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RAF Final Fours Cosford

A Look Back



After another amazing season of basketball, the RAF Final Fours are now over for another year, and we've got all the final scores.

England's top teams have battled it out for the coveted title of national champions and we've seen some incredible shows on the courts at both RAF DCAE Cosford and RAF College Cranwell. See if you can spot yourself in our Finals special – and find out all the scores.

The RAF Final Fours continue to be the highlight of the youth basketball calendar, and this year's events were no exception. We've seen some old faces, and some new teams – all proving why basketball in England is some of the best in the world.

Win or lose, the teams who took part in the RAF Final Fours 2009, should all be proud of their achievements. Big congratulations go to all those who took part in the national leagues throughout the 2008/09 season and best of luck to everyone for next season. Who knows, it could be you next year!

To see more pictures of the events, visit www.raf.mod.uk/altitude

Click on each finals result on the next page to see game stats!





U14 Final Fours Results 2009

Girls

Semi Finals
 Manchester Mystics 56 v 78 Haringey Angels
 Southend Swifts 76 v 45 Cheshire Jets

Third Place Playoff
 Manchester Mystics 66 v 44 Cheshire Jets

Final (MVP - Jay-Ann Harriott, Haringey)
Haringey Angels 61 v 45 Southend Swifts

Boys

Semi Finals
 Manchester Magic 82 v 58 London Pioneers
 Newham All-Star Sports Academy 69 v 65 Leeds Tigers

Third Place Playoff
 London Pioneers 59 v 84 Leeds Tigers

Final (MVP - Greg Krippa, Manchester)
Manchester Magic 74 v 60 Newham All-Star Sports Academy



U16 Final Fours Results 2009

Girls

Semi Finals
 Sevenoaks Suns 76 v 44 Southend Swifts
 Doncaster Panthers 44 v 43 Haringey Angels

Third Place Playoff
 Southend Swifts 52 v 70 Haringey Angels

Final (MVP - Renee Busch, Sevenoaks)
Sevenoaks Suns 63 v 36 Doncaster Panthers

Boys

Semi Finals
 Manchester Magic 83 v 57 Cheshire Jets
 City of Birmingham 83 v 89 Sheffield Junior Sharks

Third Place Playoff
 Cheshire Jets 78 v 82 City of Birmingham

Final (MVP - John Gould, Manchester)
Manchester Magic 95 v 61 Sheffield Junior Sharks



U18 Final Fours Results 2009

Girls

Semi Finals
 Manchester Mystics 100 v 55 Southend Swifts
 Haringey Angels 72 v 37 Nottingham Wildcats

Third Place Playoff
 Southend Swifts 74 v 90 Nottingham Wildcats

Final (MVP - Ella Clark, Haringey)
Manchester Mystics 49 v 60 Haringey Angels

Boys

Semi Finals
 Derby Trailblazers 87 v 75 Reading Rockets
 Hackney White Heat 81 v 78 Solent Kestrels

Third Place Playoff
 Reading Rockets 89 v 88 Solent Kestrels

Final (MVP - Tom Pereira, Derby)
Derby Trailblazers 91 v 84 Hackney White Heat

The EBL's Best of 08/09!

We are pleased to announce the **Senior EBL Players and Coaches of the Year for 2008/09!**

From this year's top EBL team, Reading Rockets, comes the Player and Coach of the Year – **David Watts** and **Dave Titmuss!**

'Tin-Tin' Watts again proved to be one of the most versatile and athletic players in the EBL this season, averaging over 18 points per game including an impressive 45% shooting average from behind the arc. The 6'8" forward hails from Mansfield, where he played national league basketball before making the move to Reading.

Coach Dave Titmuss was the ringleader for this season's only perfect senior EBL team – the Reading Rockets. The Rockets captured all possible accolades at the Division One level in 08/09 including the League, Playoff, National Cup and Men's Trophy honours.

Nottingham Wildcats guard **Jill Glessner** has been selected as the Player of the Year for Division One Women after her second season with the club. The American was amongst the top ten in points, rebounds, and assists in Division One this year and was instrumental in the Wildcats' winning run in the second half of the season.

