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Today (9th February) Joel Hinds' first round match in the main draw went with the seedings as Peter Barker the No.2 and WR9 exerted his full range of shots and considerable experience. Hinds fought hard in the 3rd to reach 8-8, but Barker's deadly accuracy put paid to thought of a 4th game; 11-4 11-4 11-8.

England No.8 Laura Hill as top seed in the qualifying event benefited from Dominique Lloyd-Walter's withdrawal from the main draw and takes her place. Hill is now up against Nottingham based professional Emma Beddoes. Hill will hopefully have recovered from a heavy cold in time to treat Beddoes to a dose of her remorseless line and length game.

Meanwhile, National U19 Champion Millie Tomlinson burst through the qualifying stages and claims her first of many round 1 slots in the Main event. Tomlinson took well to the hot courts of England Squash's HQ at SportCity immediately and defeated a tricky opponent in Brogan Lane, the National U17 Champion from Herts 11/3, 11/5, 11/7 in just 19 minutes. In the next round, Sussex's Jenna Gates took fright and withdrew allowing Tomlinson a crack at Cheshire's Emily Whitlock. Whitlock had turned Tomlinson over at the beginning of last season in the U17s, but here Tomlinson was ultra focused extracting revenge in 31 minutes 11/7 11/6 11/4. Tomlinson has been drawn against Lauren Briggs the 6th seed.

Also in Action for Derbyshire are Kevin White, No2 seed, in the Men's O40s; Greg Loach a 3/4 seed and Mike Herridge in the Men's O45s; Neil Nightingale in the Men's O55 and Lesley Sturgess, the No2 seed, in the ladies O50s.



Millie Tomlinson in action in the Qualifying stages on her way to the 1st Round of the Main Event.

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Derbyshire Men's League Round 9

Division 2

	P	W	L	F	A	D	Pts.
David Lloyd 1	9	7	2	135	80	0	135
Burton 2	9	6	3	130	87	0	130
Duffield 2	9	6	3	122	91	0	122
Draycott 1	9	5	4	119	104	0	119
The Manor 2	9	5	4	109	110	0	109
Ashbourne	9	4	5	103	118	0	103
Rolls-Royce 1	9	2	7	88	135	0	88
Lumb Farm 2	9	1	8	62	143	0	62

Burton 2 (17) 4-1 Ashbourne (5)

Ashbourne continue to slide and will have to be at full strength against Rolls-Royce to ensure they aren't caught out at the end of the season. Burton 2 meanwhile press for a top two place and are just 5 points shy of David Lloyd. This disparity in fortunes was borne out in the two teams' match where Burton 2 took a 4-1 win. Ashbourne's lower order were blown away, but Grant Nicholson pushed Adrian Murphy to 9-7 in the 5th and Mike Herridge was clearly gearing

up for his O45s debut in the National Championships this week, demolishing Tom Comb 4-9 0-9 2-9.

Rolls-Royce 1 (6) 1-4 Duffield 2 (18)

Duffield 2, now strengthened by the return from injury of Neil Mitra, are on a roll and have closed the gap slightly to Burton 2. Mitra had a successful return defeating Alistair Parsons 3-1, Adrian Watts eventually overcame Ian Rigby and with Chris Alcock and Phil Bond each winning 3-0 the prize was Duffield's. Kevin Britchford's earlier efforts to beat Lesley Sturgess weren't built upon by RR.

Lumb Farm 2 (2) 0-5 David Lloyd 1 (20)

Its just mathematics that give Lumb Farm 2 hope and they could have done without a pummeling from David Lloyd. Marcus Thomas sneaked a game off Richard Underhill to double his team's points after Steve Grainger also took the 1st game off Nick Merryfield. Otherwise it was David Lloyd all the way as they eye a place in Division 1.

The Manor 2 (5) 1-4 Draycott 1 (19)

Draycott will have their eyes on 1 April when they take on Burton 2 and if they can win at Duffield they should be able to make that no.2 spot theirs. Their visit to The Manor yielded a healthy 19 points, and were only denied maximum by a resilient performance by James Healey who defeated Pete Slowakowski 3-2. Martin Bostock put in another dogged display beating Steve Smith from 2-1 down; the final score 9-5 3-9 9-6 6-9 5-9.

