

Derbyshire Squash Rackets Association

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Derbyshire Squash League

Men's Leagues

Division 1

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
LA Fitness 1	2	2	0	0	37	8	37
Duffield 1	2	2	0	0	35	10	35
Burton 1	2	1	1	0	27	19	27
Lumb Farm 1	2	1	1	0	22	24	22
The Manor 1	1	0	1	0	7	17	7
Duffield 2	2	0	2	0	6	38	6
Brampton 1	1	0	1	0	2	20	2

LA Fitness jumped over **Duffield 1** to head the table by 2 points after their 5-0 victory over **Duffield's 2nd** team. Felix Frixou was the only **Duffield** player to trouble the marker as he took the first game off Neil Thorpe. However, Thorpe's experience enabled him to recover well and finish off the rallies to take the next three games to win 9-5 5-9 6-9 5-9. James Barry was unable to convert a game ball in the 1st against Ryan Loska at 2nd string, otherwise **LA** steamrollered through the remaining games. Joel Hinds allowed Mitch Cook just 2 points and Greg Loach was almost as ruthless yielding 3 points to Kyle McBride.

Burton 1 recovered well from their opening crushing defeat at **LA Fitness** with a resounding 5-0 win over **Brampton Manor**. This match saw Richard Davis' return to the side and full fitness as he dispatched Brendan Hickerman 3-0. Ex-Hood Park player James Hodson is a very welcome addition to the **Burton** side at no.2 and duly dispatched Charlie Wall for a solitary point.

Phill Brailsford just managed to deal with the unorthodox play of Ian Hilton to record a 9-10 9-4 9-5 9-7 win. Mark Pinkerton will look back and be thankful of taking the first game 10-9 against Ashley Davies. Davies, the England No.6 U15, has a fine array of racket-work and took the 2nd game 5-9. Pinkerton used his strength to push through the next two games, but a rematch in the return leg will be very interesting.

Duffield 1 continued to show their title credentials with an assured 4-1 win away at **Lumb Farm**. In the match of the tie was at 5th string between Millie Tomlinson and Sam Brown. Tomlinson took an early lead and went to 7-6 only to see it evaporate with a run of errors 9-7. Brown should have capitalised, but failed to make a mark as Tomlinson attacked the front of the court with renewed focus taking the 2nd 9-1. The same attacking strategy worked for Tomlinson taking the 3rd 9-0. Brown looked lost and the end was in sight with Tomlinson 4-2 up in the 4th, but Brown reverted to plan A and upped the pace to take it 9-6. Tomlinson was the first to impose their game and Brown found himself covering all four corners. There was no escape now for Brown and Tomlinson pressed her advantage to win the 5th 9-1; an impressive win and a great start to the match for **Duffield**.

Duffield's Club Captain Jason Foster was in imperious form as he made short work of **Lumb Farm's Tom Gregory** 9-1 9-1 9-2. Steve Strange is deceptively quick and with his short powerful swing had Mark Thomas unsettled from the start. Thomas briefly threatened in the second, but otherwise Strange looks assured in his 9-3 9-7 9-1 win to give the match to **Duffield**. On the

adjoining court **Matt Whitehead** rolled back the years with a fine display beating a distracted **Andy Storer** 9-0 9-5 9-3. **Kevin White** added another 3 points to **Duffield's** tally when he took out **Lumb Farm's** new recruit 9-7 9-4 9-1 at No.1 string.

Division 3

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
LA Fitness 3	2	2	0	0	39	9	39
Duffield 3	2	2	0	0	37	10	37
Rolls-Royce 1	2	2	0	0	37	13	37
David Lloyd	2	1	1	0	25	27	25
Queens Park 1	2	1	1	0	24	26	24
Hood Park 2	2	0	2	0	12	38	12
Sandiacre	2	0	2	0	12	38	12
Duffield 4	2	0	2	0	11	36	11

A three-way battle looks on the cards for both promotion and relegation in Division 3. **Duffield 3** are just ahead of **RR1** by virtue of losing fewer games, but **LA Fitness 3** head the table by 2 points. **Duffield** collected 19 points from visitors **Hood Park 2**. **John Brooks'** battling fight-back against the speed of **John Wright** denied the home side a full complement of points. **Wright** took the 2nd game tie-break to lead 2-0, but **Brooks'** fine finishing shots garnered the 3rd 9-7, the 4th 8-10 and much deserved 5th 6-9.

Charles Noble was **Queens Parks'** only victor away at **LA Fitness 3**, beating **Ian Mackinnon** in 5 games. **Noble** had surrendered a 2-0 lead and had lost the 4th 9-0. It looked a lost cause with **Mackinnon** having all the momentum, but great credit to **Noble** for turning the 5th round in convincing style to take the match 5-9 8-10 10-8 9-0 0-9. 3-0 wins were recorded for **Rob Sillet** and **Martin Edwards**, while **Garth Birtles** and **John Holmes** succeeded 3-1.

Rolls-Royce 1 were without their No.1 **Fitz Haye**, but **Duffield 4** were unable to capitalise going

down 4-1. **Simon Law** beat **Kevin Britchford** 3-1 for **Duffield's** only win and **Dave Yallop** came within 2 points of upsetting **Chris Murray**; 9-7 2-9 3-9 9-5 9-7.

David Lloyd scored an important win to lift their team away from the foot of the table as they beat **Sandiacre** 4-1 and gained 19 points. It was tough going mind as **Aaron Jackson** and **Darren Croshaw** both won long 3-1 matches. **Eric Archibald** hit back for **Sandiacre** beating **Guy Legg** 3-1 to keep the match alive. **David Harrison's** 2-0 lead over **Matt Stone** soon evaporated after the 2nd game as **Stone** clinched the next three to win 3-9 8-9 9-5 9-4 9-2. **Jordan Skinner** found **Lisa McKenna** a class act and was dispatched 9-5 9-3 1-9 9-3.

Division 5

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Burton 4	2	2	0	0	35	15	35
Burton 5	2	2	0	0	32	16	32
LA Fitness 5	2	1	1	0	27	19	27
Hood Park 4	2	1	1	0	23	25	23
Lumb Farm 3	2	0	2	0	17	33	17
Repton 3	1	0	1	0	8	16	8
Bradley House	1	0	1	0	2	20	2
Kimberley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Burton 4 continue to lead **Burton 5** in Division 5 after an excellent 4-1 result away from home against **LA Fitness 5**. **Rich Davis** came from 2-1 down to beat **Oliver Radburn** 9-4 8-10 9-5 3-9 1-9. **Garry Smith** picked up **LA's** only win with an assured 3-0 over **Carl Smith**. **Hood Park 4** defeated **Lumb Farm 3** 3-2 thanks to **Carl Spencer** seeing off **Aide Elks'** 3-2 in the deciding rubber. **Burton 5** put one over neighbours **Repton 3** to keep them in 2nd place.

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