

Derbyshire Squash Rackets Association

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Derbyshire Squash Men's Leagues Rnd 12

Division 2

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Repton 1	12	9	3	0	183	115	183
Hood Park 1	12	7	5	0	164	136	164
Lumb Farm 2	12	6	6	0	152	137	152
Burton 2	12	6	6	0	147	143	147
LA Fitness 2	12	6	6	0	145	145	145
Draycott	12	6	6	0	133	154	133
The Manor 2	12	4	8	0	127	174	127
Ashbourne	12	4	8	0	120	167	120

Repton's grip on the Division 2 title got much tighter although it took a fine comeback from 2-1 down by Lee Watson to secure the bonus points. As chasers Lumb Farm 2 and Hood Park 1 both lost to teams trying to stave off relegation, Repton are almost guaranteed promotion. At the foot of the table wins from Draycott and The Manos 2 leave Ashbourne in the mire in bottom spot.

Repton's victory over neighbours Burton 2 took some doing after Colin Morris got the Burton side off to a good start beating Simon Price 3-1. Parity was restored by Adrian Oldbury's win 3-1 over Matthew Maclachlan. Simon Price put last round blip behind him and continued his winning ways once he had worn down Greg Watkins at no.3 10-8 8-10 9-4 9-4. Adrian Murphy's delayed shots caused no end of trouble for Lee Watson; Murphy taking the first and third games to lead 2-1. Meanwhile Burton skipper Tomb Comb saw his 2-1 advantage disappear as Ben Smith's radar switched back on in the 4th. Comb managed to make the early running in the 5th and Smith was not quite able to draw level throughout, Comb prevailing 9-7 to leave the match at 2-2 and Watson with it all to do. Watson, keen to get back into Division 1 squash tightened his game, plumbing excellent widths and length to tire Murphy in the last two to take a well fought 3-2 win 4-9 9-5 2-9 9-0 9-3.

A call to arms from The Manor 2 was heeded and a 3-2 victory against Lumb Farm 2 keep them in

contention with Draycott for a chance to retain their Division 2 status. Don Davis's 3-0 was a little flattering as both the 2nd and 3rd games went to set against Steve Grainger who had game balls in each. Andy Roulston let the 2nd game go but was never in trouble against Sid College. Neil Nightingale snatched the 3rd off James Healy, but Healey was in further danger winning 3-1 and with it the match to The Manor 2. Barry Marshall got one back for Lumb Farm 2 defeating Andy Hardy 9-6 in the 5th, while Matt Whitehead's finishing was too good for Steve Smith at no.1.

Draycott sealed an important win 4-1 at home to Hood Park 1, but will need a big points haul at Ashbourne to ensure they are safe - their other remaining match is against league leaders Repton 1. The Draycott v Ashbourne match is likely to define the season's efforts by both Clubs. Mick Burton struck first to give Hood Park the lead beating Dave Bott 3-0, but Greg Wemys' strong game just kept out Simon Hurst's comeback in the 3rd to level the match at 1-1. Martin Bostock showed good form taking out Paul Sumpter 3-0, and Pete Slowakowski won a hard fought 3-2 over Mark Hoffman. Ian Duffy looked to be cruising to victory until early in the 3rd when an injury turned the tables. Duffy eventually retired at 2-2 to give Draycott an extra 3 points.

James Archer gave Ashbourne initial hope against LA Fitness 2 as he mounted a great comeback after the disappointment of losing the 3rd 10-9. Archer eventually beat Keith Howard 3-9 9-7 10-9 5-9 7-9. However, that was Ashbourne's high point as Tom Matchell and an off form Mike Herridge went down 3-0. James Richardson and Neil Cuthbert each pinched a game. Ashbourne will need to turn around a great performance against Draycott if they are to avoid the drop. LA Fitness 2 are out of contention for promotion and relegations sitting nicely in mid-table.

