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Derbyshire Squash Men's Leagues Round 3

Division 1

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Duffield 1	4	4	0	0	74	18	74
LA Fitness 1	3	3	0	0	57	9	57
Burton 1	4	2	2	0	46	46	46
Lumb Farm 1	3	2	1	0	41	33	41
The Manor 1	3	1	2	0	36	41	36
Duffield 2	4	0	4	0	18	74	18
Brampton 1	3	0	3	0	8	59	8

This time last season **Brampton** were flying high in 2nd place behind eventual winners LA Fitness, but how things can change with their 3rd straight loss. It was **Duffield 1** who kept them firmly rooted to the foot of the table with a 4-1 victory. In converse, Duffield 1 raced into a 17 point lead over local rivals LA Fitness, the defending Champions, as they were without a game in Week 4 of the Derbyshire Men's Squash League.

Brampton's Steve Barker was the only victor holding off a late surge from Adam Armiger to win 9-0 in the final game. Duffield Number 1 Kevin White broke down stubborn resistance from county team mate Brendan Hickerman to win in 4 tough games. Steve Strange charged to a speedy 3-0 win over Brampton club pro Jason Fearn 9-7 9-4 9-2. Andy Storer turned in a mercurial performance to outplay Ian Hilton 3-1. Jason Foster wrapped up the match for Duffield with a commanding 3-0 win over Charlie Wall, who was now showing signs of shrugging off early season cobwebs. Brampton will need score well in their game in hand over 2nd from bottom Duffield 2 and will be targeting the bottom of the table clash.

Burton leapfrogged over The Manor into 3rd place

after beating stubborn resistance from **Duffield 2nd** team winning 16 points to 7. Wins from James Hodson and Lee Stanbury were cancelled out by youthful pairing of John Slater and Kyle McBride from Duffield. It was great to see Stanbury's back in action in his first Division 1 outing since rupturing an Achilles tendon 18 months ago. The match then rested on the number 3 string match, Duffield's James Barry stormed into a 9-4 1st game lead but Carl Timms struck back to win the next 3 games 9-0 9-6 9-5 to clinch the match for Burton and bag the bonus points.

Lumb Farm registered a fine win against **The Manor** winning 19-9 to go above them into 4th place. Tom Gregory, Matt Whitehead and Sam Brown recorded fine 3-2 wins over Jason Walsh, Craig Walsh and Nigel Millington respectively. The crowd were treated to an enthralling encounter between Leicestershire county player John Freeman, at No 1 for Lumb Farm, against Cambridgeshire county player Neil Rossin for the Manor, the match see-sawed to 2 games all. It was Rossin's superior fitness that gave him the edge in the final game 9-4 to recoup some vital points for The Manor.

In Week 5 it's Duffield 1's turn to take a break and it will be interesting to see how LA Fitness fare away at third placed Burton. A full strength Burton side have the ability to make life very difficult for the Champions.

Division 3

LA Fitness 3 continue to tumble down the table after a 4-1 defeat at **David Lloyd**. Neil Grant and John Holmes both lost out 3-2 to Aaron Jackson and Ben Arnold and the match was sealed for David Lloyd at Matt Stone and Darren Croshaw both ran out 3-0 winners over Martin Edwards and Rob Sillet. Steve Hossent had to fight particularly hard, overcoming a 2-0 disadvantage and saving a match point in the 3rd. Once passed the 3rd game, Hossent raced through the remaining two games for a notable

victory over Lisa McKenna 9-3 10-8 8-10 0-9 1-9.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Duffield 3	4	3	1	0	63	29	63
Rolls-Royce 1	4	3	1	0	61	34	61
Queens Park 1	4	3	1	0	60	42	60
David Lloyd	4	3	1	0	58	42	58
LA Fitness 3	4	2	2	0	50	45	50
Hood Park 2	4	1	3	0	38	60	38
Duffield 4	4	1	3	0	32	63	32
Sandiacre	4	0	4	0	27	74	27

Sandiacre are looking precariously placed in Division 3, suffering another loss, this time to **Duffield 3**. John Ockenden got Sandiacre off to a promising start beating John Wright 3-1, but Chris Alcock and Neil Mitra replied in convincing style to put Duffield 3 2-1 ahead. Stu Lee put everything in to winning the 4th; saving several match points in the process, but paid the price as Lesley Sturgess' accurate shot making picked off the 5th 9-3. Phil Bond capped a good night for Duffield beating Jordan Skinner in 3 straight games for an 18-5 points haul.

Duffield 4 were also in action, hosting **Queens Park 1**. Tony Robinson proved the stronger in the battle of 'experience' against Tony Gregory to put Queens 1-0, which quickly turned to 2-0 as Martin Slack undid Harry Winfield 3-0 in comprehensive style. John Pearson was relieved to take the 4th 10-9 and match to give Queens an unassailable 3-0 lead. Dave Yallop showed Duffield how it was done beating Dave Green 9-0 9-6 5-9 9-0 for Duffield's only win. Charles Noble rarely plays less than 3 games, but this time was too good for Qamran Yaqoob to make it 4-1 for Queens.

