

Derbyshire Squash Rackets Association

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Derbyshire Squash Men's Leagues Round 9

Division 2

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Repton 1	9	6	3	0	134	90	134
Lumb Farm 2	9	6	3	0	129	91	129
Hood Park 1	9	5	4	0	123	107	123
LA Fitness 2	9	5	4	0	111	109	111
Burton 2	9	4	5	0	101	115	101
The Manor 2	9	3	6	0	99	130	99
Draycott	9	4	5	0	96	121	96
Ashbourne	9	3	6	0	94	124	94

Repton 1 powered to the top of Division 2 and take a 5 point lead after their victory over **Hood Park** and **Lumb Farm 2** were tripped up by **Draycott**. **Draycott** meanwhile got themselves off the bottom and begin to eye safety which is just 3 points away. **Ashbourne** slip into bottom place after a disappointing 3-2 loss to **The Manor 2**.

Repton's John Kirtland won the first two games a little too easily and let Nigel Storer into the match taking the 3rd and 4th, but Kirtland steeled himself to win the last and get Repton underway. Adrian Oldbury led 2-1, but was overhauled by Mick Burton to level the scores. Simon Price's unbeaten Division 2 record remained well and truly intact beating Kev Wade 9-2 9-1 9-1. Club coach Lee Watson proved a more than useful new asset beating Paul Sumpter 9-3 6-9 2-9 9-3 9-7 to seal victory for Repton. Ben Smith picked up another point, but Ian Duffy's accuracy and fitness told as he easily took the last 3 games.

Draycott were without their new No.1 Steve Warren, but still managed to overcome former league leaders **Lumb Farm 2**. Darren Reeves won the 4th game 9-7 and brother Steve also sneaked through 9-7, but this time in the 5th. Skipper Martin Bostock was always on top after the 1st game as he sealed the win for **Draycott** beating Neil Nightingale 3-1. Barry

Marshall and Matt Whitehead both had consolation wins for **Lumb Farm 2** to keep them close to the top.

LA Fitness 2 were relieved to get a win over **Burton 2** to keep them well out of harms way, but **Burton 2** are now only 5 point in front of the drop zone. Neil Thorpe, Steve Hossent and Paul Howell all recorded 3-0 wins for LA, while Greg Watkins and Lee Stanbury collected 6 points between them.

It was agony for **Ashbourne** and particularly for David Taylor as he was forced to retire against **The Manor's** Don Davis while leading 2-1 and 7-5. Andy Roulston and James Healey then rub salt into **Ashbourne's** wounds each winning in the 5th. With the bonus points already gone, James Richardson and Mike Herridge still managed 3-1 wins, but with 12 points all was not lost.

Division 4

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Brampton Manor 2	9	8	1	0	159	50	159
Burton 3	9	7	2	0	143	70	143
Rolls-Royce 2	9	5	4	0	124	97	124
LA Fitness 4	9	6	3	0	123	101	123
Repton 2	9	5	4	0	112	111	112
Hood Park 3	9	2	7	0	70	131	70
Duffield 5	9	1	8	0	68	144	68
Queens Park 2	9	2	7	0	66	144	66

Brampton Manor 2's unbeaten run was ended by the most unlikely candidates, **Duffield 5**, who also ended their less distinguish run of defeats. Mike Dyer recovered from the loss of the first two 'set' games to briefly lead in 5th before falling away to Nev Haslam 8-10 9-10 9-6 9-5 6-9. Joe Harvey scored a notable win in a junior battle defeating Jono Lovegrove 1-9 9-2 10-8 9-7. Nathan Davies and Chris Alcock did the business for **Duffield**, who move up a place.

Burton 3 lost a little ground on Brampton when they were beaten at home by **LA Fitness 4**. Andy Winfield and Chris Coe each came from behind to win 3-2 and with Garry Smith's important opening win LA Fitness grabbed the points. **Rolls-Royce 2** gave themselves an outside chance of promotion by beating **Queens Park 2** 4-1. Queens Park 2 now slip behind Duffield 5 to prop the table up with Hood Park 3. Repton 2 pulled away from the relegation battle with a handy 3-2 victory over Hood Park 3 and a 17-7 points score.

Individual Performances

WR 48 Laura Hill had mixed fortunes in Cleveland, US during the \$40,000 Burning River Classic. Hill had an excellent result as she beat the Dutch World No. 24 Annelise Naude 12-10 11-6 11-5, but was coming down with a body-aching cold. In the final qualifying round Hill was unable to maintain sufficient pressure on local star Latasha Khan going out 11-8 11-7 11-8. Hill returns to play in the \$12,550 Internationaux Feminin de Creteil 2009, Paris in two weeks time, where she is the 5th seed.

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