Division 4

Brampton Manor 2 secured promotion with a 3-2 win at Rolls-Royce 2, while Burton 3's 32 point margin over LA Fitness 4 virtually secured their promotion. LA Fitness 2, Rolls-Royce 2 and Repton 2 all languish mid table, while Duffield 5, Queens Park 2 and Hood Park 3 scrap it out in the relegation zone. And it is in

the relegation zone that some cracking matches appear with upsets aplenty.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Brampton Manor 2	12	11	1	0	215	63	215
Burton 3	12	10	2	0	198	86	198
LA Fitness 4	12	8	4	0	166	125	166
Rolls-Royce 2	12	7	5	0	165	126	165
Repton 2	12	5	7	0	131	166	131
Duffield 5	12	2	10	0	92	187	92
Queens Park 2	12	3	9	0	92	190	92
Hood Park 3	12	2	10	0	86	202	86

Queens Park 2 turned over Hood Park 3 3-2 in a long night of matches which left Queens leapfrogging Hood Park in the table. Mike Craven defeated Steve Quigley 3-1 and Andy Goodall held off Tony Parker 10-8 in the 3rd to make it 2-0 to Queens. Andy Weir was in good form to beat Ray Patrick 3-0, but Jim Rossberg almost let a 2-0 lead slip as he got his game together nicely in the 5th to beat Steve Lambe 3-2 to get one back for Hood Park. Carl Spencer's match was a replica as he added some good points for Hood Park, while Andy Riley was happy to get a couple for Queens.

Andy Leak and Steve Howard gave Rolls-Royce the perfect start, but Brampton's upper order all have Division 1 experience, which = showed, when they all swept through 3-0 to make promotion a formality for Brampton 2. Duffield 5 threw a spanner in LA Fitness' promotion hopes with a 3-2 win at home. With their backs to the wall, Duffield produced their best result helped by a great result from Nathan Davies defeat of Alan Haggard 9-0 10-9 6-9 9-6, the 2nd game being pivotal. Joe Harvey and Richard Grindrod showing excellent form at the top of the order for Duffield. Neil Grant just sneaked passed, if there can be a close 3-0, Richard Gilbert 8-10 7-9 7-9 and Dick Vassey beat Mike Dyer 3-0 for LA's two wins.

The local derby between Burton 3 and Repton 2 was a relatively straightforward 4-1 victory for Burton. Tim Stretton was in typically resilient form, belying his years, not only coming back from 2-0 down, but also saving a match point in the 4th to win 9-1 9-6 6-9 8-10 7-9.

Ladies League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Duffield 1	10	10	0	0	163	29	163
Burton	10	8	2	0	136	57	136
Ashbourne	9	6	3	0	114	65	114
Trent Vale	9	4	5	0	93	88	93
Bradley House	9	3	6	0	72	106	72
Rolls-Royce	10	3	7	0	61	135	61
David Lloyd	11	0	11	0	22	181	22

Duffield's narrow win over Burton 3-2, including a crucial win by Anne Mason over Pauline Pelech 9-5 9-2 1-9 7-9 9-7, virtually sealed the title in Duffield favour. Duffield now lead Burton by 27 points with only 36 points available to Burton. Duffield were also thankful to Hannah Blythe's important win over Katie Church 10-8 6-9 4-9 2-9, in their recent match with Trent Vale in another 3-2 win. Although Duffield have had an unbeaten season, the gap is actually a lot closer than just the points margin.

Ashbourne continue to chase Burton for 2nd place and their game in hand could draw them within 4 points. Bradley House have impressed in their first season in the Division winning three matches. David Lloyd's ladies have shown steady improvement throughout the season recently giving Bradley House a close run and with Kim Durand at No.1 will surely win their first match soon.

Racketball

In the recent rounds of the racketball league, The Manor 1 claimed back-to-back titles with a round of matches remaining. Any chance that Duffield 1 had of overhauling The Manor 1 went up in flames in their recent clash, The Manor winning 3-1 with a 14-5 points score line. David Lloyd have a game in hand over Duffield 1 and are odds on to finish in 2nd place although they will need to keep an eye on Brampton Manor who have a deficit of 24 points, but 2 more matches to play.