Damian Jennings was the top vote getter for Coach of the Year at the Division One level thanks to a fantastic turnaround season for the UWIC Archers. In only their second year at the top level, Jennings and the Archers finished second in the league and were also runners-up in the National Cup and playoff finals. Not a bad achievement for a team who finished 7th in 07/08 with an 8-win, 10-loss record!

Please find the full list of Coaches and Players of the Year for all senior EBL division this season.



League	Player of the Year	Team
Division One Men	David Watts	Reading Rockets
Division One Women	Jill Glessner	Nottingham Wildcats
Division Two Men	Robert Stockwell	Leeds Carnegie
Division Two Women (N)	Ruth Cass	Sefton Stars
Division Two Women (M/SW)	Gemma Salmon	South Birmingham Bears
Division Two Women (S)	Angelina Browne-Akinyemi	Wellingborough Phoenix
Division Three Men (N)	Paul Elderkin	Durham Wildcats
Division Three Men (S)	Jay McMillan	Glamorgan Gladiators
Division Four Men (N)	Paul Graham	Tyne Met Trojans
Division Four Men (M/S)	Graham Holland	Loughborough Students
Division Four Men (SW)	Horst Marschall	Bristol Academy Flyers II

League	Coach of the Year	Team
Division One Men	David Titmuss	Reading Rockets
Division One Women	Damian Jennings	UWIC Archers
Division Two Men	Matthew Newby	Leeds Carnegie
Division Two Women (N)	Aldo Cervi	Stockport Lapwings
Division Two Women (M/SW)	Carys Caulwell	South Birmingham Bears
Division Two Women (S)	Michelle Brown	Brixton Topcats
Division Three Men (N)	Dave Elderkin	Durham Wildcats
Division Three Men (S)	Andrew Powlesland	Brixton Topcats
Division Four Men (N)	James Bambury	Leeds Carnegie II
Division Four Men (M/S)	Jack Majewski	Richmond College London Utd
Division Four Men (SW)	Victor Fleming	UWIC Archers

NBA Coaches Evening

The National Basketball Association (NBA) is thrilled to be back in London for 2009 to continue their ongoing relationship with basketball in the UK. In conjunction with the Basketball Coaches Association (BCA), England Basketball (EB) and London Basketball (LB), THREE coaching seminars have been arranged in preparation/part of for the NBA Game on the 6th October 2009.

The first of these clinics will be taking place at Moberly Sports and Education Centre with guest Coach Terry Stotts – see bio below.

This is another fantastic opportunity for coaches across the capital to learn and support their own coaching development by listening to the experiences, information and drills from someone working in the biggest league in the world!

Chair of London Basketball Coaching Committee and former NBA player (LA Lakers) Steve Bucknall states:

“Again, we are working hard to support the development of coaches in London and having the support of the NBA allows us to showcase high level coaches and encourage our London Coaches to develop their own learning. We want all our coaches to be able to

produce great players as part of the player pathway. We have great talent in the capital and we want great coaches coaching them.”

This Coaches Evening again provides a unique, free opportunity to meet NBA coaches, observe their coaching techniques and listen as they discuss their favourite drills. That’s right, it is FREE!

Date: Wednesday 10th June 2009

Time: 6.45pm – clinic starts at 7:00pm SHARP

Location: Moberly Sports and Education Centre, Kilburn Lane, W10 4AH, Nearest Tube is Queens Park (Bakerloo Line) Buses 6, 28, 52, 187, 316

Please RSVP to lisa.williams@lsbu.ac.uk by Monday 8th June 2009.

London Basketball hopes coaches appreciate this exciting opportunity to mingle with NBA coaches and further their coaching development.



Terry Stotts - Bio

Terry Stotts, a 14-year NBA coaching veteran, begins his first season with the Mavericks after serving as the head coach of the Milwaukee Bucks from 2005-07. Stotts guided the Bucks to their last postseason appearance (2005-06) after earning a 40-42 (.488) regular season record.

