

KNIGHTS BASKETBALL BULLETIN

NEWS

Welcome to third issue of the *Knights Basketball Bulletin* kicking off 2018! We hope you enjoy this month's edition, and please consider signing up for the easy to use [easyfundraising](#) shopping fundraiser featured on page 2...

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Say hello to Knights Basketball's newest coach! Peter Grumble is the newest Knights' coach, and he is already very busy with school morning sessions and sessions four evenings a week. Peter competed in the Premier Division while in college at London South Bank University, also logging time with London Greenhouse Pioneers and the Westminster Warriors, always wearing his favorite number 13—no superstitions for Peter! His favourite NBA players



are Kobe Bryant and Russell Westbrook, and he loves the film *Nike Battleground*. When he's not playing or coaching basketball, he loves relaxing with his family or watching his favourite television shows, *The Apprentice* and *Hunted*. Say "hi" next time you see coach Peter.

Congratulations to four of our Knights players who all were selected for the Great Britain Training Camps that took place at the National Performance Centre in Manchester over the Christmas period.



Molly Lavin



Ridley Shema



Flynn Boardman-Raffet



Emilie Black

These four players were selected from athletes all over the nation to compete at the Basketball England Regional Development Tournament. Molly and Flynn made it to the Top-20 Selection Camp that followed, and Flynn has been selected for the National Team.

Our congratulations to all of these players for their outstanding play and their overall commitment to basketball by setting a great example for younger players in the Knights Basketball programme.

NEEDS

The Knights Basketball programme continues to need sponsorship and parent assistance to help fund its growth and effectiveness. Our sponsors like **Griffin Stevens Estate Agents** and **IC Resources** have been invaluable, but we need the support of our parents to maximise other funding opportunities, and like its name says, it really is with **easyfundraising!** For example, I thought as editor of this bulletin I would use my family's experience. We first joined **easyfundraising** three years ago to support Marshgate Primary School, but when our daughter moved on to secondary school and Coach Isaac brought up the idea of Knights Basketball getting involved, we switched our designated charity in October last year. By using the programme at such retailers as Amazon and M&S for a bit less than four months, we have raised £67 for the Knights. Now if 200 of our families joined, used the programme, and earned about what we did in four months, the Knights already would have received £13,400, and that is just small purchases, a few Christmas presents, and only four months of use! If 300 families joined, it's **£20,100!** What could be easier, and what an impact we all would make...



NOTES 'N' NONSENSE

The U14 and U16 Boys teams attended the inaugural "Battle in the Capital" international basketball tournament playing against top talent from across Europe. In the U14 Boys age group, Coach Isaac led the Knights to wins over Apollo Live Score from The Netherlands and FC Barcelona Basket. In the finals, we played our National Premier League rivals, the Baltic Stars who flew in additional players from Lithuania to take the game, 56–41.

Coach Jake's U16 Knights were undefeated through tough qualifying match ups against Sussex Storm, Chelmsford Lions and Leicester Riders and took the title by defeating a tough Barking Abbey team 37–33. To cap off the event, Knights player James Cook was named tournament MVP



U16 Boys Tournament Champions

So please sign up today and shop at more than 3,000 retailers and other businesses, including Amazon, John Lewis, Virgin Media, Sainsbury's and many others, who will donate a percentage of your purchase to our programme. Amazon, for example, contributes 1.5% of purchase directly to the Richmond Knights!

Remember, there are no tricks or strings attached to this simple fund-raising system. Just follow these three easy steps:

1. Go to:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/knightsbasketballacademy/cic/>, and sign up for free;

2. Make sure you are signing up for **Knights Basketball Academy CIC** as there are other Knights Basketball causes listed—ours is the first one on the list;

3. Go shopping – your donations will be collected by **easyfundraising** and go to Knights Basketball. It couldn't be easier, it's completely free to you, and it's great for our programme!

Also, the Knights still need volunteer families for an estate agent sign board at your home. Each board is £25 to our budget, and we want 40 locations—that's £1,000 each time the signs go up. If you haven't already signed up to take a board, please email the office at office@knightsbasketball.co.uk or Phil Sheldon at prsheldon@netscape.net. We need 7 more addresses!

Save the date! Knights' coaches vs. St Mary's University, Saturday, 28th April at 5 pm—come cheer on your coaches and see some excellent basketball!

Men's National League Team next home game dates are:

- 3 March 2018 versus Chelmsford Lions
- 24 March 2018 versus Anglia Ruskin University

It's Knights' Quiz Time. Last month's winners were Molly Lavin, first place, basketball donated by **Sheen and Richmond Sports**, and no second place as no one figured out the tricky last question, "How many personal fouls are you allowed before you foul out in an NBA game? You are allowed 5, you foul out on your 6th thus 5 was the correct answer! To enter this month's quiz, send your answers to the following questions about the world of Knights Basketball to prsheldon@netscape.net or on Instagram ([@KnightsBball09](https://www.instagram.com/KnightsBball09)) to win. The first email or Instagram entry with the correct answers (spelled correctly) **will win a new basketball**; second correctly answered entry **will win a £10 gift certificate to Starbucks**. Winners announced in the next issue.

- 1) Who are the current reigning NBA champions?
- 2) Who is the current leading scorer (as of 23 February 2018) in the NBA?
- 3) Who won the NBA All Star game this year?
- 4) Who made two free throws with 6 seconds left on the clock to win a Knights' Mens' game recently?
- 5) Name three sets of sisters currently playing for Knights Basketball teams?