

Derbyshire Squash & Racketball

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Derbyshire Mens' League Round 6

Division 2

	P	W	L	F	A	D	Pts.
David Lloyd 1	6	5	1	88	61	0	88
Duffield 2	6	4	2	82	57	0	82
The Manor 2	6	4	2	80	69	0	80
Ashbourne	6	3	3	77	74	0	77
Burton 2	5	3	2	70	52	0	70
Draycott 1	5	2	3	57	68	0	57
Rolls-Royce 1	6	1	5	57	94	0	57
Lumb Farm 2	6	1	5	52	88	0	52

The Manor 2 (9) 2-3 David Lloyd (16)

This was the match that could have seen David Lloyd pull right away from the chasing pack, but the absence of Joel Hinds meant that The Manor, despite losing 3-2, only lost 7 points in the league standings. Andy Crowshaw and Andy Roulston gave The Manor every chance to put them 2-0 up. Matt Stone and Craig Simpson, the latter coming from 2-1 down, levelled the scoreline. The silky skills of Richard Underhill made short work of Nigel Millington at No.1 to ease David Lloyd's worries and at least gave them a little breathing space.

Lumb Farm 2 (5) 1-4 Duffield 2 (17)

Duffield 2 seize the opportunity to move above The Manor 2 and close to within 6 points of David Lloyd when they beat Lumb Farm 2. Duffield skipper John Wright picked up a morale boosting win over Pete Wilson at No.5. Matt Whitehead's 3-0 victory over Felix Frixou ensured Lumb Farm stay within touching distance of Draycott and Rolls-Royce at the foot of the table.

Ashbourne (17) 3-2 Rolls-Royce (10)

Ashbourne continued their good work with another victory against visitors RR. New recruit Ben Beech was just the ticket beating Richard Tuck 3-1 at no.2 to complement Adrian Alcock's 3-2 win over Kevin Britchford and Mike Herridge's 3-1 against Fitz Hays at the top of the order.

Division 4

	P	W	L	F	A	D	Pts.
Sandiacre	5	4	1	77	43	0	77
LA Fitness 3	6	2	4	73	77	0	73
Rolls-Royce 2	5	4	1	69	51	0	69
Burton 4	5	2	3	60	57	0	60
Duffield 4	4	2	2	52	42	0	52
David Lloyd 2	4	2	2	49	49	0	49
Hood Park 3	5	1	4	28	89	0	28

Duffield 4 (20) 5-0 Hood Park 3 (0)

Duffield 4 sprung a nasty surprise on Hood Park 3 hammering them 20-0. Derbyshire's promising juniors Joe Harvey and James Blythe led the way. With a game in hand and the two youngsters improving every match Duffield could yet influence the outcome of this division.

Burton 4 (8) 2-3 Sandiacre (15)

Sandiacre's improvement throughout the season has seen them climb into the top berth, and it was pure grit and determination that gave them the victory. While nos. 5 and 3 strings were shared on one court, on the adjoining court the crucial tie was being fought tooth and nail for. John Ockenden look a dead cert at 2-0 up for Sandiacre, Russ Davis began to find his length as Ockenden tired. Davis took the 3rd, but Ockenden just kept going in the 4th and at 7-7 again looked the likely winner, but back came Davis to take the last two points and edge the 4th. Into the 5th and the two were equally tired and the game ragged. Neither could forge an advantage of more than a point. Match point to Ockenden, then 8-8, match point to Davis 9-8; but Ockenden still came back to 9-9; then with the a devastating overhead kill the match was Ockenden's. That proved to be the decider as Sam Marsden for Burton and Carl Jennings for Sandiacre each won 3-0. Sandiacre's game in hand over LA Fitness should pull them well away from the chasing pack should they win it.

LA Fitness 3 (9) 2-3 Rolls-Royce 2 (18)

LA Fitness 3 stumbled before the line once again, but amazingly still hold 2nd place albeit a match down on

their closest rivals. And it was one of those, Rolls-Royce 2 that capitalised on LA's inability to put a match away. Mark Steadman and Adam Stringer got LA off to a 2-0 start, but Andy Rockley and then Matt Hadden pulled it back to 2-2. Garth Birtles led 2-0 and 7-6 only to lose the 3rd 7-9, it was even closer in the 4th at 8-10, before Ewen Tanner took the 5th 3-9 for RR.

Division 6

	P	W	L	F	A	D	Pts.
Brampton Manor 3	5	5	0	89	29	0	89
Hood Park 4	5	1	4	54	67	0	54
Burton 6	3	3	0	48	20	0	48
Repton 3	4	2	2	47	44	0	47
Kimberley Manor	3	2	1	38	36	0	38
Queens Park 3	5	0	5	28	88	0	28

Hood Park are unlikely to remain in 2nd spot when the league matches play out, but after a string of 3-2 results they finally cracked it with a maximum 20 points although thanks to Queens Park 3 for not turning up. Brampton Manor 3 ensured a clean sweep when they defeated Kimberley Manor 4-1. Jon Hendry was on song defeating Steve Tilley 3-0 without dropping a point, while Matt Ross took the 3rd and 4th games both 10-8 to record Kimberley's only victory.

