at a blistering pace with a quick 3 pointer by wpa after only 7 minutes the score was 21: 23 to the opposition. At the end of the 1st quarter the score was 28:33. The 2nd quarter featured tough defensive play by both teams; at half time the score was settled at 43:48 in favour of wpa. 4th quarter: A couple of quick baskets by wpa put them ahead by 9 points after just 4 minutes. We changed our defense to slow them down & replied with several baskets. After the 8th minute both teams were scoring back to back, the score was 70 - 81 to wpa. Old boys started to take charge & scored 7 points to close the gap to 5 points but time ran out & game ended 77: 82.

Both teams were appraised by the refs for the quality of the game. This was our 2nd game of the season; most of us have only been playing together for a couple of months. It is a shame that we played against this established team so early in the season, the score line would have been in our favour if we were to play this game in a month's time. We have a promising season ahead of us with everyone eager to play better and work harder.

FINAL SCORE 77 – 82 – Wellingborough Phoenix A (wpa)- A close game.

Top 3 scorers - Naoki : 28pts, Karl : 13pts, Adam P 13points (3x3pointers)

It was good to see a number of supporters at this home match, something which we very much hope will be a feature of many of our games for all of our teams this season.



Photograph above: MK Old Boys I at their first match of the 2007-2008 season against Wellingborough Flames II

### MKBA MATCH FIXTURES – OCT-NOV 2007

#### Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup>

8.15pm Notorious Borough Vs MK Old Boys II - Away

#### Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup>

8.15pm MK Old Boys I Vs Wellingborough Phoenix III – Home

#### Tuesday October 30<sup>th</sup>

8.20pm Daventry Daves Vs MK Old Boys I – Away

#### Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup>

7.45pm Brackley Warriors Vs MK Old Boys II - Away

#### Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>

3 pm MKBA U16s Vs MK Lynx - Home

#### Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup>

9.45 am MK Ladies Vs Chiltern Ladies - Stokemandeville Stadium

12.45 am MK Ladies Vs Aylesbury Dux Ladies – Stokemandeville Stadium

*Always confirm match information with the team coach or captain as the game approaches to ensure there have been no changes.*

**\*\*NOTIFICATION TO ALL MEMBERS\*\*** – please make sure you have completed your registration forms in full and returned them to a club official. ALL MEMBERS attending practice sessions are expected to register; every individual will then possess individual insurance and be registered with England basketball.

Payment of appropriate registration fees is now overdue. If you have not completed these tasks yet please do so **immediately**. If you have any questions about this please contact Kiet Hua and Liesel Detemple at [info@mkbasketball.org.uk](mailto:info@mkbasketball.org.uk)

### THANKS FOR 2007-2008

- Many thanks to this seasons sponsor – SHOPZILLA.CO.UK



Above photographs: Some of the MK Ladies team model t-shirts kindly donated by our current sponsor whilst lining up for lay ups and hands in!

- Thank you to an anonymous sponsor who's support has aided MKBA's ability to buy kit to hold and make available to its players

### MKBA VOLUNTEERS

The club is reliant upon the efforts of its administrative and coaching volunteers without the contribution of such volunteers the club could not operate.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS!

If you feel you can assist the club in any way large or small (from tabling matches or creating an attractive logo to writing grant forms) please do contact club secretary Liesel Detemple at [info@mkbasketball.org.uk](mailto:info@mkbasketball.org.uk)

The club website is currently being redesigned by webmaster Dinch .The new website will provide a page for all teams of the club and will soon host a link for club wear (hoodies, t-shirts etc all the necessary items of "stash" to help us all be identified as part of this group) – you should be able to stock up on club wear before Christmas!

Please do visit the website and explore all the links at [www.mkbasketball.org.uk](http://www.mkbasketball.org.uk)

### MILTON KEYNES BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION PRACTICE SESSIONS

- U16 Basketball Group Practice – SUNDAYS, 3-4pm, Gym
- MK LADIES Basketball practice – Thursdays, 7.30p-9pm, Gym
- MK OLD BOYS I & II – Thursdays, 8.15-9.45pm, Main Sports Hall

### MKBA NEWSLETTER CALL FOR ARTICLES:

Any and all contributions you may have about the club or your team including match reports and action shots will be much appreciated in future. Please send all contributions for November's newsletter in an email to [info@mkbasketball.org.uk](mailto:info@mkbasketball.org.uk) Thank you.