

# Derbyshire Squash & Racketball

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## Derbyshire Men's League Round 3

### Division 2

|                               | P | W | L | F  | A  | D | Pts. |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|----|----|---|------|
| <a href="#">David Lloyd 1</a> | 3 | 3 | 0 | 51 | 25 | 0 | 51   |
| <a href="#">Draycott 1</a>    | 3 | 2 | 1 | 46 | 31 | 0 | 46   |
| <a href="#">Burton 2</a>      | 2 | 2 | 0 | 34 | 13 | 0 | 34   |
| <a href="#">The Manor 2</a>   | 3 | 2 | 1 | 34 | 35 | 0 | 34   |
| <a href="#">Ashbourne</a>     | 3 | 1 | 2 | 32 | 43 | 0 | 32   |
| <a href="#">Duffield 2</a>    | 3 | 1 | 2 | 28 | 38 | 0 | 28   |
| <a href="#">Lumb Farm 2</a>   | 3 | 0 | 3 | 23 | 46 | 0 | 23   |
| <a href="#">Rolls-Royce 1</a> | 2 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 33 | 0 | 16   |

#### **Draycott 1 (9) 1-4 David Lloyd 1 (18)**

Draycott were knocked off their top-of-the-table perch by David Lloyd 1 and despite the 4-1 score line this was a mighty close contest. Ben Arnold held on to the last game against Steve Reeves at 5<sup>th</sup> string to record David Lloyd's first of three 3-2 games, 5-9 9-7 6-9 9-6 4-9. Greg Wemys levelled for Draycott as he returned to form beating Nick Merryfield 3-1. Matt Stone made it 2-1 for David Lloyd when he slugged out a 3-2 win from 2-0 down against Pete Slowakowski 9-2 9-2 6-9 7-9 6-9. Darren Crowshaw sealed the match for David Lloyd, but only after allowing Martin Bostock back in to the match at 2-0 up to eventually win 2-9 2-9 9-5 9-0 5-9. Richard Underhill emphasised his dominance defeating Martin Rose for the loss of just two points.

#### **Lumb Farm 2 (7) 2-3 Ashbourne (16)**

Ashbourne finally got their season underway with their first win and which propelled them 3 places up the table. Captain Mike Herridge's rallying cry was heard loud and clear by David Taylor and Neil Cuthbert who both recorded convincing 3-0 wins and Tom Machell's usually very slow start was just slow as he overcame John Beastall 3-1 to secure Ashbourne's victory. It was great to see Grant Nicholson back on court after serious injury and he did himself proud taking two games off Sid College; a few more matches and he will be a great asset to Ashbourne. Matt Whitehead was more than happy to get Mike

Herridge off in 3 games as the Ashbourne skipper was just starting to find his line and length. Lumb Farm slip to 2<sup>nd</sup> from bottom.

#### **The Manor 2 (14) 3-2 Duffield 2 (8)**

Duffield's lack of a consistent team showed again as they were picked off by The Manor 2. Andy Roulston and Andy Hardy quickly got the hosts 2-0 up with straight games wins. Duffield's captain Phil Bond was looking in good form as he dispatched Todd McQuilkin 3-0 and with Millie Tomlinson to come at no.1 it was left to James Healey and Adrian Watts to fight it out at no.3 string. Healey motored through the 1<sup>st</sup> 9-0, but Watts found his touch at the front to take the 2<sup>nd</sup> 7-9 and then the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1-9. Healey got some good pace on the ball and restricted Watts' opportunities around the front to lever the 4<sup>th</sup> off Watts 9-6, early momentum restored and Watts wasn't able to resist in the 5<sup>th</sup>, which went to Healey 9-1. Millie Tomlinson duly obliged defeating Steve Smith 0-9 3-9 2-9 to limit the points gap.

