

Derbyshire Squash Rackets Association

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Derbyshire Squash League

Men's League

Division 2

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Lumb Farm 2	2	2	0	0	39	12	39
Hood Park 1	2	0	2	0	24	32	24
Burton 2	2	1	1	0	23	27	23
LA Fitness 2	2	1	1	0	22	27	22
Draycott	2	1	1	0	22	27	22
Ashbourne	1	1	0	0	17	8	17
Repton 1	1	1	0	0	17	12	17
The Manor 2	2	0	2	0	15	34	15

Lumb Farm 2 backed up their opening win of the season with a 20 point haul to reinforce their position at the top of the table. League new boys **Draycott** suffered away from home without their captain Martin Bostock. John Beastall and Sid College both recorded 3-1 wins over Ben Warren and Steve Reeves, while Barry Marshall wrapped up the 5 bonus points in a one side 3-0 against Greg Wemys. Pete Slowakowski and Martin Rose put up some strong resistance, but the vast experience of Neil Nightingale and fleet of foot Marcus Thomas were able to resist giving Lumb Farm a valuable 5-0 victory.

Repton 1 may be second from bottom, but with only 1 match played could be the dark horses of the Division 2. In what might turn out to be a vital match they defeated Hood Park 1 3-2. Incredibly **Hood Park 1** picked up 12 points for their second match running - as their top three all lost 3-2. Mick Burton gave Hood Park initial hope as he squeezed through 10-9 in the 5th game to beat John Kirtland at no.5. Things were

looking good as Nigel Storer made it 2-0 to Hood Park as he took out Simon Evans 3-1. Adrian Oldbury got Repton 1 back winning the last two games each 9-6. Paul Sumpter paid the 'price' going all out to win the 3rd 10-8 only for Simon Price to collect the next two games easily. At 2-2 and with Ben Smith well in control, himself 2-0 up, Repton looked to have the match in the bag, but Leon Armston dug deep, taking the next two in decisive fashion. However, Smith, urged on by a vociferous crowd, found his touch and fired in some breathtaking winners to take the 5th 9-1 and give victory to Repton.

LA Fitness 2 got their first win in this season against **Burton 2**. Garth Birtles, Ian MacKinnon and Craig Simpson did the business for LA, while Greg Watkins and Colin Morris each won, which was enough to keep Burton 2 1 point ahead of LA in the league.

Ashbourne stopped that sinking feeling and got back to winning ways after a torrid time in Division 1 last season. **The Manor 2** were rocked early on by solid wins from David Taylor and Tom Machell were backed up by a captain's knock from Mike Herridge. Herridge come back from 2-0 down to take the next 3 games for the loss of only 3 points. Grant Nicholson was in impressive form as he beat Steve Smith at no.1 9-5 9-1 9-1. James Richardson's return to the Ashbourne side will bolster their chances, but in this match he looked short of practise as he went down tamely to James Healey in 3.

Division 4

Brampton Manor 2 lead the early running in Division 4 and handing out a thrashing to Duffield 5. Richard Grindrod scrapped hard

for Duffield's solitary point, while impressive displays from Brampton's junior maestros Jono Lovegrove and Ashley Davies knocked the stuffing out of Duffield's middle order.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Brampton Manor 2	2	2	0	0	39	5	39
Burton 3	2	2	0	0	36	11	36
Repton 2	2	2	0	0	34	15	34
Rolls-Royce 2	2	1	1	0	31	19	31
LA Fitness 4	2	1	1	0	21	28	21
Hood Park 3	2	0	2	0	12	38	12
Duffield 5	2	0	2	0	9	35	9
Queens Park 2	2	0	2	0	8	39	8

Burton 3 kept in touch with Brampton when they beat **LA Fitness 4** 4-1. Dick Vassey saw his early efforts in beating Clive Watson 3-0 come to nothing as first Dave Elliot edged out Dave Lambert 9-7 in the 5th and Gary Holmes, Bob Lathbury wrap up the match. Roger Hardy's persistence in the 3rd to take it 10-8 paid off when he breezed through the 4th 9-1 to cap off a good nights' work for Burton 3.

