

Derbyshire Squash & Racketball

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Derbyshire Mens' League Round 3

Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A	D	Pts.
The Manor 1	3	3	0	56	12	0	56
Repton 1	3	3	0	52	13	0	52
LA Fitness 1	3	2	1	41	27	0	41
Burton 1	3	2	1	35	31	0	35
Duffield 1	3	1	2	30	38	0	30
Hood Park 1	3	1	2	25	40	0	25
Brampton Manor 1	3	0	3	19	48	0	19
Lumb Farm 1	3	0	3	8	57	0	8

The Manor 1 (19) 5-0 Hood Park 1 (5)

The Manor piled on the points collecting 19 against Hood Park and ensuring they remain top. Hood Park captured 5 hard earned points to stay above the drop zone, but will have to beat Brampton Manor to be there at the end of the season. Nigel Millington is looking much fitter this season and used all his experience to beat Mick Burton 9-5 9-7 9-5 to put The Manor 1-0 up. Craig Walsh and Simon Hurst were having a real ding-dong battle on the adjoining court sharing the first two games 9-7 8-10.

Meanwhile, Carl Bettison's decisive shotmaking skills tore through Paul Sumpter to record the League 2nd 9-0 9-0 9-0 score-line. Back to Walsh vs Hurst and the away player took the see-sawing third 9-10.

Walsh struck back with his trade mark booming kills 9-5, but Hurst held firm, keeping the ball tight down the walls and Walsh's error prone game began to falter allowing Hurst to take the 5th 5-9 and prevent the whitewash. Jonathan Underhill romped through his match with Leon Armston 3-0, to leave Jason Walsh and Ian Duffy to make it a late night as their match to and froed to the 5th game. Walsh didn't rue his missed chances in the 4th as he took the 5th 9-6.

Repton 1 (17) 4-1 Brampton Manor (7)

With Brendan Hickerman recovering well from injury, Repton were a little lucky he didn't turn out as their 4-1 victory flattered to deceive. Last minute replacement Sue Nash found the going tough against

Rob Jackson as Repton went 1-0 up. Jono Lovegrove didn't press home his advantage after taking the 1st game and allowed Lee Watson to dominate the next two with tight line and lengths. Lovegrove did reach game ball in the 4th, but Watson's vast experience held him in good stead as he took that and the match on a tie break, the final score line being 7-9 9-5 9-0 10-8 and 2-0 to Repton. 2-0 became 3-0 as Ben Smith took the 5th game 9-5, overcoming a fight-back by Jason Fearn from 0-2 to 2-2. Derbyshire Junior No.1 Ashley Davies will need to learn patience and how to construct a match against strong opponents as his game against Mitchell Cook proved. Cook was allowed to play his fierce drives under limited pressure and Davies was made to fetch far too often in their 9-2 4-9 9-6 9-3 match. Davies is a star in the making and very quick to learn so next half's rematch could well see a reverse score. Alex Cutts gave Brampton some cheer before the return of County Captain Brendan Hickerman, with a straight games win over Richard Woodroofe.

Duffield 1 (8) 2-3 Burton 1 (16)

Burton earned themselves a useful away win at Duffield and had their lower order to thank. Laura Hill put Duffield ahead beating Phil Brailsford 3-1. Hill dominated the first two games, keeping a lacklustre Brailsford pinned to the back of the court. Brailsford got some momentum early on in the 3rd and with some well placed winners took the 3rd. Hill responded with more attritional squash going long then short to take the 4th 9-6. Millie Tomlinson was only too briefly allowed to play her best, in the 2nd that she won and in the 3rd where she led 7-6. However, it was Lee Stanbury's excellent volleying and speed on to the ball that was the difference in what would be the decisive match. Adrian Murphy had too much variation for Lesley Sturgess and Matthew Maclachlan was too consistent for the error strewn game of Richie Bell at No.5. It was left to Kevin White to pick up some points for Duffield and generally dominated his match with James Hodson, but for a lapse in concentration in the 3rd, White succeeding 9-3 9-0 1-9 9-4.

