

Derbyshire Squash & Racketball

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Derbyshire Mens' League Round 1

Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A	D	Pts.
The Manor 1	1	1	0	20	2	0	20
Repton 1	1	1	0	17	3	0	17
LA Fitness 1	1	1	0	16	8	0	16
Hood Park 1	1	1	0	14	7	0	14
Duffield 1	1	0	1	8	16	0	8
Brampton Manor 1	1	0	1	7	14	0	7
Burton 1	1	0	1	3	17	0	3
Lumb Farm 1	1	0	1	2	20	0	2

Duffield (8) 2-3 LA Fitness (16).

LA Fitness 1 began the defence of their League Title in somewhat unconvincing style against Duffield 1. Paul Howell won the crucial 5th string match against last minute replacement Jack Blythe. Howell captured the first two games 1-9 6-9 before Blythe got into his stride levelling the score at 2-2 by taking the next two 9-2 9-2. Howell regrouped and took the 5th 4-9 as Blythe tired - it was his second 3-2 match of the day. Sam Yallop made a great recovery from 0-2 down to Mike Lambert to put Duffield at parity, but Matthew Oxley's 3-0 win over James Barry put the champions ahead. An enthralling contest between England O45 Greg Loach and a greatly improved England U19 Millie Tomlinson was won 3-0 by LA's Loach. However, the score line doesn't reflect how close this match was as the first two games were evenly poised at 6-6 and 5-5 for many rallies and Tomlinson held two game points in the 3rd - either of which would have been rather uncomfortable for Loach in the 4th. Kevin White kept points difference in check for Duffield as he beat Ryan Loska 9-3 10-8 9-3.

Hood Park (16) 3-2 Brampton Manor (7).

Brampton sorely missed Brendan Hickerman's presence, absent for only the 2nd time in his career as they crashed out to Hood Park. Alex Cutts and England U15 No.2 Ashley Davies both won in emphatic style for Brampton's 2 wins, but Charlie Wall and Will Watson were blown away by Ian Duffy and Simon

Hurst for Hood Park. Ian Hilton missed out on a crucial game point in the 3rd only for Mick Burton to snatch that game, the momentum and the 4th game 9-1 to win the match for Hood Park.

Lumb Farm 1 (2) 0-5 The Manor 1 (20)

The Manor showed a ruthless streak away at Lumb Farm in their 5-0 whitewash, which gives them an early lead in Division 1. A cutting edge is what the Manor require to lift a title, too many times they have been runners up. England O55 Neil Nightingale managed to recover from 0-2 to 2-2, but could not quite hold on to Craig Walsh in the 5th going down 8-10 to the hard hitting Manor player. New recruit Carl Bettison will add some weight to their title bid and did the business with a brisk 3-0 victory over Barry Marshall. Jason Walsh, Neil Rossin and Jon Underhill all powered through to 3-0 wins. Lumb Farm may find themselves battling with Duffield at the foot of the table this season.

Burton 1 (3) 1-4 Repton (17)

Repton didn't quite have the perfect start to their first Division 1 season match as Lee Stanbury proved he could be one of the strongest 4th strings in the league with a straight games win over Ben Smith. Repton swept the remaining matches up in double quick time and look a team with title aspirations. Nottingham based Mark Fuller will be tough to beat for the other No.1s as he demolished James Hodson 2-9 3-9 1-9. Richard Woodrooffe's switch to Repton looks a good move and should have much success at No.2. Mitch Cook was another to move to Repton during the summer and got off to a solid start beating Carl Timms 3-0. Burton look set to join Duffield and Lumb Farm trying to avoid the drop.

Division 3

Repton 2 (20) 5-0 Burton 3 (2).

Repton strengthening of their first team had an immediate effect on their 2nd team as they demolished Burton 3. Burton's 2 points game from the racket of Gary Holmes at 5th string, but Dave Clibborn fought back from 2-1 down to take match 3-2 and give Repton a great start in Division 3.

LA Fitness 2 (17) 4-1 Duffield 3 (6).

After last seasons dreadful set of results Qamran Yaqoob gave Duffield 3 their only victory with a fine win over Rob Sillet 3-0. Dave Yallop snatched the 2nd 9-8 and the 3rd 9-7, but was unable to take the 5th

which went Martin Edwards' way. Otherwise there were few picking for Duffield against a strong LA 2 side; one to watch in this Division.

Division 5

Duffield 5 (8) 2-3 David Lloyd 3 (14).

It wasn't a good night for Duffield as their 5th team also suffered a defeat, this time a new team David Lloyd 3. Garry Devonish's wily play enabling him to come from 0-2 down to defeat Mark Benson 9-6 9-5 5-9 7-9 5-9 and clinch the match for David Lloyd.

Derbyshire Individual Performances

England Squash Junior Grand Prix

The 2009/2010 Junior Squash season kicked off last weekend with the England Squash Invitation only Grand Prix events held at the Nottingham Squash Club and Edgbaston Priory Club Birmingham. These events feature the top 16 ranked players in the junior rankings at each individual age group and are compulsory events used for all junior international and squad selection purposes, with all the England Squash high performance coaches present.

Millie Tomlinson, based at Duffield Squash Club and coached by Paul Hargrave, was seeded No2 in the girls under 19 category and started her tournament with a clinical win over Cheshire's Lucy Townley, 11/0 11/1 11/0. The following afternoon's quarter final was a much the same one sided affair as Millie beat Rebecca Quiney of Gloucestershire 11/1 11/5 11/4. The semi final was scheduled for 9.00am Sunday morning and Tomlinson's opponent was 18 year old Carrie Ramsey, now a full time professional squash player and who played for Chapel Allerton against Duffield in the final of the PSL earlier this year. After a shaky start and a series of 'no lets' in the first game Millie secured a place in the final 9/11 11/4 11/5 11/2.

Her opponent in the final was Emily Whitlock of Colwyn Bay, the daughter of former professional player Phil Whitlock. Tomlinson was focused and determined from the start. She played one of her best matches to date putting in some punishing volley drops at crucial times and completely dominated the match to take the Under 19 Grand Prix title 11/1 11/7 11/4.



Millie Tomlinson adds more silverware to add to her impressive collection at the England Squash Junior Grand Prix, Nottingham.

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Greg Loach is seeded No.1 in the O45s and with a large draw has an excellent chance of scoring a significant number of points in the scramble for the automatic England places. Loach is seeded to meet John Cordeaux in the semi-finals and Adrian Jaski in the final although he will be required to play 5 matches to win the tournament.

Kevin White returns to the O35 group after his British Open O40s success in a bid to play for England in both age categories. White is seeded No.1 but will have interesting matches against Chris Stanley and Ian Cox in the quarters and semis, before tackling regular sparring partner Jamie Goodrich if the seeding go to plan.

Neil Nightingale features in another burgeoning O55s draw and will have a decent chance of making the semi-finals if he can overcome Ian Holmes.

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