

CRANFIELD MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM 2017-2018

After an exciting season, the men's basketball team managed to finish undefeated the 2017-2018 BUCS league! By defeating all opponents in the 3rd division, the men's basketball team was promoted to the 2nd division and next year will be challenged with even tougher games. Cranfield emerged victorious from all matches, home and away, and effectively put together a 10-game winning streak.



The screenshot shows the BUCS Basketball 2017-2018 Midlands 3B league table. The Cranfield University Mens 1st team is listed in 1st place with 10 points and 30 points scored. The table includes columns for Teams, Pl (Points Lost), and Pts (Points Scored).

Teams	Pl	Pts
▶ 1 Cranfield 1st	10	30
▶ 2 Lincoln 1st	10	24
▶ 3 Loughborough 3rd	10	12
▶ 4 Oxford 2nd	10	12
▶ 5 Cambridge 2nd	10	9
▶ 6 Nottingham 2nd	10	3

Figure 1 - Final standings at the end of the season

The last two games of the season proved to be the most crucial and exciting ones. On the ninth game, playing in Nottingham against the last team of the division, our players struggled and found themselves losing for one point, seven seconds before the end of the match. However, with the game on the line our best scorer, Miguel Garfella (also known as El Magnifico), took matters into his own hands, and with an amazing three pointer won the match for the team. This victory was very important because it kept us undefeated and secured the advantage that our team had over Lincoln University, which was the main competitor for the first position and the final game's opponent.

Having established a 19-point advantage in the first round, the team travelled to Lincoln to play its final game. Our adversaries' only chance for the first position was a 20-points win against Cranfield, and indeed, they tried as hard as they could. However, our players didn't have the intention to let anyone beat them and they proved it once more in the court. After a very close game, our team won by three points and conquered the division without losing a single match. Everyone contributed in his own way and through team effort, the players and the coach managed to finish successfully the 2017-2018 season.



Figure 2 – Team photograph after the final victory in Lincoln

After the conclusion of the BUCS league, Cranfield's basketball team decided to participate in the European Aerostudent Games that take place every year in Toulouse. This year six teams participated in the basketball tournament and our team once again demonstrated how competitive is this year. After three easy wins against Supaero, Roma and ENAC, Cranfield qualified to the final of the competition, where it faced the University of Madrid. After a very tough game, our players prevailed and added one more success to this season.



Figure 3 – Team photograph after the final victory in Toulouse



Figure 4 – Team photograph with the tournament’s trophy in Toulouse

The basketball club would like to thank everyone that participated this year in the trainings of the team and assisted in the preparation for the difficult matches that we played. We hope that everyone enjoyed playing basketball and had fun during the trips that the team had to do this year. To everybody thank you for coming!!!



Figure 5 – Team photograph at the start of the season