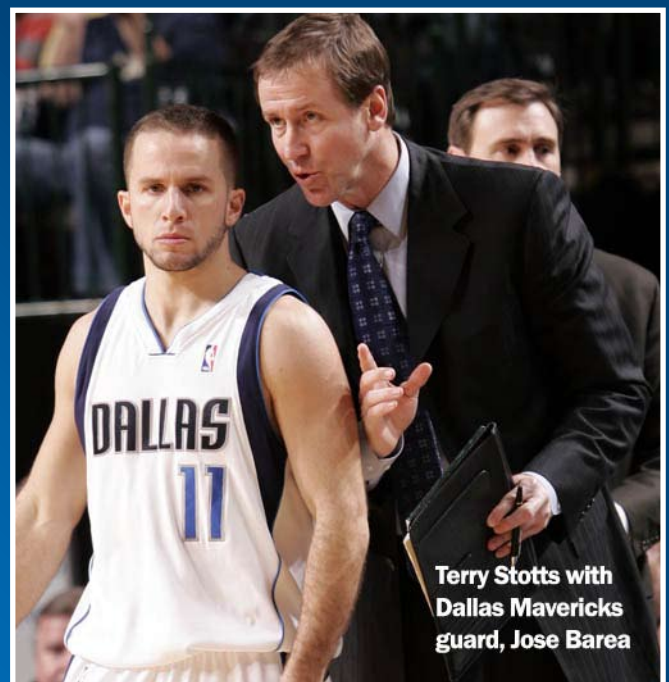
Stotts began his NBA coaching career under George Karl, spending five seasons with the Seattle SuperSonics and four with the Bucks. During that stretch, his teams finished each season above .500 and qualified for the playoffs in eight of nine seasons.

While in Seattle, the Sonics posted a 357-135 (.726) record, captured four Pacific Division titles, reached the Western Conference Finals twice and appeared in the 1996 NBA Finals.

In four seasons as lead assistant in Milwaukee, Stotts helped the Bucks amass a 163-133 (.551) mark, highlighted by a Central Division Championship and a berth in the 2001 Eastern Conference Finals.

Stotts spent the 2004-05 season as the lead assistant with the Golden State Warriors under head coach Mike Montgomery. Prior to the 2004-05 campaign, Stotts spent two seasons in Atlanta. His first head coaching experience came with the Hawks when he replaced Lon Krueger on Dec. 26, 2002.

Stotts, a second round selection of the Houston Rockets in the 1980 NBA Draft, began his professional playing career in Italy before joining the CBA's Montana Golden Nuggets. He returned to Europe for several seasons, playing in Spain and France, before joining Karl's coaching staff with the CBA's Albany Patroons in 1990-91. During his first year on a professional



Terry Stotts with Dallas Mavericks guard, Jose Barea

coaching staff, he helped lead the Patroons to an all-time CBA-best 50-6 record. Stotts coached the CBA's Fort Wayne Fury for one season before joining the Sonics.

A four-year starter at the University of Oklahoma, Stotts earned All-Big Eight honors as a senior and was named Academic All-America in each of his final two collegiate seasons. He was named the OU's outstanding senior student-athlete and was one of three individuals chosen nationally to receive an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship. He earned a BS in Zoology and, in 1988, earned an MBA from his alma mater.

Volunteer Recognition Awards 2009

Nominations are sought from clubs, associations, regions, etc. to recognise the outstanding service provided by their basketball volunteers during the past season.



We reserve the right to create additional volunteer awards and to recognise others for their services to basketball. Initial plans are to honour at least three finalists in each of the categories. Award winners will receive a trophy while the nominating organisation for each of the winners will receive a cheque for £600 (or £200 in the case of non-Clubmark accredited clubs).

Download the 2009 Volunteer Recognition Awards nomination form here (PDF).

Please download **Edition 48 of Zone Press** to see full coverage from last season's Awards Luncheon.

Please note that the awards are for outstanding volunteer service to basketball in the above categories. The emphasis should be on people who have made a positive and harmonious contribution in a particular category to their club/area/region.



