

# Derbyshire Squash Rackets Association

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## Derbyshire Squash League

### Men's League

#### Division 2

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
<u>Lumb Farm 2</u>	3	3	0	0	54	22	54
<u>Repton 1</u>	3	3	0	0	54	25	54
<u>Hood Park 1</u>	3	1	2	0	41	40	41
<u>Draycott</u>	3	2	1	0	38	34	38
<u>Ashbourne</u>	3	1	2	0	32	42	32
<u>Burton 2</u>	3	1	2	0	30	43	30
<u>LA Fitness 2</u>	3	1	2	0	30	44	30
<u>The Manor 2</u>	3	0	3	0	23	52	23

**Hood Park 1** scored an important win over **LA Fitness 2** to boost their confidence after two incredibly narrow losses. Mick Burton showed his team the way hanging in to win the 5<sup>th</sup> after spurning two match balls in the 3<sup>rd</sup> game against John Holmes. Nigel Storer absorbed the loss of the 2<sup>nd</sup> game 10-9 to Paul Howell, taking the match 3-1. Simon Hurst also succeeded 3-2 to win the match for Hood Park, while Ian Duffy made it 4-0 in his convincing win over Mike Lambert. Craig Simpson was in top form as he got one back for LA Fitness defeating Paul Sumpter 3-0.

**Lumb Farm 2** are flying high and another victory, this time over **Ashbourne**, have lifted them into joint top spot. Steve Grainger drew first blood defeating Dave Taylor 9-2 9-4 0-9 9-5, but Neil Cuthbert hit back for Ashbourne with a good win over Derbyshire veteran John Beastall 5-9 10-9 5-9 3-9. Barry Marshall showed continued improvement overcoming a late effort from Tom Matchell 3-1. James Richardson was sorely missed last year in

Division 1, proved more than capable beating Neil Nightingale 3-0. Grant Nicholson couldn't quite complete a great comeback as Marcus Thomas just edged out Nicholson 9-5 9-3 4-9 8-10 9-6 in a great final contest to decide the whole match.

**Repton 1** share the top spot with **Lumb Farm 2** after beating **The Manor 2** 3-2. Despite the close score line Repton lost two matches 3-2 and therefore gained a healthy 18 points. Wins from Simon Evans, Simon Price and Ben Smith kept Repton's 100% record. Don Davis pipped John Kirtland 9-5 in the 5<sup>th</sup> and still closer was Andy Hardy's 10-8 in the decider against Adrian Oldbury to give The Manor their two victories and 8 vital points.

**Draycott** scored their 2<sup>nd</sup> win of the season and overtaking **Burton 2** in the process. Doug Whitfield and Simon Barnett gave Burton an excellent 2-0 start, but Greg Wemys and Pete Slowakowski levelled for Draycott with 3-0 wins. Greg Watkins took the first game against Martin Rose to give Burton the slight advantage. However, Rose began to control the 2<sup>nd</sup> as Watkins' effort in the 1<sup>st</sup> proved costly. Rose didn't let up making Watkins do the running and took the remaining two games for a 3-1 win for him and Draycott.

#### Division 4

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
<u>Brampton Manor 2</u>	3	3	0	0	58	9	58
<u>Burton 3</u>	3	3	0	0	56	13	56
<u>Rolls-Royce 2</u>	3	2	1	0	47	29	47
<u>LA Fitness 4</u>	3	2	1	0	41	31	41
<u>Repton 2</u>	3	2	1	0	38	34	38
<u>Duffield 5</u>	3	0	3	0	19	51	19
<u>Hood Park 3</u>	3	0	3	0	15	58	15
<u>Queens Park 2</u>	3	0	3	0	10	59	10

**Burton 3** top the league after beating **Queens Park 2** 5-0 resigning them to bottom place. Mike Craven put up solid resistance to record QP's only 2 points against Dave Elliot, but couldn't quite hold on in the 5<sup>th</sup> losing out 9-4 9-3 4-9 8-10 9-7. Clive Watson, Rod Bell, Roger Hardy and Rob Lathbury were all too ruthless for QP's, all winning 3-0.