Rolls-Royce 2 got back on their feet quickly after a disappointing loss last time out when they scored maximum points against **Queen's Park 2**, away from home. Matt Hadden, Andy Leak and Phil Robinson all won crucial games to avoid their matches being extended to more than 3 games. However, Andy Rockey saved a match ball in the 4th to take his match 9-6 5-9 9-7 8-9 1-9 against Andy Weir. Martin Slack's legs did quite carry him through another tough encounter with Ewen Turner as the RR no. 1 succeeded 8-10 9-6 2-9 9-4 4-9.

Hood Park 3 came tantalisingly close to an upset at home against **Repton 2**, but two key matches went Repton's way. Steve Quigley beat Will Herbert 3-2 for HP to take the lead, but almost immediately Nigel Gill won by same score for Repton to level. It was all Repton after that as Jeff Smith's depth was too good for Ray Patrick

and John Brooks was unable to take early chances against Andy Drzewiecki as they both fell 3-0. Dave Clibborn failed to take a match point in the 3rd against Jim Rossberg, but recovered in the 5th to give Repton a well deserved 19 points.

Ladies League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Duffield 1	2	2	0	0	36	0	36
Burton	2	2	0	0	28	11	28
Ashbourne	2	1	1	0	20	18	20
Trent Vale	1	0	1	0	6	13	6
David Lloyd	2	0	2	0	3	33	3
Bradley House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rolls-Royce	1	0	1	0	0	18	0

Duffield already look imperious with a handy 8 point lead over **Burton** after just two matches and are yet to concede a single point. Burton just kept in touch with a 3-2 win over Trent Vale. Lynn Morris overcame the loss of the 1st game without scoring a point, by battling through two setted games before things got easier in the 4th - 9-0 8-10 8-10 4-9. Fabian Schiess' hard work early on in the 1st game also paid off as she took the next two easily. However, that was to be as close as Trent got with Desley Smith, Pauline Pelech and Jayne Lathbury all winning 3-0 to give Burton the bonus points.

Derbyshire's Individual Performances

Promoted to WR45, **Laura Hill** once again exceeded her seeding in the \$8,000 Bymac Leinster Open, but fell just short of her second successive WISPA World Tour final.

Hill's first round opponent was compatriot Emma Chorley who was dispatched 11-6 11-6 11-6. Next was the Dutch WR41 and 4th seed Orla Noom. Hill's game was beginning to come together after recent bouts of food poisoning and influenza and she clearly had too much for the Dutch girl who only briefly posed a threat

in the third. The final score was 11-5 11-7 11-9 in favour of Hill.

Hill now took on rising French star Camille Serme, seeded 6, and who had earlier taken out the No.1 seed Latasha Khan. Serme was clearly in confident mood as she took a 2-0 lead. Hill was struggling to get a foothold in the match and looked to be slipping out of the tournament at 8-10; Serme appeared to win the rally only for Hill to find the ball had burst. New ball, different story. The new and now faster ball suited Hill and she knocked off the 3rd game, then the 4th to set up a tense 5th. This was already the match of the tournament. Serme found some control early in the 5th and ball ran her way to lead 1-4. Hill was playing catch up and after saving a match ball levelled at 10-10. Hill's earlier stroke of luck was suddenly evened out when her strings broke and losing that crucial rally. Hill saved a few more match points, never had her own, and was perhaps a little unlucky with a 'stroke' to end what was a friendly, but fiercely competitive match.

<http://www.squashsite.co.uk/leinster2008.htm>

National Squash Week

<http://www.englishsquash.com/competitions/dyncat.cfm?catid=30260>

National Squash Week is a Nation-wide fundraiser for the Whizz-Kids charity. Two events took place in Derbyshire at Duffield SC on Friday 3rd Oct. Felix Frixou of Benz-Bavarian kindly organised and sponsored the event, while Duffield Coach Lesley Sturgess was in her element entertaining local children from Darley Abbey.

Pride Park based David Lloyd also hosted an event on Sunday 6th Oct, based on a ProAm day. Pete Goodings, England Squash Area Manager, was ably assisted by Donna Vardy, Club Coach Lisa McKenna and Derbyshire Chair Kevin White. After the 'pros' had given the members some top tips, they then played a series of first-to-5 matches - with a few surprise wins! The event ended in a doubles match highlighted by the deft touch, around the front of the court, of Donna Vardy (former Eng No.8) which tied Mr

Goodings, an England O35 International, in large knots.



Pete Goodings, Danna Vardy, Lisa McKenna are introduced to the crowd by Matt Baker of David Lloyd

Kevin White
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