### Division 4

|                                     | P | W | L | F  | A  | D | Pts. |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|----|----|---|------|
| <a href="#">David Lloyd 2</a>       | 3 | 2 | 1 | 43 | 34 | 0 | 43   |
| <a href="#">LA Fitness 3</a>        | 3 | 1 | 2 | 38 | 35 | 0 | 38   |
| <a href="#">Rolls-Royce 2</a>       | 3 | 2 | 1 | 36 | 36 | 0 | 36   |
| <a href="#">Burton 4</a>            | 3 | 1 | 2 | 32 | 39 | 0 | 32   |
| <a href="#">Sandiacre Friesland</a> | 2 | 1 | 1 | 28 | 21 | 0 | 28   |
| <a href="#">Duffield 4</a>          | 2 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 26 | 0 | 23   |
| <a href="#">Hood Park 3</a>         | 2 | 1 | 1 | 21 | 30 | 0 | 21   |

#### **Rolls-Royce 2 (15) 3-2 Burton 4 (9)**

RR 2 moved above Burton 4 after their mid-table clash. Andy Leak and Steve Howard gave RR the initial lead before Carl Smith and Andy Hambleton ensured the No.1s had to decide the outcome. A close match looked on the cards as Burton's Roger Hardy edged the first 9-10. Kevin Britchford then got into his stride and took the next two easily. Britchford's lapse of concentration cost him the 4<sup>th</sup>, but he recovered to dominate the 5<sup>th</sup> to take this important tie for RR.

## Derbyshire Ladies League Round 3

### **LA Fitness 3 (10) 2-3 Hood Park 3 (15)**

Another close score line saw bottom versus top of the table and it was a sublime effort from Hood Park 3 to turn the tables on their high-flying hosts. LA Fitness were brought down to earth by wins from Jeff Davison and Jim Lockhart, the latter assisted by a retirement, but the plaudits go to Paul Bullen who turned a 0-2 deficit in to 3-2 win over Adam Stringer; the eventual score 9-0 10-8 5-9 7-9 9-5. LA Fitness remain in 2<sup>nd</sup> spot as they picked up a useful 10 points despite losing.

### **David Lloyd 2 (17) 3-2 Sandiacre Friesland (8)**

David Lloyd 2 hit top spot with a fine 3-2 win over Sandiacre. John Ockenden kept his composure to win the 5<sup>th</sup> despite Hannah Legg saving 3 match points in the 4<sup>th</sup>. Andy Coring made it 0-2 to the visitors, before John Mauro, Ben Arnold and Darren Crowshaw showed they had a little too much for Sandiacre.

### **Division 6**

|                                  | P | W | L | F  | A  | D | Pts. |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|----|----|---|------|
| <a href="#">Brampton Manor 3</a> | 2 | 2 | 0 | 35 | 14 | 0 | 35   |
| <a href="#">Burton 6</a>         | 2 | 2 | 0 | 32 | 11 | 0 | 32   |
| <a href="#">Kimberley Manor</a>  | 2 | 2 | 0 | 32 | 18 | 0 | 32   |
| <a href="#">Repton 3</a>         | 3 | 1 | 2 | 28 | 39 | 0 | 28   |
| <a href="#">Hood Park 4</a>      | 3 | 0 | 3 | 25 | 51 | 0 | 25   |
| <a href="#">Queens Park 3</a>    | 2 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 33 | 0 | 14   |
| <a href="#">Draycott 3</a>       | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0    |

**Hood Park 4 (7) 1-4 Repton 3 (17).** Repton's convincing win belied their poor start to the season, but may be attributed to their finishing skills as three of their matches ended by winning setted games. Steve Quigley wrestling Hood Parks only win from John Burton 3-0.

### **Queens Park 3 (9) 2-3 Kimberley Manor (16)**

Queens Park are still without a victory while opponents Kimberley maintain their 100% record. Kimberley's win was courtesy of Matt Ross's determined 5-9 9-6 7-9 9-2 7-9 win over Frank Watts.

### Division 2

|                               | P | W | L | F  | A  | D | Pts. |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|----|----|---|------|
| <a href="#">Bradley House</a> | 3 | 3 | 0 | 45 | 14 | 0 | 45   |
| <a href="#">David Lloyd</a>   | 3 | 2 | 1 | 35 | 28 | 0 | 35   |
| <a href="#">Rolls-Royce</a>   | 3 | 1 | 2 | 29 | 29 | 0 | 29   |
| <a href="#">Repton</a>        | 3 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 49 | 0 | 11   |

Rolls-Royce (3) 1-4 Bradley House (16) Bradley House continue to enjoy this season taking their 3<sup>rd</sup> successive win and top the league. They didn't completely dominate their tie with Rolls-Royce as Alison Harvey played some exceptional squash to overturn Lorraine Taylor 9-4 2-9 9-3 9-5.

