

Derbyshire Squash & Racketball

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Inter County Squash Championships

Derbyshire U17s played in the England Squash National Inter County Squash Championships at the weekend, held at Duffield Squash Club.



Craig Osborne, Ashley Davies, Owen Whitfield, James Blythe, Alex Wilson and Joe Harvey.

Derbyshire were up against a strong North Wales side, led by Welsh No1 Jordan Davies, and an illness hit Staffordshire side, who could only field 3 players, led by Staffordshire No 1, Oliver Mapp.

The result would be close, Ashley Davies (Brampton Manor), beat the Welsh No 1, 3-1, Joe Harvey (Duffield), lost 0-3, to Wales No 2 Alex Pendleton, James Blythe (Duffield), lost 1-3 to Welsh No 3 Emyr Evans, Owen Whitfield (Burton) levelled the match for Derbyshire beating Sion Harlow, 3-0, and Alex Wilson (Brampton Manor), defeated Perry Shoemark to give Derbyshire a 3-2 win. Derbyshire got the 5 bonus points for winning the tie with a healthy 15-8 points score.

Wales beat Staffordshire 5-0 and with a maximum and 20 points put Wales on an overall score of 28, to Derbyshire's 15, and Staffordshire's 0.

Derbyshire versus Staffordshire could have been a nail biter, but with Derbyshire effectively starting on 21 points, thanks to the 2 walk-over matches, they needed 1 match win to secure a place in the finals. James Blythe and Joe Harvey went on court at the same time, but with Harvey losing his match, 1-3 to Tom Roden, it was James Blythe who won his match 3-0, giving the tie to Derbyshire regardless of the

score between the two No 1's. The pressure off Ashley lost a close battle with Oliver Mapp, 2-3, in the longest match of the tie, 8/11, 11/7, 9/11, 11/8, 9/11.

Final points positions:

Derbyshire, 2 wins, 32 points.

North Wales, 1 win, 28 points.

Staffordshire, 0 wins, 6 points.

The finals weekend will be held over the weekend of 27th/28th March 2010.

National Squash Championships

SportCity, Manchester

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In the Men's draw, Joel Hinds great run through the qualifying rounds last year have earned him entry straight into the first round, but there is luck finishes as he is drawn against the No.2 seed Peter Barker, WR9.

England No.8 Laura Hill is the top seed in the qualifying event and benefits from a bye, but is likely to meet Sarah Jane-Perry a surprise quarter-finalist last year, for a first round slot.

National U19 Champion Millie Tomlinson takes on Herts' Brogan Lane; then Jenna Gates from Sussex and full-time player Emma Chorley.

In the Masters' Event, British Open O40s Champion Kevin White is seeded No.2 and has a tough draw as first up is England O40 player Andrew Murray. 5/8 seed Andy Cross or the enigmatic Pete Goodings are next followed by either previous finalist Peter Gunter or 3/4 seed Nigel Wills waiting in the semi-finals. 2 time National Champion Yawar Abbas won't be giving up his title in a hurry and will be looking for revenge after defeat by White in the British Open final last September.

Ashbourne's Mike Herridge enters the O45 event for the first time and joins Greg Loach in his third O45 Championship. Loach receives his best draw yet and is seeded 3/4. Herridge doesn't have such a favourable draw and meets Dorset's Robert Hickling a 5/8 seed.

Neil Nightingale meets old sparring partner John Duckworth in the O55s and if successful plays 3/4 seed Stuart Hardy.

Lesley Sturgess receives the No.2 slot in the Ladies O50s and has the chance to avenge her British Open defeat by Yorkshire's Julie Field, the No.1 seed [here](#).

Derbyshire Men's League Round 9

Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A	D	Pts.
The Manor 1	9	7	2	131	81	0	131
Burton 1	9	6	3	126	79	0	126
Repton 1	9	6	3	122	81	0	122
Duffield 1	9	6	3	120	78	0	120
LA Fitness 1	9	6	3	118	87	0	118
Brampton Manor 1	9	3	6	96	115	0	96
Hood Park 1	9	1	8	59	144	0	59
Lumb Farm 1	9	1	8	48	155	0	48

Division 1 still has 5 matches to go, but things are really hotting up at the top of the table with the top 5 teams bunched up even closer after the latest round of matches.

Burton 1 (20) 5-0 LA Fitness 1 (4)

A full strength Burton blasted into 2nd place after trouncing defending Champions LA Fitness at home. LA Fitness slide again down to 5th position and will surely have to win all their remaining games while the leaders slip up to win the title this year. Carl Timms and Phil Brailsford each won 3-1, before Neil Waller and James Hodson both succeeded 3-0. Ryan Loska saved a match point in the 4th after calling a sudden death tie-break, but Rich Davis' precision lengths and drops proved too much in 5th, the final score being 9-7 9-5 4-9 8-9 9-3.

