

Panthers do coach Steph proud with first trophy

Gracemount Panthers basketball club, founded in 2012, have won their first piece of silverware after coming out on top in the first-ever Lothians Masters (over-40) tournament held at Oriam.

A total of five teams took part.

The club is a labour of love for Stephanie Lynch who fills various roles including coach. She says:

“We have 40 players registered and two teams that play in the Lothian League .

“We are currently sitting third in Divisions Two and Four.

“Our Division Two team are through to the next round of the Lothian Cup so fingers crossed we come out with a good result.



“The club is about having players that just want to play basketball, players that want to learn more about the game and get to play

“We have a large amount of different players from different countries and it makes the team more special . I never go out to win games as a coach which isn't the normal thought process.

“I want everyone to feel involved in the game and play as a team. That has been the main thing players getting to play and

enjoy basketball without the pressure to win . This has been the reason for the results we get a players get to play and grow on court instead of sitting on a bench doing nothing.

Last season, 2023/2024, our team got promoted to Division Two which was huge deal for our club.”

The winning Masters squad: Pawel Tabols, Ka Chun Kwan (Chris), Kin hong Lau (Hong), LingFung Thomas Lau (Thomas), Alex Li, Patrick Rose, Paseedy Hydera, Kok Kwan Wong (Andrew), captain, Chun Chak (Woody), Nip King Yan (Ryan).