Individual Performances

Pittsburgh Open 2009

http://www.squashsite.co.uk/2009/pittsburgh_09.htm
Derbyshire's leading male player, Joel Hinds, won his inaugural PSA title, the Pittsburgh Open. Having recently turned professional this was a great fillip for the Derbyshire star as he starts out in his new career since leaving university. Hinds, the WR 163, made short work of his two qualifiers, but drawn against No.2 seed in the main draw could perhaps have felt a touch unfortunately. However, the two qualifying games had got Hinds used to the courts and a whirlwind start against USA's Chris Gordon put the No.2 seed on the back foot. Hinds kept the WR78 firmly on his heels, retrieving everything and putting some interest on the ball; 11-5 11-5 11-8 to Hinds in 37 minutes. Fellow qualifier, Wales' Peter Creed fared little better as Hinds found good form; 11-7 11-8 11-5 in 38 minutes to Hinds and into the semi-finals. It was a tournament for the qualifiers

with Botswana's Lekgotla Mosope joining Hinds in the semi. Hinds again started well and kept ahead through the 2nd and 3rd games to record yet another 3-0; this time 11-3 11-9 11-9.



Joel Hinds wins his maiden PSA event, the Pittsburgh Open 2009

The seeds in the other half had had no such problems with qualifiers and it was the No.1 seed Columbia's Bernardo Samper WR65 who Hinds met. Hinds lost his first game of the tournament, but fought back well to take the 2nd, Samper asserted himself again in the 3rd only for Hinds to level again. Hinds' athleticism was troubling Samper greatly and lowering his aim to secure some winners merely resulted in finding the tin a few too many times. Great pressure play from Hinds and a spectacular first PSA victory - 6-11 11-7 8-11 11-2 11-5. Hinds has now risen to WR127.

Irish Junior Open

Millie Tomlinson proved she is the best junior in Europe by collecting the Irish Open title and defeating No.1 seed Milou Van Der Heijden from the Netherlands. Tomlinson's route to the final saw her beat Amanda Akesson of Norway and then local girl Jennifer Hegerty, a 5/8 seed, each in three easy games. English sparring partner Carrie Ramsey the No.3/4 seed was blown away in the first two games 11-5 11-4, by Tomlinson's now more penetrating drives. Ramsey dug in during the 3rd capturing it 11-7, and led through the 4th until the late stages when Tomlinson refocused on this match to take the 4th 11-9. This was a good result and excellent preparation for the final. The opening two games of the final were shared, both 11-8 and full of mature match play and fighting spirit. However, it was Tomlinson's athleticism and accuracy that began to tell in the 3rd

as she pulled away to an 11-5 score. Heijden kept fighting through the 4th, but Tomlinson matched her every move to 11-7, adding yet another prestigious title to her growing collection.



Millie Tomlinson picks up the Irish Open and is in great form for the British Junior Open on 1st January 2010.

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Kevin White lived up to his No.1 seeding in the O40s section of the Midlands Masters' tournament at the Coventry & North Warwicks squash club. A bye in the 1st round saw White straight into the quarter-finals to meet former England O35 and Lancastrian Karl Hardy. Playing on a ferociously hot court suited White whose speed on the ball and length drives never let Hardy any time on the ball. Victory came quickly for White 11-2 11-2 11-4. England team mate and another Lancastrian Glen Ragou meanwhile was having a bit of a tussle with Leicestershire's Steve Ward. Ragou's laid back approach cost him dear as he lost the 3rd 10-12, he regained control to take the 4th and 5th, but the extra minutes on court left him tired for the semi-final against White. White was again ruthless only allowing Ragou a brief run in the 2nd in an entertaining and fast paced match, 11-5 11-8 11-4. Norfolk's Dave Youngs battled his way through to the final while carrying a hamstring injury, but after his semi-final was forced to pull out - giving White the title.



Kevin White guaranteed himself an England O40s place with victory in the Midlands Masters

In the O45s, Greg Loach continues to collect good England selection points and reinforces his no.4 spot in the rankings with a semi-final berth. In an incredibly tough 32-man draw, Loach was seeded No.2 and fortunately received a bye in the 1st round, and defeated Kirk Woodward 9-3 9-1 9-2 in the 2nd round. The quarter final against Dorset's Martin Greenslade was a hard as they come and Loach was mighty relieved to take the 4th game 10-8 to win 3-1. Next up was James Hyatt, who had carved his way through his quarter of the draw in easy straight games. Loach started well deservedly taking the 1st 9-6, but thereafter Hyatt kept moving Loach front to back, regularly finishing with some fine cross-court 'nick' drop shots.

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