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Press Release

## CRC SOLDIERS TAKE BASKETBALL HONOURS

**Cambridge Regional College's men's basketball team is celebrating a major success after finishing the season top of the league and undefeated in all ten matches.**

CRC Soldiers vanquished all opposition in their march to victory, picking up the trophy for winning the British Colleges League Division 1 North in a fantastic season.



CRC Soldiers Sam Cottam, Alan Trong, Clifford Gama, Doug Harding, and King Lawal, with proud coach Nat Ashby holding the trophy

The team also made it to the semi-finals of the national cup, losing to eventual finalists Long Road Sixth Form College.

Basketball coach Nat Ashby, a sports lecturer at CRC who played for the College when he was a student, said he was very proud of the team.

“They’ve had a fantastic season. I think the secret of their success is their great team spirit – they’re a close group of players who train and play together both inside and outside college, so they are very familiar with each other and all get on really well.

“This is my first year coaching the team and I’m very proud of them. We now have the option of moving up to the elite league of British basketball, but a number of key players are graduating and leaving CRC this summer so we’ve decided to remain in Division 1 for 2010/2011.”

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#### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has around 3,500 full-time and 6,000 part-time students. Students come in from a 40-mile radius, covering Cambridge and its surrounding villages, eastern Bedfordshire, northern Essex and western Suffolk.

Over 80 per cent of full-time students are aged 16 to 18 years old and come to the College after secondary school; the rest are mature students, studying on a range of Access to Higher Education and vocational programmes. The College offers the largest and most comprehensive range of vocational courses in Cambridgeshire, and has one of the largest Train to Gain contracts in the Eastern Region.