David Lloyd (16) 3-2 Repton. Repton put in a much improved performance against David Lloyd narrowly losing 3-2. Dilys Nursaw saved a match point in the 3<sup>rd</sup> to go on to beat Sadie Ryan 9-7 9-5 9-10 4-9 2-9, while Sue Whiting was nearly as daring taking the 1<sup>st</sup> two setted games before capturing the 5<sup>th</sup> 6-9. Kate Ibbitson, Christine Sinclair and Layla Taylor won the tie for David Lloyd.

### Racketball

### **Division 1**

|                                | P | W | L | F  | A  | D | Pts. |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|----|----|---|------|
| <a href="#">Duffield 1</a>     | 3 | 3 | 0 | 42 | 10 | 0 | 42   |
| <a href="#">Brampton Manor</a> | 3 | 2 | 1 | 29 | 24 | 0 | 29   |
| <a href="#">David Lloyd</a>    | 2 | 2 | 0 | 28 | 11 | 0 | 28   |
| <a href="#">The Manor 2</a>    | 2 | 1 | 1 | 21 | 14 | 0 | 21   |
| <a href="#">The Manor 1</a>    | 2 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 26 | 0 | 12   |
| <a href="#">LA Fitness 1</a>   | 3 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 44 | 0 | 10   |
| <a href="#">Duffield 2</a>     | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3  | 16 | 0 | 3    |

Duffield will look forward to their next match against David Lloyd which could well influence the outcome of the league. Duffield quashed Brampton 4-0 to extract a 13 point advantage at the top of the table, but with David Lloyd also having an unbeaten record could overtake Duffield. Bizarrely The Manor 2 leapfrog their 1<sup>st</sup> team after beating LA Fitness - the 1<sup>st</sup> versus 2<sup>nd</sup> team match should be an entertaining match.

## Inter Counties Championships

### Boys 17

Derbyshire boys travelled to Nottingham SRC to face home side Nottingham and a very powerful team from Yorkshire.

Derbyshire's first match was the crucial one as they faced neighbours Nottinghamshire. Weakened by unavailability of some key players, excellent team spirit and some superb performances made up for that loss. Last minute replacement Craig Osborne gained some good experience and fought hard for his team despite going down to T Barnes at 5<sup>th</sup> string. Alex Wilson dominated his opening two games against R Somers and held on to a 3 point advantage throughout the 3<sup>rd</sup> to level the scores for Derbyshire. Owen Whitfield made it 2-1 with another determined display of mature squash to defeat J Grice, Owen needing an extra two points to quell his opponents' fight back in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. James Blythe was off to a flying start taking the first two games before his older and stronger opponent, J Lewandowski, narrowly won the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 4<sup>th</sup> games went against Blythe, but he recovered well in the 5<sup>th</sup> and it was level pegging all the way to 9-9, before his opponent got the run of the ball to level the match for Nottinghamshire. Derbyshire then played their trump card in England U15 No.2 Ashley Davies who convincingly defeated C Abel 3-0 to wrap up a heart warming victory for this very young U17 side.

Derbyshire's next opponents, Yorkshire, showed their great strength in depth by taking strings 2-5 all 3-0, but each Derbyshire lad put up stern resistance that bodes well for the future. They were shown how it was done once again the excellent racket work of the rapidly improving Ashley Davies. Derbyshire's best was too good for Yorkshire's Taminder Gata Aura, the England U17 No.15 in a notable win for Davies who at U17 level is ranked two places lower. Davies looks like one for the future with a keen winning streak shown by the 11-9 13-11 14-12 score line; Davies having what it takes when it mattered.



**Ashley Davies led Derbyshire U17s into the promotion group**

Derbyshire are through to the promotion stage and will meet Yorkshire again along with the two top teams from the Southern division.

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