Please download and complete the form for your respective nominees and return it to us by post, by Friday 10 July 2009.

Note:

The **Harry Errington Award** is for the Volunteer Administrator of the Year (i.e. for services to basketball administration).

The **John Sage Award** is for the Volunteer Coach of the Year (i.e. for services to basketball coaching).

The **K K Mitchell Award** is for the Volunteer Official of the Year (i.e. for services to basketball officiating - referees / table officials).

- **Volunteer Administrator of the Year**
- **Volunteer Coach of the Year**
- **Volunteer Court Announcer of the Year**
- **Volunteer Official of the Year**
- **Volunteer Statistician of the Year**
- **Volunteer Team Manager of the Year**
- **Young Volunteer of the Year**

Northern Coaches Clinic

A Focus on Coach Development

On Sunday 17 May the first **Northern Coaches Clinic** supported by England Basketball and the Basketball Coaches Association UK took place at Minsthorpe College in Wakefield.

Coach **Nemanja Jovanovic** was the guest clinician and almost 30 coaches from across the North attended.

Topics of one handed passing, reading and reacting to defenders and creating passing lanes were delivered by this experienced



top European junior coach. At a cost of just £10 the coaches who attended all thought the clinic was of exceptional value for the knowledge and tips that they gained. It is hoped that next year more coaches who are keen on developing themselves into better coaches will attend.

Some feedback from the attending coaches:

"It was well worth the time spent and I learned a lot from it. The coach was excellent. Great attention to detail and the progressions were methodical. We now have lots of drills to work on and share with the Leeds Tigers coaches. Looking forward to the next one."

"The content was pitched at a high enough level to keep everyone involved, but also well broken down for people to make notes and take things away."

"Overall it was, in my opinion, a great day and hope we have another very soon."

For more information about the clinic and further clinics head to www.bcauk.org

MEN'S NATIONAL

FOUNDERS

2009/10 COMPETITION

CUP

The National Founders Cup is a senior men's competition for non-National League teams and players giving them an opportunity to show how they can perform at a national level.

The entries are split to play in regionalised pools before going on to Quarter and Semi Final ties against other regional pool winners, with the final being played alongside the National League Playoff finals.

In the 2008/09 season we had a great response for the competition with 35 entries in total; we hope to increase this number for the 2009/10 season and raise the profile of the competition even higher.

You can enter your existing team or alternatively you can build a team using players from any number of other local league clubs. For example, a central venue league could compile a representative squad from any of the players that compete in their league.

Please download an entry form and you may also view the competition guidelines for more information.

**For any further queries, please contact Simon Turton:
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NBA Finals Return To British TV!

For the second year in a row, basketball fans in the UK will be treated to the NBA Playoff Finals!



Both Setanta Sports and Channel Five will feature full, live coverage the NBA Finals with Setanta also showing replays of the games the following day.

The Los Angeles Lakers will make a record 30th appearance in The Finals when Kobe Bryant and Pau Gasol attempt to earn their 15th NBA title against Dwight "Superman" Howard and the Orlando Magic. Game 1 of The Finals is Thursday, June 4 and will feature eight international players including Adonal Foyle, Marcin Gortat, Gasol, Mickael Pietrus, DJ Mbenga, Hedo Turkoglu, Sasha Vujacic and Sue Yue.

Following a regular season that saw increased attendance, television ratings and traffic on NBA.com, the NBA Playoffs continue to excite fans and players alike.

Please [click here](#) to view NBA TV's 'Sights & Sounds' of the Playoffs.

The NBA Finals will be broadcast in more than 250 countries and

territories in 40 languages. Please see the following links for the finals schedule details locally.