**LA Fitness 4** put in another gritty performance to keep in touch of the leaders. **Hood Park 3** were limited to just 3 games courtesy of Ray Patrick and John Brooks. Garry Smith, Dave Lambert and Andy Winfield made short work of Steve Quigley, Richard Bloxham and Jim Rosberg, but Patrick proved a sterner test for Neil Grant extending the match 7-9,9-0,9-6,9-7. John Brooks recovered well from 2-0 down to Rob Sillett, taking the next two perhaps a little too easily as he fatally relaxed at the start of the 5<sup>th</sup> allowing Sillett the ascendancy he did not waste - 9-6,9-7,2-9,4-9,9-2.

At 10 games all there was nothing to choose between **Duffield 5** and **Rolls-Royce 2**, but for Phil Robinson's last gasp 10-9 in the 5<sup>th</sup> victory over Duffield's Mike Dyer. Robinson, playing at 5<sup>th</sup> string, eventually won 2-9 9-5 10-8 1-9 9-10. Steve Howard also won 3-2 beating Dave Baxter 9-3 5-9 9-4 2-9 4-9. Joe Harvey kept Duffield in the match beating Ewen Tanner 3-1, but Andy Rockley captured the bonus points for RR taking out Richard Gilbert 3-0. Richard Grindrod overcame the loss of the 1<sup>st</sup> game to Kevin Britchford for a consolation win 3-1.

**Brampton 2** go ahead of **Burton 3** to lead Division 4 after their away win against Repton 2. Jeff Smith's great effort for Repton 2's only win, coming back from 2-1 down to Nev Haslam, quickly evaporated as Carl Reading and Derbyshire U19 star Jono Lovegrove posted 3-0 wins for Brampton. The match was wrapped up for Brampton with assured performances from Steve Barker and Nick Melton.

## Ladies League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
<a href="#">Duffield 1</a>	3	3	0	0	51	3	51
<a href="#">Ashbourne</a>	3	2	1	0	36	24	36
<a href="#">Burton</a>	2	2	0	0	28	11	28
<a href="#">Rolls-Royce</a>	2	1	1	0	16	21	16
<a href="#">Trent Vale</a>	2	0	2	0	12	29	12
<a href="#">David Lloyd</a>	3	0	3	0	6	49	6
<a href="#">Bradley House</a>	1	0	1	0	3	15	3

**Bradley House** played host to title leaders **Duffield** and collected their first points since joining the League. Unfortunately, this was because Duffield travelled with only 4 players through the toll of the flu bug going around the club. However, Duffield were sufficiently strong to capture a 4-1 win to cement their place at the top of the League. Sheila Alcock, Rikki Shepherd, Donna Jackson and Anne Mason all recorded 3-0 victories. Bradley House will be targeting David Lloyd and Trent Vale to lift them off the foot of the table when the fixtures level out.

**Rolls-Royce** recovered well from their drubbing at Duffield beating **David Lloyd** 4-1. Margaret Dale got the better of Amanda Sturdy to give David Lloyd a consolation rubber. Dale's excellent start for the away team quickly evaporated as Alison Harvey and Tanya Charlton took RR into the lead, before Hilary Barton and Janice Smith also weighed in with 3-0 wins to secure a solid 15 points.

**Ashbourne** hauled themselves into 2<sup>nd</sup> spot with a 3-2 win against **Trent Vale** despite going 2-0 down on the night. Louise O'Reilly made an incredible comeback after losing the opening two games 9-1 9-1 to Lyndsey Constable and was looking really out of sorts early on in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. However, O'Reilly rallied hard, managed to get her opponent off the 'T' and soon the gaps opened up as she swept through the 3<sup>rd</sup> 5-9 and 4<sup>th</sup> 9-3. O'Reilly took an early lead, but was

pegged back by Constable who was beginning to assume control again. Constable reached match point, but failed to take it, allowing O'Reilly to put in one last big effort. O'Reilly levelled at 8-8, then held a match point a 8-9, but was denied by great volley from Constable. At 9-9 it was Constable's second match point, but again the resilience of O'Reilly was there when it mattered as she hammered the ball into the back corner for a winner. A deft volley off the return of serve was all O'Reilly needed to take the match 9-10 and was all that separated these two.

Sandra Albinson made it 2-0 to Trent Vale beating Jane McIntyre 9-5,9-10,9-5,6-9,6-9 in another hard fought match. From then on it was Ashbourne all the way with 3-0 wins from Barbara Bradshaw, Hillary Herridge and Edwina Edwards.

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