Hood Park 2 finally managed their first win of the season and in so doing pulled themselves nicely away from the drop-zone. It was a particularly opportune win over a weakened Rolls-Royce team who spurned the chance to go top. John Brooks delighted his team with a too-and-fro victory over Andy Rockley 4-9 9-6 5-9 9-5 4-

9, ably supported by Mark Northolt's fine 3-0. The pressure was off Hood Park when Kenny Grant dispatched an out-of-sorts Vic Malysz for the loss of only 4 points. Chris Murray captured 3 team points beating Nigel Storer. Simon Hurst then capitalised on RR's missing No.1, beating their stand-in Cliff Ransom 3-2.

Division 5

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Burton 4	4	4	0	0	67	32	67
Burton 5	4	2	2	0	49	48	49
LA Fitness 5	3	2	1	0	47	22	47
Bradley House	3	2	1	0	34	37	34
Hood Park 4	3	1	2	0	32	41	32
Lumb Farm 3	3	0	3	0	27	47	27
Kimberley Manor	2	1	1	0	23	27	23
Repton 3	2	0	2	0	11	36	11

Burton 5 almost pulled off a memorable victory 'away' to **Burton 4**, just losing out 3-2. However, Burton 4 remain unbeaten this season with their 4th win; Burton 5 retain 3rd position behind LA Fitness 5. Steve Quigley gave Burton 5 the early boost they needed beating Martin Collins in 5 seriously tough games; eventually winning 9-7 8-10 7-9 9-0 7-9. Andy Rowley pouched one back for Burton 4 in 3 straight games against Dick Lathbury. Carl Smith hammered Graham Reid 3-0 for Curton 4 to go 2-1 up, but as the No.3s were tussling for supremacy Guy Litherland made Andy Hambleton look like the 5th team player as he levelled the match at 2-2. With the prize of their peers' scalp Dave Murkin eked out a 2-1 lead, but Sam Marsden stayed cool under extreme pressure taking the 4th game 9-2 and then the 5th 9-3 to see hope a mighty relieved Burton 4.

Tecnifibre British Junior Championships 2008: Under 17/13's

Brampton Manor's **Russell Clark** sensationally won the British Junior U13 Championships this weekend at the Wimbledon Racquets & Fitness Club. Clark, the England No. 1 Under 13, breezed through his first round match against Lincolnshire's Harry Falconer in just 18 minutes. Clark suffered a slight blip in his 2nd round match losing the 3rd game to Hampshire's Jamie Wilkinson. However, he then got the bit between his teeth winning his quarter final 11-9 11-5 11-2 in 22 minutes against Oxfordshire's Alex Noakes and then made no mistake sweeping away Andrew Taylor of Middlesex 11-7 11-5 11-5 in 20 minutes for a crack at the National U13 title.

Clark seemed to get stronger and more relaxed with each round and was in good form as he went into the final against close friend Hamish Falconer the No.2 seed from Lincolnshire. The enthusiastic crowd anticipated a great match as these two had shared the last 4 matches. What transpired did not disappoint the crowd, and was a high quality performance; described by England Squash as "a thrilling 45 minute battle". The rallies were hard-fought, physical and skilful, yet very sporting and all this from players still under 13.

However, it was Clark who looked the more confident from the start winning a tight first game 12-10, although he always had his nose in front. He won the second more comfortably 11-8. Falconer, brother of Clark's first round opponent, fought back well in the 3rd game, taking it 11-8. Clark's determination to win his first National title was spurred on by the loss of the 3rd and with his superior fitness clearly visible he quickly built up a 7-0 lead in the fourth game and despite a spirited last ditch effort from Falconer, Clark closed out the game 11-6 to take the match 3:1 and the British National Under 13 title.



Russell Clark being presented with his trophy by Joey Barrington - England International.

Another Brampton player, **Adam Turner** also competed in the U13 event and was seeded 9/16. Turner won his first round against Gloucestershire's Ryan Wilson 11-3 11-5 11-5, but was knock out of the main draw by 5/8th seed James Evans. Turner went on to finish in 14th place, well above his England ranking of 24.

Millie Tomlinson did not fare so well in the Girls U17 Championship losing out to Cheshire's up and coming Emily Whitlock in the quarter finals. Tomlinson, the No. 1 seed, took the first game 11-6, but lost a closely contested 2nd game 9-11. Tomlinson regained the initiative winning the 3rd in convincing style 11-5. Whitlock hit back to win the 4th game 11-9 after trailing 2-8, and which seemed to stun Tomlinson. Whitlock's tail was up in the 5th and in the point-a-rally format an early lead couldn't be pulled back by Tomlinson leaving her to reflect how she could have been more attacking in the 2nd and 4th games. Tomlinson eventually finished in a commendable 5th place. Tomlinson is a natural winner and will reassess the need to attack more when she has made the openings. Tomlinson has talent and determination in bucket-loads and will bounce back from this result and become a better player.

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