

Derbyshire Squash Rackets Association

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On Tues 29 Jan about 18:10 Kevin White was interviewed by Ross Fletcher on Radio Derby and discussed the Derbyshire County Championships and Squash in general in Derbyshire. Listen in on the below link ... just hang in there thro' the BeeGees - *Tragedy!*

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/aod/derby.shtml>

Derbyshire Men's Leagues 2nd Half Rnd 9

Division 1

LA Fitness' domination continues as they tick off another important win, this time against The Manor, on their march to successive titles. Mike Lambert's promotion to the 1st team looked promising as he took the opener off Dave Stone. Stone used to be a regular for the Manor and is well known for his resilience which shown through once more as he then ran down Lambert to win 4-9 9-4 9-6 9-3. Greg Loach survived Craig Walsh's opening salvo to win the first game 10-8, going on to win 9-0 9-2. Ryan Loska was also slow to start and found himself 2-0 to Jason Walsh, but he had made Walsh work hard for the first two. After a few tough rallies in the third, Loska took full control running out a 3-2 winner 7-9 8-10 9-1 9-0 9-2. Eddie Charlton was too strong for Jon Underhill in a one sided 9-4 9-0 9-0 and Joel Hinds (Eng No. 30) was too good for Nick Douglas winning 9-6 9-1 9-1.

Hood Park's kept their diminishing hopes alive with a 3-2 victory at Burton. Ian Duffy cruised to a 3-0 win against Tom Comb, but Mark Pinkerton levelled the match score with a fine 3-1 display against

Mick Worth. Leon Armston was too persistent for Burton's Carl Timms to put Hood Park ahead 2-1, but Richard Davis again levelled the match at 2-2. Burton's Phil Brailsford took the opener 10-9 to give Burton some hope of victory, but John Freeman then powered through the last three games 9-4 9-2 9-4 to claim the bonus points.

Duffield eased away from the relegation zone with a 17-4 points margin against league strugglers Ashbourne. James Archer beat Chris Burns 10-9 9-5 9-5 to record Ashbourne's only win, although Neil Cuthbert ran Millie Tomlinson (Eng U17 No.2) to a close 3-1.

Brampton Manor hit the maximum beating Lumb Farm 5-0 and moved ahead of The Manor into 3rd place. Ian Hilton and Jason Fearn scored good wins over experienced campaigners John Beastall and Neil Nighingale, while Brendan Hickerman and Phil Scully beat youngsters Matt Whitehead and Tom Gregory. Marcus Thomas almost caused an upset taking the 1st game 9-6, the 2nd 10-9, before Charlie Wall, not known for his endurance, staged a great comeback taking the last three games 9-2 9-7 9-6.

Division 3

Draycott's march for promotion took another positive step as they overcame a strong challenge from Rolls-Royce. RR won the first tie as Chris Murray beat Dave Bott 3-1 and then a second win as Jon Brown held his nerve to beat Martin Bostock as they shared several match points each as the last game ended RR's way 10-9.

However, Pete Slowakowski, Martin Rose and Steve Warren all won for a 3-2 result.

LA Fitness 3 keep in touch with Draycott after a 3-2 win away from home at Duffield 3. John Wright and Dave Yallop helped the home side to a 2-0 lead, but Adrian Watts couldn't hold off Ian Mackinson and Steve Hossent was too strong for Chris Alcock. Craig Simpson just hung on to the 4th game 10-9 to secure the bonus points for LA Fitness, beating Phil Bond 3-1.

Hood Park 3 beat Burton 4 3-2 with wins from John Brooks, Pete Wood and Simon Hurst. Queens Park pulled level with LA Fitness in second place with a 4-1 win against David Lloyd away from home. Evergreen Tony Robinson edged out Hanna Legg 10-8 in the 5th to get Queens' off to a good start. Matthew Stone stood alone in defiance in a solid 9-4 9-6 9-4 win over John Pearson.

Division 5

LA Fitness 5 took the spoils in their clash with Belper, romping to a 5-0 win securing a maximum 20 points haul. They lead division 5 by 38 points and are already looking forward to promotion. Queens Park 2 matched LA Fitness with an emphatic win over Burton 6 with help from the battling

qualities of Mike Craven who overcame Eamon Rooney 9-7 10-9 6-9 10-8.

