

Derbyshire Squash Rackets Association

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Derbyshire Men's Leagues - Round 2 - 4th October 2007

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Division 2

Duffield 2 are setting the pace in Division 2 with another 4-1 win this time over Repton 1. Adam Arminger overcame the loss of the 1st game before proving too strong for Repton's John Kirtland, but was immediately overshadowed by Jack Blythe's come back from 2-0 down to Simon Evans. Blythe won each of the last 3 games 9-1 to leave one wondering what happened in the first 2 games. Kyle McBride and Mitch Cook each won straightforward 3-0 wins over Adrian Oldbury and Ben Smith to put Duffield 4-0 up. Repton captain Simon Price spoilt a Duffield clean sweep as he beat James Barry 9-6 in the 5th.

Burton 3 secured good early season points against Lumb Farm 2 despite a close 3-2 scoreline. Paul Baker came from 2 games down to beat Paul Brown 3-2, the 5th going Baker's way 9-7. Lumb Farm's Ady Elks slithered through in a hard fought battle with Paul Morris, only 5 points separating them over their 5 games. Greg Watkins secured Burton their bonus points, but not after a scare. Watkins edged the 1st 9-8 and took the 2nd 9-5, but Barry Marshall slowly gained control winning the 3rd 9-7, then the 4th 9-6, however, Marshall lost concentration allowing Watkins back in to take the 5th 9-5.

A full strength Hood Park 2 eventually ran out 3 -2 victors over weakened Burton 2. HP2 started well with Mick Burton and Nigel Storer beating Paul Jobson and Vince Doleman 3-1 and 3-0 respectively to take a 2 nil lead. Burton fought back with Adrian Murphy (3-1) who was too experienced for Paul Sumpter. At 1st string Burton's Carl Timms took a surprising but deserved 2 - 0 lead against Leon Armston. Armston pulled back a game and was well ahead in the fourth, but with one eye on a 5th game let it slip and lost the game 10-9 and importantly 2 points. The deciding game turned out to be Simon Hurst versus Burton captain Tom Comb, after a titanic battle Hurst squeezed out a well earned win 10-9 in the 5th.

Division 4

Burton 5 scored a notable team victory over Hood Park 4 by 3-2 with only 2 games separating the teams. A vital comeback from 2-1 down by Burton's Ray Salt over Paul Bullen secured the win.

Incredibly, Duffield 4 only won 9 games against Repton 2, but fortunately that was enough for the team win and the bonus points. Despite the loss, Repton still pick up 11 points. Skipper Keith Elson and no. 1 John Wright both sneaking through late in their 5th games.

Brampton Manor 2 secured a very useful 18 points against Rolls-Royce 2 despite a narrow overall score line of 3-2. Newly promoted Sandiacre have started well in Division 4 and secured another victory this time 3-2 over Dragons 4.

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