Below is the schedule and game times (all listed as US East Coast time):

GM 1	June 4	Orlando Magic at L.A. Lakers	75-100
GM 2	June 7	Orlando Magic at L.A. Lakers	8:00 PM
GM 3	June 9	L.A. Lakers at Orlando Magic	9:00 PM
GM 4	June 11	L.A. Lakers at Orlando Magic	9:00 PM
GM 5*	June 14	L.A. Lakers at Orlando Magic	8:00 PM
GM 6*	June 16	Orlando Magic at L.A. Lakers	9:00 PM
GM 7*	June 18	Orlando Magic at L.A. Lakers	9:00 PM

*if necessary

UK NBA Finals Coverage

All Games Live on Setanta Sport 2 and Channel 5

Repeat Schedule

Game 1 Rpt - Friday 5 June, Setanta Sport 1, 1.00pm
 Game 1 Rpt - Friday 5 June, Setanta Sport 1, 10.00pm
 Game 2 Rpt - Monday 8 June, Setanta Sport 1, 5.45pm
 Game 3 Rpt - Wednesday 10 June, Setanta Sport 1, 7.30pm
 Game 4 Rpt - Friday 12 June, Setanta Sport 1, 1.00pm
 Game 4 Rpt - Friday 12 June, Setanta Sport 1, 7.30pm

For the Love of Bryony



Saturday 9th May saw eight teams converging on York College to play a tournament in memory of Bryony Aveyard – an enthusiastic York Vikings basketball player who was only 11 years old when she was struck down with a fatal brain haemorrhage.

This was the first event after the official launch of the 'For the Love of Bryony' Appeal, which will see the Aveyard family looking to raise £55,000 this year to provide a WellChild nurse for the Yorkshire area.

The home side welcomed young teams from Doncaster Panthers, City of Sheffield Hatters, Hatfield Fliers, Kirklees Kestrels, Thirsk Thunder and Leeds Carnegie. In all there were 18 matches including an "All Stars" game leading up to the Final.

City of Sheffield Hatters emerged victorious on the day with a superb display of competitive basketball and immense team spirit.

In the emotional closing address and Awards Ceremony each coach was asked to nominate a 'Player of the Day' (sponsored by City of York Council) and a player to receive a special 'Fellowship Award' on behalf of England Basketball which was inspired by Bryony's warm, inclusive nature.

One York Player wrote:

"It will be so weird not seeing you on the bench or by my side shouting encouragement to everyone. You always had a smile on your angelic face whether we were winning or losing! You were so down to earth and had such a great personality, it's no wonder you were such a good role model for the younger members of our team. It was like the team were the pieces of a puzzle and you were the glue sticking us all together."

Jayne Pitcher, one of the Tournament Organisers, said, "Bryony would have loved the day ... playing the sport she loved, with her team against familiar and new clubs. We were there to remember that and to move forward together in the sport."

All of the Table Officials and Referees donated their fees on the day and, with proceeds from the raffle, York Vikings raised £449.36 towards the Aveyards' WellChild appeal.

Roger Taylor from Thirsk Thunder was the first of many to send their thoughts after the event:

"The Thirsk contingent thoroughly enjoyed the day. I think that the organisation was absolutely spot on – I can't believe that it ran to time! Thanks and congratulations to all concerned. I think that the spirit of the day was brilliant too and it is surely testament to how well liked and respected Bryony was."

Kath Aveyard, Bryony's Mum, wrote:

"Saturday was fantastic and I really feel it will have helped the York Vikings girls. I know Bryony was present in that room and sat on every one of the girls' shoulders as they played! Bryony would have loved every minute on Saturday...it was so hard not seeing her there...my last memories of Bryony are very much on the basketball court. I thought it was a really lovely memorial to a dearly missed basketballer and friend. Everyone there will have been touched and I'm sure will remember the day forever."

Please visit the York Vikings website to find a page dedicated to Bryony www.yorkvikings.org.uk .

For further details of the 'For the Love of Bryony' Appeal please email yvjc@yorkvikings.org.uk



ESBBA Finals 2009

The **English Schools Basketball Association (ESBBA)** U16 and U19 National Schools' Championships for Boys and Girls took place on Saturday 28th March at Hemel Hempstead Sports Centre. Schools competed in regional and national rounds of the competition to earn their place in the main finals event of the year for the ESBBA.