Division 4

	P	W	L	F	A	D	Pts.
Sandiacre Friesland	7	6	1	111	56	0	111
Duffield 4	8	5	3	106	88	0	106
LA Fitness 3	8	4	4	105	91	0	105
Rolls-Royce 2	8	5	3	104	88	0	104
Burton 4	8	3	5	95	94	0	95
David Lloyd 2	8	3	5	90	107	0	90
Hood Park 3	7	1	6	38	125	0	38

LA Fitness 3 (16) 3-2 Burton 4 (8)

LA Fitness 3 held station with Duffield 4 equalling their 16 points haul against Burton 4 and remain just one point behind in the race for 2nd place. Burton 4's 8 points keep them from the clutches of David Lloyd 2 for now.

Duffield 4 (16) 3-2 Rolls-Royce 2 (9)

Nathan Davies managed to hang on to the 3rd game 10-9 to beat Vic Malysz in what could have been a pivotal game. At the other end it was Joe Harvey's young legs that saw him take the last two games to defeat Matt Hadden to take the match for Duffield.

David Lloyd 2 (17) 3-2 Hood Park 3 (7)

David Lloyd 2 might rue not taking a full points complement off Hood Park as they vie with Burton 4 to avoid the drop. Trevor Armston put Hood Park ahead with a battling performance beating Matt Brown 10-9 9-7 7-9 6-9 6-9. However, only Jim Lockhart backed Armston up with a fine 3-1 win over Andy Evans. Garry Devonish in typical fashion put David Lloyd back on course and was ably supported by Mark Whittlesea and Aaron Jackson.

Division 6

	P	W	L	F	A	D	Pts.
Burton 6	6	6	0	99	38	0	99
Repton 3	7	4	3	93	74	0	93
Brampton Manor 3	7	4	3	91	79	0	91
Hood Park 4	7	3	4	85	84	0	85
Kimberley Manor	5	2	3	53	71	0	53
Queens Park 3	6	0	6	31	106	0	31

Repton 3 (9) 2-3 Burton 6 (16)

Burton 6 showed some real strength in depth when they beat Repton 3 in their derby match and with a game in hand opened up some space from the chasing pack. Burton's Lewis Baker set Burton on their way beating Will Herbert 3-0, but young Russell Armstrong levelled moments later with his own 3-0 over Tom Stewart. Doug Whitfield recovered from the loss of the 1st to beat Dave Clibborn and with Owen Whitfield making amends in the 5th after missing a match point in the 4th, the tie was Burton's. John Kirtland and Paul Baker had a topsy-turvy tie with Kirtland on top in the 5th - 9-1 1-9 9-3 0-9 9-1.

Hood Park 4 (14) 3-2 Brampton Manor 3 (9)

This was a handy win for Hood Park 4 and may yet keep them above Kimberley Manor once the matches are all played. However, it was a real blow to the promotion aspirations of Brampton who failed to catch Repton 3. John Brooks was the hero for Hood Park as he saved several match points to eventually beat Jon Handy 10-9 in the 5th.

Individual Performances

'Physio-Room' Halifax Junior Open

Queens Club Halifax 5-6 February 2010

Brampton Manor's Ashley Davis added the Under 17 Halifax Junior Open to his burgeoning collection of titles. In his 3rd U17 tournament, Davies had made a good start also winning in Bradford at the Heaton Open and coming 6th at Pontefract despite still being U15 at the time.

In the Halifax event, Davies overcame strong resistance in his first round match in the form of Cheshire's Laurence Davies 12-10 11-7 9-11 11-8. Alex Hodgetts was next and another 3-1 went to Davies a little more comfortably. Derbyshire U15 Adam Turner did very well to reach the semi-final, but Davies showed his improved fitness running out a 3-0 winner. Lincolnshire's Hamish Falconer was waiting in the final and the England No.2 U15 was too quick out of the blocks for Davis, taking the first game 7-11. Davis quickly replied 11-2 in the 2nd. A close 3rd went Davis way 11-9 and once in front in the 4th Davis cruised to victory.



Ashley Davis picks up the spoils as
Physio-Room Halifax Junior U17 Champion

Kevin White

DSR Chairman