Last round, Brampton Manor showed great promise getting close to beating The Manor. Racketball specialist Matt Jones defeated Paul Hodgkinson 3-2 for Brampton to take the lead, but Russell Adams was

unable to capitalise on winning the 3rd to allow James Healey to square the match. Malc Bramley was left to rue the loss of the 1st 14-17, after he took the 2nd and 3rd games 15-10, 15-9 respectively. Craig Walsh's powerful hitting then came to the fore as he ran Bramley out of the match 15-7 15-9. Jason Walsh sealed a 3-1 win for The Manor with his accurate play beating Chris Needham 3-1.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
The Manor 1	9	9	0	0	136	43	136
Duffield 1	9	5	4	0	93	69	93
David Lloyd	8	5	3	0	90	56	90
Brampton Manor	6	3	3	0	66	50	66
Duffield 2	8	1	7	0	29	115	29
LA Fitness 1	6	0	6	0	10	91	10

Derbyshire Junior Grand Prix 2008/9

Final Round - Brampton Manor - 8/3/09

Group A

Owen Whitfield
Alex Wilson
Craig Osborne
Danny Beesla
Matt Lamin

Group B

Alec Hawkins
Joe Woods
Joel McNab
Jeremy Ng
Zac Beevers

Group C

Oliver Favell
Julian Ng
Brandon Beesla
Lewis MacKay
Mary Lowe

Group D

Cameron Wells
Matt Flynn
Alistair Hardinge
Michael Quinn
Ben Harvey

Group E

Oliver Jacobs
Henry Barnes
Henry Wall
Henry Jacobs
Max Gilbert

Group F

Oliver Lowe
Isabel Favell
Sam Cottrell
Oscar Barnes

Group G

Kieran Shelley
Laura Jones
Debbie McNab
Cameron Brown
Elizabeth Wall

Grand Prix Final Positions

1. OWEN WHITFIELD - 48 pts
2. HENRY WALL - 42

3. DANNY BEESLA - 40
4. ALEC HAWKINS - 39
5. SAM COTTRELL - 36
6. CAMERON WELLS - 32
7. CRAIG OSBORNE
= JOEL McNAB - 31
8. NICK WALL - 29
9. ISABEL FAVELL
= JOE WOODS - 28
10. LEWIS MacKAY
= MATT FLYNN
= MATT LAMIN - 25
11. LUKE TURNER
= JEREMY NG
= ALEX WILSON - 24
12. BRANDON BEESLA - 23
13. BEN HARVEY
= HARRY TOMLINSON
= JULIAN NG - 22
14. SAM BENTLEY
= MAX GILBERT
= OLIVER FAVELL
= HENRY BARNES - 20
15. ALEX ROSS - 18

A total of 56 u15's competed in the Grand Prix held over 6 rounds at Brampton Manor, Duffield and Ilkeston. Special awards were made to the following

- Future champion - Michael Quinn
Most helpful - Sam Cottrell
Longest serving Grand Prix entrant - Joe Woods & Alex Wilson
Best Newcomer - Danny Beesla

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The next GP will be run by Helen Wilson (again) and Richard Gilbert, who has very kindly agreed to take over from Kevin Tomlinson.

England Colours for Derbyshire's finest

Duffield's star junior **Millie Tomlinson** has received another call up to represent England in the European U19 Championships to be held in Munich, Germany in April. Tomlinson, who won the Irish Junior Open last November is still only 16 years old and is the youngest player of the squad of 4 boys and 4 girls that will represent England in the Championships.

Tomlinson, currently ranked no.1 in the English U17 rankings, previously represented England in 2008 in Lyon, France at the European U17 Championships and has played for England in 2006 in Tel Aviv, Israel, Szged, Hungary and in 2007, and Stavanger, Norway

in 2008. Tomlinson hopes to use her recent Premier Squash League experience to take on and beat Europe's best U19 players. Tomlinson's coach, Paul Hargrave of Duffield Squash Club was delighted to hear the news having helped Tomlinson develop her game considerably over the last year and continues to work and train hard at the Club.

Brampton Manor's **Ashley Davies**, England No.4 U15, has been selected for the U15 England Team to play in the Home Internationals in Dublin at the end of March. Derbyshire qualified **Adam Turner** has also received great news that he has been selected to play for England at U13 level. Turner has risen to England No. 3 and is duly rewarded for his season's progress.

Confirmation of England selection also came recently for Duffield's **Kevin White** for the England O35 Team, and will captain the side for the 3rd year, this time in Dublin for the Home Internationals. LA Fitness' **Greg Loach** picks up his second call up for the O45 England Team, this time in Edinburgh. Duffield coach **Lesley Sturgess** picks up yet another cap and will join Loach in Edinburgh for the Ladies O45 England Team.

Kevin White
DSRA Chairman