U16 Girls "Handforth Trophy"

Greensward College (Essex) 73
Greig City Academy (London) 58

This was a close game during the first 2 quarters, with Greig City ahead at half time (32 - 24) thanks to an 8 point unanswered run at the start of the 2nd quarter. Greensward came out strongly in the second half and by the start of the last period had over-turned the game to lead 50-49.

Greensward stormed ahead in the 4th quarter scoring 17 points without reply in 4 minutes including three 3-pointers, with Grace Keys scoring 7 for the Essex school. A late rally by Greig City was too late and Greensward ran out winners 73 - 58.

The Golden ball for outstanding team performer in the game went to Charlene St Marthe of Greig City.

U16 Boys "Presidents Trophy"

Silverdale School (Sheffield) 105
Chadwell Heath Foundation School (London) 95

This was certainly "match of the day" with two evenly matched teams playing great basketball in a tightly contested game throughout.

At half-time there was nothing to split the teams and the score sat at 48 - 48.

Having been contained by tight defence in the first half, Silverdale's England International Devon Van Oostrum broke away from his double markers to stamp his authority on the game in the 3rd quarter scoring 14 points with four 3-pointers to give his school a 14 point lead going into the last period.

Chadwell Heath fought hard in the last period to reduce the deficit, but Van Oostrum again did the damage for Silverdale adding another 11 points to his total for the Sheffield school to win the game 105 - 95.

The Golden ball for outstanding team performer in the game went to Jim Rose of Silverdale.

U19 Girls "Peter Horn Trophy"

Ellesmere Port (Cheshire) 61
Great Baddow High School (Essex) 68

Another tightly contested match with Great Baddow just maintaining a small lead throughout the game, going into the last period with a 13 point lead at 55 - 42.

A great fighting comeback by Ellesmere Port in the 4th quarter saw them reduce the gap to just 5 points with one minute to go. With both schools now on team fouls, the last minute was largely played out at the free-throw line, with Great Baddow's Katie Doubleday keeping her nerve to add 4 vital points for her school to maintain the lead and win 68 - 61.

The Golden ball for outstanding team performer in the game went to A. Bowen of Ellesmere Port.

U19 Boys "Admiral's Trophy"

Silverdale School (Sheffield) 94
Greig City Academy (London) 68

With six Silverdale players having already played earlier in the U16 final, Greig City Academy may have had the opportunity to take something from the day, however Silverdale were far too strong for them and led from the start to win 94 - 68.

Devon Van Oostrum was in great form for Silverdale and supported by the height of John Stewart and Will Hall they dominated the game.

The Golden ball for outstanding team performer in the game went to Devon Van Oostrum of Silverdale.

News from the NSPCC



Standards for Safeguarding and Protection Children in Sport

England Basketball has successfully completed the NSPCC's Standards for Safeguarding and Protection Children in Sport following the achievement of the Advanced level of the standards. This follows the achievement of the Intermediate level in 2008 and Preliminary level in 2005.

The NSPCC's Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) developed the standards to provide a national benchmark of good practice for organisations to work towards. The standards raise awareness of safeguarding and aim to educate all involved in sport about the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults.

The completion of the standards reflect many years of commitment and dedication that many clubs have put into developing their safeguarding practices, particularly through achieving Clubmark status. Whilst England Basketball has completed the

standards, work will continue to improve safeguarding resources and procedures in basketball.

Online Film to Help Sports Clubs Protect Children from Abuse



On 7 May, the NSPCC today launched the online film - 'Play Sport Stay Safe'. The film is free to view on the NSPCC's Child Protection in Sport Unit website at www.thecpsu.org.uk.

'Play Sport Stay Safe' has been created for sports club staff, volunteers and parents. The film shows examples of how to recognise, respond to and report any concerns over the safety and well being of children involved in sport.

Director of the NSPCC's Child Protection in Sport Unit, Anne Tiivas said: "Millions of children and young people play sport every week. They will often build close and trusting relationships with the adults that coach and supervise them. These adults are in an ideal position to listen, spot and act on any suspicions or allegations of inappropriate behaviour or abuse."

