

Phoenix are ready to fly

BASKETBALL

EDMONTON Green Phoenix will tip off their third season this Saturday with high hopes and a smart new team kit to match.

They take on Hertfordshire Warriors at 5.45pm at the new Edmonton Green Leisure Centre, where they will play all their home games in future.

The Phoenix, founded in 2006 by Kas Stuart and Sasha McCarthy, have enjoyed tremendous success in the national pyramid.

They compete in the Second Division and boast an experienced line-up, including ex-England player Zoe Mallett.

The team is supported this season by St Modwen, the developer behind the regeneration of the Edmonton Green Shopping Centre.

Their sponsorship will assist with the ongoing cost of running the team, including court hire, referee fees, travel, advertising and promotions.

Stuart said: "We are really looking forward to the start of the season and playing again. Our new kit is great and it's fantastic to be supported by St Modwen."

"The sponsorship will help us with the costs of running the team so we can put all our efforts into winning our games!"

And Brendan Webb of St Modwen said: "When I met Kas and the girls, I was really keen for St Modwen to support their team."

"With our sponsorship and the support of the local residents we hope the Phoenix will be playing in the top league next season."

■ **HIGH HOOPS . . .** Brendan Webb of new sponsors St Modwen (centre) takes time out to play ball with Edmonton Green Phoenix ahead of their first game of the season. (Back row from left) Vanessa Waite, Bonnie Laird, Sasha McCarthy, Bex Njoku, Vivian Onyido and Simona Lissner. (Front row from left) Patsy Imbert, Rachel Austin, Arlyne Rodriguez, Zoe Mallett and Erika Hamer.

