

# Derbyshire Squash Rackets Association

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## Derbyshire Squash League

### Men's Leagues

#### Division 2

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Lumb Farm 2	4	4	0	0	71	29	71
Repton 1	4	3	1	0	61	42	61
Hood Park 1	4	2	2	0	56	51	56
Ashbourne	4	2	2	0	47	51	47
LA Fitness 2	4	2	2	0	46	51	46
Draycott	4	2	2	0	45	50	45
Burton 2	4	1	3	0	39	58	39
The Manor 2	4	0	4	0	34	67	34

Lumb Farm 2 cemented their position at the top of Division 2 with an emphatic 4-1 victory over promotion chasing Repton. Repton went 1-0 down as Martin Allen was unable to fend off Steve Grainger in a crucial 5<sup>th</sup> string match 9-2 6-9 5-9 9-7 7-9. John Beastall and Barry Marshall were well in control of their matches to give the overall win to Lumb Farm, but Simon Price collected an important 3 points against Neil Nightingale. Marcus Thomas won the remaining match 3-1 to make a significant points difference 17-7.

Hood Park 1 took the opportunity to close in on Repton when they beat The Manor 2 3-2. At 2-2 the match came down to the tie between Antony Walsh and Ian Duffy. Walsh took the first two games to put The Manor in the driving seat, but Duffy upped his work rate and pressurised Walsh into making some rash shot selection. At 5-5 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and just 4 points from victory Walsh hit the self-destruct button and was only to win another 2 point late in the 5<sup>th</sup>. Duffy's comeback meant that Hood Park collect 10 games to The Manor's 11, but crucially the bonus points.

Draycott continue to find Division 2 hard going and are hovering just above the relegation zone. Greg Wemys and Martin Rose both won for Draycott

against LA Fitness 2 and collected some important points. LA Fitness' Martin Edwards and Steve Hossent were too good for their opponents and Neil Thorpe showed his mettle under pressure beating Pete Slowakowski 9-7 8-10 9-7 9-1.

Ashbourne move above LA Fitness after their hard fought win over Burton 2. Tom Matchell, Mike Herridge and Grant Nicholson all overturned the loss of their 1<sup>st</sup> games to succeed 3-1. James Richardson is showing signs of improvement after a long lay-off and will surely be winning most of his matches next half to bolster Ashbourne's position further.

#### Division 4

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
<a href="#">Brampton Manor 2</a>	4	4	0	0	77	14	77
<a href="#">Burton 3</a>	4	4	0	0	72	19	72
<a href="#">Rolls-Royce 2</a>	4	3	1	0	65	36	65
<a href="#">LA Fitness 4</a>	4	3	1	0	58	38	58
<a href="#">Repton 2</a>	4	2	2	0	45	52	45
<a href="#">Duffield 5</a>	4	0	4	0	25	67	25
<a href="#">Hood Park 3</a>	4	0	4	0	20	77	20
<a href="#">Queens Park 2</a>	4	0	4	0	17	76	17

Its status quo in Division 4 with the top four teams all beating their lower four opponents. Brampton Manor 2 gained 19 points at Hood Park 3, where Ray Patrick beat Carl Reading in an enthralling contest. Patrick nicked the first 10-9 and importantly held on to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-5, but Reading fought off what looked like Patrick's final bid for 7-9 in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Reading took the 4<sup>th</sup> against as Patrick tired, but the Hood Park man reeled off some excellent winners in the 5<sup>th</sup> to take the decider 9-6. Nick Melton, Steve Barker, Jono Lovegrove and Nev Haslam were the winners for Brampton.

Despite losing a match earlier in the season, Rolls-Royce 2 keep the two teams above them in close check after beating Repton 2 4-1. Both Andy Rockley and Ewen Tanner came from 2-0 down to beat their opponents 10-8 and 9-6 in the 5<sup>th</sup> games

respectively. Jeff Smith was Repton's sole winner beating Phil Robinson.

**Duffield 5's** home advantage wasn't enough to stop **Burton 3** unbeaten run. Dave Elliot and Clive Watson provide excellent strength in depth at 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> strings for Burton each winning 3-0. Dave Baxter kept the match alive for Duffield beating Gary Holmes 3-0 and Richard Grindrod saw off Roger Hardy 3-2, for the match to be poised at 2-2. However, Rob Lathbury made sure Burton 3 bagged the bonus points beating Keith Elson 1-9 6-9 7-9.

**Queens' Park 2** are looking precariously placed and will need to target both Hood Park 3 and Duffield 5 if they are to avoid the drop. Gordon McKenzie gave Queens' some cheer with a convincing 3-0 win over Alan Haggart. However, Garry Smith, Dave Lambert and Andy Winfield all won comfortably for LA Fitness 4. Chris Coe fought off a spirited effort from Dean Brewin to give LA a 4-1 victory.

### Ladies League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
<u>Duffield 1</u>	4	4	0	0	69	5	69
<u>Ashbourne</u>	4	3	1	0	54	26	54
<u>Burton</u>	3	2	1	0	30	29	30
<u>Trent Vale</u>	3	1	2	0	30	31	30
<u>Bradley House</u>	3	1	2	0	23	34	23
<u>Rolls-Royce</u>	3	1	2	0	18	39	18
<u>David Lloyd</u>	4	0	4	0	7	67	7

**Duffield** all but destroyed **Burton's** hope of running them close in the title chase this season as they did last, with a resounding 5-0 victory. Hannah Blythe, Rikki Shepherd and Donna Jackson all won 3-0. Anne Mason won her two very close opening games, but lost the 3<sup>rd</sup> to Pauline Pelech before wrapping the match up in the 4<sup>th</sup> 9-7 10-8 6-9 9-4. Nicky Haywood also lost the 3<sup>rd</sup> game, but eventually won in 4 to give Duffield maximum points. Burton now trail Ashbourne in 3<sup>rd</sup> place although they have a game in hand.

**Bradley House** collected their first League points last round against the title holders and favourites **Duffield** and this week emphatically took their first

win in the League beating David Lloyd 5-0. Sarah Tyers took the 1<sup>st</sup> game from Sheila Gilford for David Lloyd's only point.

Ashbourne look good for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, but will need to pick up as many points as possible against Duffield in their next match to fend off Burton. Ashbourne showed good strength in depth defeating Rolls-Royce 5-0. Janice Smith ran Edwina Edwards close and perhaps was left to rue the loss of the first game in the score line 8-10 9-6 9-4 1-9 1-9. Hilary Herridge, Barbara Bradshaw, Jane McIntyre and Lindsey Smith all won in 3 games.

### Inter-county Championships 2008/2009 Stage 1

#### **Derbyshire Girls U17**

The girls travelled all the way to Ipswich to compete against Suffolk and Warwickshire. Against Suffolk, Hannah Blythe, Siobhan Baxter, Naomi Hardy and Ruby Shorrocks all won their games comfortably and Katy Stone was unlucky to lose her match 2-3 with the ball 'running' nicely for her opponent. However, Derbyshire bagged a very useful 19 points out of a possible 20.

In the second round match against a powerful Warwickshire line-up, Hannah Blythe took the 1<sup>st</sup> game, but couldn't hold on eventually losing the match 1-3. Siobhan Baxter and Naomi Hardy lost their games 3-0. However, Katy Stone and last minute stand-in Ruby Shorrocks did Derbyshire proud winning their matches 3-0.

Katy Stone played for Derbyshire for the first time since moving into the area and proved a real team player with her bubbly spirit and great sporting attitude. The whole team knitted together really well and that team spirit meant they finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the group.

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