The film shows fifteen different scenarios set in sports clubs. They include best practice

examples of how to handle concerns about physical abuse, sexual abuse, bullying, disability discrimination and racial discrimination of children.

The film also emphasises the need for sports clubs to have clear procedures for responding to child protection concerns.

Anne Tiivas said: "Sport should always be fun and safe. It's not the responsibility of those involved in sport to investigate what's happened, but it is their responsibility to report concerns.

"Those who manage sports clubs and volunteers have a clear duty to protect the children and young people, as well as the adults, who take part and enjoy their sport. Sports clubs should contact their sports National Governing Body for more information and help in developing and implementing child protection policies.

"Adults who have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child can also call the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000 for help and advice."

'Play Sport Stay Safe' has been produced with the support of Sport Northern Ireland, Sport Scotland, Children 1st and Sport England East and South East regions.

Muslim Women's Sport Foundation

Imaan wa Amal: Faith and Action through Sport

The Muslim Women's Sport Foundation is recruiting for three roles in London. Please see below for links to job descriptions and more information on the MWSF.

In order to apply for the role of Project Coordinator or Office Manager, please send your CV, including contact number, along with a cover letter (no more than 3 A4 pages) detailing how you meet the criteria and what you can bring to the MWSF and the B2S project.

The deadline for applications is 15 June 2009 and interviews are likely to take place during that week and the week commencing 22 June 2009.

Job Vacancy Information (download)

For further information, please email jobs@mwsf.org.uk

The MWSF is a single not-for-profit organisation based in London. They are run by a group of dedicated volunteers of diverse experience and backgrounds, with a passion for both sport and fulfilling the aims of the Foundation.

The overarching aim of MWSF is to enable

Muslim women to participate in a variety of sports without compromising their Islamic values. The coverage, facilitation and awareness for Muslim women's sport is virtually non-existent and there are few role models for Muslim women to follow..... hence the formation of the Muslim Women's Sport Foundation! They are also the official UK body to the International Women's Islamic Games providing Muslim Women with a player pathway to higher competition for those with the ambition to represent Britain.

The Muslim Women's Sport Foundation has developed a plan for three years beginning mid 2009. The project, Born to Succeed (B2S) will involve four objectives:

- **Regular structured training sessions**
- **School outreach programme**
- **Research into Muslim women's participation in sport**
- **Support to individuals to become coaches and referees**

B2S is supported by a number of people involved within sport, including Nike, **England Basketball**, the FA, Sporting Equals and the Football Foundation. Please refer to our website for further details
- www.mwsf.org.uk

Down's Syndrome Society Hold Camp

The Down's Syndrome Society of Solihull held their first basketball camp on Thursday 16 April 2009.

The session was attended by 30 young enthusiastic players ranging in age from 4 to 17 years. This number included siblings who didn't necessarily have Down's syndrome.

The session was based on fun, continual and varied basketball games and fundamentals. All members of the support team were involved and even some parents took part in the shooting game of hot seat.

The day ended with prizes being handed out including some basketballs donated by England Basketball.

Devon Ellis, one of the coaches on hand, said:

"I have always known that basketball and sport in general can have a big impact on lives, but seeing the parents, the assistants and the children with big smiles made me very humbled indeed.

"The balls donated were a wonderful gift - thanks to everyone at EB!"

CALLING ALL REFEREES



2009 England Basketball Development Camp

Want to build on your **experience**?

Want to become a better **referee**?

Date: Wed 22 July - Mon 27 July 2009

Location: Ellesmere Port, Cheshire

Cost: £260 inc. B&B, Evening Meal (other options available)

Why not attend England Basketball's Referee Development/Level 3 camp. This is your chance to take the next step, advance your skills and reach your potential as a referee.

The camp will be delivered in conjunction with Cheshire Jets Player camp and should be very educational and enjoyable so book your place early!

Referees wishing to attain their Level 3 Award will be required to pay an additional £50 for the award fee.

For an application form contact Simon Unsworth:
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