LA Fitness 1 (19) 4-1 Lumb Farm 1 (3)

Lumb Farm's woes continue with their 3rd straight loss and with a sizeable gap opening up will need to sharpen up pretty quickly. LA Fitness steamrolled through their matches except for Mike Lambert who came across stubborn resistance from Barry

Marshall. Marshall took the 1st 5-9 only to find Lambert had corrected his sights and hit the target with winner after winner to take the next two 9-0-2. It was then Marshall who rallied and got some working into Lambert's legs taking the game 5-9. The hard work Marshall put in the 4th paid off in the 5th with Lambert's resistance waning by the rally, 2-9 to Marshall for one of his better scalps.

Division 3

	P	W	L	F	A	D	Pts.
Repton 2	3	3	0	59	15	0	59
Queens Park 1	3	3	0	52	19	0	52
Burton 3	3	2	1	34	42	0	34
LA Fitness 2	2	1	1	27	21	0	27
Hood Park 2	2	1	1	24	23	0	24
Duffield 3	3	0	3	23	53	0	23
Draycott 2	2	0	2	17	36	0	17
Brampton Manor 2	2	0	2	10	37	0	10

Brampton Manor 2 (6) 0-5 Repton 2 (20)

Like their 1st team Repton 2 look unstoppable, but were at least kept honest by bottom team Brampton Manor 2. Simon Evans almost squandered a 2-0 lead to sneak home 9-7 in the 5th to Phil Delaney and Adrian Oldbury was even more daring as a 2-0 lead turned to match point down in the 5th to Mick Melton, only for the Repton man to triumph 10-9 to give Repton the clean sweep.

Hood Park 2 (5) 1-4 Queens Park 1 (18)

Queens Park 1 reinforced their second place with a 4-1 victory at Hood Park 2. Ingo Keling initially gave Hood Park the lead beating Tony May 3-1, but thereafter all the Queens' men soldiered through the ranks of Hood Park to rack up their 3rd win and keep in touching distance of Repton.

Burton 3 (17) v Duffield 3 (12)

This match was a battle royal and by the time it had finished the bar had closed. Duffield will be left liking their wounds and Burton shaking their heads in disbelief they got the win. Duffield's consolation was they managed to win 12 points from a loss. Dave Yallop's never say die attitude got him passed 10 match points in the 3rd, but he fell just short of the line at 9-7 in the 5th. Great credit goes to Rob Lathbury for not losing the will to win against Yallop. Dave Holland was similarly short of the mark against

Colin Morris, and Simon Law was outdone 9-0 in the 5th by Gary Holmes. Paul Harrison and the rejuvenated Qamran Yaqoob won for Duffield 3-1 and 3-2 respectively.

Division 5

	P	W	L	F	A	D	Pts.
Queens Park 2	3	2	1	43	26	0	43
Bradley House	3	2	1	38	32	0	38
Duffield 5	3	1	2	31	39	0	31
Burton 5	2	1	1	28	20	0	28
Lumb Farm 3	2	1	1	25	22	0	25
LA Fitness 4	2	1	1	22	23	0	22
David Lloyd 3	3	1	2	22	47	0	22

Queens Park 2 defeated league leaders Bradley House 4-1 to propel themselves up the table and with a game in hand could go top. Peter Fox, Ben Shepherd and Steve Lambe did the damage for Queens and with Mike Craven picking up 2 games, gave the home side 19 very useful points. Bradley House remain top but are likely to slip once they have their gap week

Duffield 5 got their first win under their belt entertaining Burton 5. Perry McKellen, Mark Benson and Steve Sims doing the business for Duffield while Dick Lathbury and Rob Gower, the latter recovering from 2-0 down, ensured Burton didn't go away empty handed.

Lumb Farm 3 picked up 19 points off David Lloyd 3 to lift themselves to 3rd from bottom. Mark Whittlesea stopped the rot for David Lloyd as he showed the rest of the team how it is done beating Alan Miles 1-9 10-8 0-9 9-4 7-9.

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