

# WorcWolves Newsflash

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## Pre-Season Friendly Reading Rockets to visit Worcester



Worcester Wolves have announced a pre-season friendly against the Reading Rockets to take place on Saturday 24 September (7pm) at the University of Worcester.

The Rockets completed its most successful season ever in 2009-10 by winning the EBL National Trophy and finishing League runners up in EBL Division. In 2010-11 they went on to win the National Trophy again (beating Leeds Carnegie 76-59 in the final), finish third in the League and win the Play-Off Final (beating Leeds Carnegie 88-63).

Although Reading play in the second tier of British basketball, in EBL Division 1, Wolves Director of Basketball Paul James still views the game as a useful tune-up for his new look squad: "Our new Americans have been arriving in Worcester over the next few days, and are now teaming up with the players returning from last season. Although everyone is now getting back into game shape, and learning the plays, with such a turnover of personnel I am keen to see how they gel on a match night. Rockets might lie below us in the hierarchy of the game, but they have always been one of the higher-placed sides at their level. This will be an opportunity to try out a few things ahead of our opening game of the season the following week against Guildford Heat."

**Dave Smith**