Duffield 1 (17) 4-1 Hood Park 1 (4)

Felix Frixou looked in good form when he took a 5-0 lead in the 1st game, but a pulled calf muscle forced him to retire allowing Mich Birch to record Hood Park's only win. Millie Tomlinson, James Barry and Laura Hill all romped home 3-0. Ian Duffy was out of the blocks too quickly for Kevin White to catch in the 1st game, but White controlled the next three for a 4-1 win to Duffield. Duffield move into 4th spot above LA Fitness and within touching distance of the top three places.

The Manor (16) 3-2 Brampton (10)

This was a crucial game for The Manor who needed to keep momentum up and they managed to persuade Jason Walsh to test out his injured adductor. In the final count it was Walsh who just edged out Ashley Davies 3-2 that gave The Manor a narrow 3-2 victory. Andy Roulston won easily at no.5 for The Manor, but Jason Fearn shrugged off a slow start to beat Steve Smith 3-2 to level the match. Charlie Wall took the 3rd and 4th each 9-2 to pull back from 2-0 down to Craig Walsh, but the younger Walsh steadied his aim in the 5th to put the Manor 2-1 up. Neil Rossin found Alex Cutts in fine form at No.1; Cutts finding the decisive kills at crucial time to take a 3-0 win for Brampton. Their 10 points taking them well clear of Hood Park, 2nd from bottom.

Lumb Farm (8) 2-3 Repton (16)

Lumb Farm nearly pulled off a great win at home to Repton. Marcus Thomas was one of the possible wins for Lumb Farm, but a recurrence of a sore calf, meant he was picked off by an efficient Adrian Oldbury 3-1. Neil Nightingale reversed that turnaround with one of his own defeating Lee Watson 3-2. Simon Price sensed an important point in his match and dug deep, retrieving everything to take the 2nd 10-9. 2-0 might have been too far against Sam Brown, but once Price had got that 2nd his confidence grew as he took the 3rd and 4th games to take Repton to 2-1. Tom Gregory is in good form this season and dispatched Ben Smith with consummate ease to level the match again, this time 2-2. Mitch Cook is another running into good form and powered to a 3-0 over Matt Whitehead to keep Repton in the hunt.

Division 3

	P	W	L	F	A	D	Pts.
Repton 2	9	8	1	157	52	0	157
Queens Park 1	9	7	2	141	76	0	141
Brampton Manor 2	9	7	2	123	90	0	123
Hood Park 2	9	5	4	109	109	0	109
LA Fitness 2	9	3	6	97	119	0	97
Duffield 3	9	2	7	91	133	0	91
Burton 3	9	3	6	85	131	0	85
Draycott 2	9	1	8	63	156	0	63

Repton 2 (20) 5-0 Draycott 2 (0)

A no-show by Draycott 2 gave Repton the 20 points they were likely to have taken anyway and they stretch their lead to 16 points.

Hood Park 2 (18) 3-2 Duffield 3 (8)

Duffield missed out on a chance to escape the attention of Burton 3 in the relegation battle. Simon Law's 2-0 lead came to nothing as he was unable to put Ingo Keling away thereafter. Keling coming back from 0-7 in the 5th to take that game 9-7.

Qamran Yaqoob eventually woke up in the 3rd game after one of his long sleep-ins, taking the last 3 games comfortably. Mark Northolt and Kenny Grant both pouched 3-0 wins, leaving James Russell to defeat Pete Wood 3-2 to give Duffield a few extra points they might need in the final shake down.

LA Fitness 2 (18) 3-2 Burton 3 (7)

A solid 18 points for LA Fitness really opens up a breathing space over their conquered opponents Burton 3 in the second relegation spot. Colin Morris and Dave Elliot gave visiting Burton two wins each 3-2.

Brampton Manor 2 (15) 3-2 Queens Park 1 (10)

Brampton crept a little close to Queens Park, present occupants of the 2nd promotion place, defeating their neighbours 3-2. It was Brampton's top order that came through after Tony May and John Pearson had put Queens on top early on. Derbyshire U19 No.2 Jono Lovegrove lost the 2nd and 3rd games on tie breaks, but kept his game together to take the last two games against Glen Woodhead in the pivotal match.

Duffield 5 (5) 0-5 Bradley House (20)

Bradley House continue their march to promotion and open up a sizeable gap from 3rd place. A 5-0 win at Duffield, left the hosts adrift at the foot of the table.

Queens Park 2 (20) 5-0 LA Fitness 4 (3)

With a game in hand over 2nd and 3rd places, and having put LA Fitness to the sword 5-0, Queens Park 2 look odds on favourites to take the Division 5 title. LA Fitness lost much ground on Bradley House in 2nd place.

Kevin White

DSR Chairman

Division 5

	P	W	L	F	A	D	Pts.
Queens Park 2	7	6	1	112	50	0	112
Bradley House	8	6	2	111	78	0	111
LA Fitness 4	8	3	5	82	104	0	82
David Lloyd 3	7	4	3	76	87	0	76
Burton 5	6	3	3	74	66	0	74
Lumb Farm 3	6	2	4	66	76	0	66
Duffield 5	8	1	7	63	123	0	63