Ladies League

Burton have maintained an important 7 point lead over Duffield, but have seen the gap close this last week as Duffield beat Bradley House by 18 points to 2, while Burton lost vital points to Rolls-Royce.

Anne Mason led the Duffield side with a 3-1 win over Julia Muzyka, and was ably supported by Rikki Shepherd, Nicky Hayward and Hannay Blythe. Rolls-Royce's Hilary Barton put in a fine performance against Baljinder Beesia winning 10-8 9-6 9-7 while Alison Harvey beat Wendy Prestidge 2-9 3- 9-5 10-2. But Burton were able to secure their bonus points through Desley Smith, Andrea Cox and Sue Smith all winning 3-0.

Masters

O35s - Kevin White and Jason Foster both sat out the last round of the Masters Tournaments held at Pontefract in Yorkshire. White has sufficient points and is an automatic England choice being in the top 4, while Foster is likely to qualify in 5th position and win one of the two discretionary places. However, Foster's excellent form means he is likely to play in the middle of the England team order. In next month's National Championships White is seeded 6 and is likely to play title holder Nick Taylor in the quarters, while Foster is seeded 8 and plays Alex Gough the No. 1 seed and still a World top 20 professional.

In the Pontefract O45s, Greg Loach moved into the important 4th place for England selection displacing his opponent Stuart Farrar. Loach got off to a great start winning the first two games 9-2 9-5, but let

his foot off the gas conceding the 3rd 9-5. Loach made amends in the 4th taking that 9-1. Loach then faced the impressive Greg Pearman whom he had taken a game off in their last encounter. This time Pearman looked for revenge and Loach was only able to must 5 points. Loach has a decent draw in the National Championships being seeded to meet 3/4 seed James Ockwell in the quarters.

In the O55s Neil Nightingale continued to pick up points, enough to keep him in second place. After a tough first round with Peter Smith Nightingale was unable to apply sufficient pressure on an in-form Howard Cherlin to claim a game, however, Cherlin went on to beat the No.1 seed Ronnie Bell to emphasise his current standard. Nightingale is all but a certainty for the England O55 team.

Mens Squash Division 1	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
<u>LA Fitness 1</u>	9	9	0	0	165	38	165
<u>Hood Park 1</u>	9	7	2	0	140	59	140
<u>Brampton Manor 1</u>	9	5	4	0	114	91	114
<u>The Manor 1</u>	9	6	3	0	112	89	112
<u>Duffield 1</u>	9	3	6	0	97	105	97
<u>Burton 1</u>	9	3	6	0	86	125	86
<u>Lumb Farm 1</u>	9	3	6	0	72	135	72
<u>Ashbourne</u>	9	0	9	0	23	167	23

Mens Squash Division 3	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
<u>Draycott</u>	9	9	0	0	157	50	157
<u>LA Fitness 3</u>	9	6	3	0	128	85	128

<u>Queens Park 1</u>	9	6	3	0	128	93	128
<u>Rolls-Royce 1</u>	9	5	4	0	116	89	116
<u>Duffield 3</u>	9	4	5	0	103	106	103
<u>Hood Park 3</u>	9	4	5	0	85	130	85
<u>David Lloyd</u>	9	2	7	0	84	138	84
<u>Burton 4</u>	9	0	9	0	49	159	49

Mens Squash Division 5	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
<u>LA Fitness 5</u>	7	7	0	0	134	19	134
<u>Queens Park 2</u>	6	5	1	0	96	41	96
<u>Burton 6</u>	6	3	3	0	64	80	64
<u>Kimberley Manor</u>	5	2	3	0	56	61	56
<u>Repton 3</u>	6	1	5	0	33	102	33
<u>Belper</u>	6	0	6	0	29	109	29

Ladies Squash Division 1	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
<u>Burton</u>	7	7	0	0	110	34	110
<u>Duffield 1</u>	7	6	1	0	103	41	103
<u>Ashbourne</u>	7	4	3	0	78	71	78
<u>Trent Vale (Bramcote)</u>	7	3	4	0	70	78	70
<u>Bradley House</u>	7	1	6	0	50	102	50
<u>Rolls-Royce</u>	7	0	7	0	28	113	28

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