

Derbyshire Squash & Racketball

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Derbyshire Men's League Round 12 & 13

Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A	D	Pts.
Burton 1	13	10	3	197	97	0	197
Repton 1	13	9	4	180	111	0	180
The Manor 1	13	9	4	180	131	0	180
LA Fitness 1	13	9	4	179	121	0	179
Duffield 1	13	8	5	161	126	0	161
Brampton Manor 1	13	4	9	123	180	0	123
Lumb Farm 1	13	2	11	86	210	0	86
Hood Park 1	13	1	12	82	212	0	82

Burton (18) 4-1 Hood Park (5)

Burton emerged as champions elect from the latest and penultimate round of matches in Division 1 of the Derbyshire Leagues. Burton now lead by 17 points from both Repton and The Manor, however, they do play The Manor in the last round and will need a full strength team just to make sure. It will be their first Derbyshire League title should they gain just 3 points. Burton put paid to any aspirations neighbours Hood Park might have had in avoiding relegation, defeating them 4-1. Nigel Storer gave Hood some early cheer beating Colin Morris 3-1, but after Paul Sumpter and Mick Burton each took the opening games it was all Burton. Neil Waller pitched in with a symmetrical 10-8 10-8 10-8 win over Simon Hurst to ensure Burton just need to step over the finishing line next match.

Duffield (17) 4-1 Repton (3)

Title contenders Repton suffered a miserable night at Duffield, who themselves can only look back at what might have been. Duffield were a thorn in Repton's side all season, defeating them twice as well as forfeiting a match and 20 points to Burton. Short of Richard Woodrooffe at no.2 the lower order was easily picked off by a youthful looking Duffield side. Millie Tomlinson looked in formidable form defeating Lee Watson for just 2 points, and Kyle McBride couldn't do anything wrong beating Simon Price 9-0 9-4 9-2. John Slater overcame a frantic 1st game with Ben Smith at No.3 to extinguish Repton's flame which had not burned too brightly on this night. Laura Hill's control of the rallies put Mitch Cook in awkward

positions and the mistakes flowed from the Repton man. 4-0 to Duffield in double quick time which just left Mark Fuller to show his team how it's done with a comfortable 3-0 over Kevin White.

LA Fitness (18) 4-1 The Manor (7)

LA Fitness look to finish on a high with a defeat of The Manor, the long time leaders in Division 1. Paul Howell scored a notable win over Dave Stones ay 5th string and Karl Murray avenged a recent Notts League defeat by hanging on to the 4th game 10-9 against Craig Walsh. Greg Loach beat Jason Walsh 3-1 and Matthew Oxley demolished Neil Rossin 9-0 9-3 9-4 to give LA an unassailable 4-0 lead. Speed merchants Jonathan Underhill and Ryan Loska's marathon match unexpectedly caught the attention of the police when they were caught playing after hours on LA's courts. Loska forfeiting the match when 2-1 down.

Brampton (17) 4-1 Lumb Farm (6)

A solid performance by Brampton spared them from last match relegation worries. Lumb Farm have been much improved in the 2nd half and were well in this tie. Brampton had the edge though with Charlie Wall and Jason Fearn each recording 3-1 wins. Injury hit Brendan Hickerman just about did enough to beat Tom Gregory 3-1, and will be looking forward to resting during the summer. Sam Brown's late season form gave him an unexpected win over fast rising Ashley Davies in the closest of 3-0 wins, 10-8 9-7 10-8. Alex Cutts wrapped up things up for Brampton taking out Matt Whitehead 3-0.

Division 2

	P	W	L	F	A	D	Pts.
Burton 2	12	8	4	176	104	0	176
David Lloyd 1	12	9	3	181	106	5	176
Ashbourne	12	7	5	160	130	0	160
Draycott 1	12	7	5	158	135	0	158
The Manor 2	12	7	5	151	138	0	151
Duffield 2	12	6	6	138	146	0	138
Rolls-Royce 1	12	3	9	108	182	0	108
Lumb Farm 2	12	1	11	70	201	0	70

Burton 2 had their wings clipped by **The Manor 2** in a close 3-2 defeat. This opens the door for David Lloyd and further back, but not out of it Ashbourne. Dave Stones put in a quality display constantly wrong footing Tom Comb to record a 9-1 9-2 9-3 win over Tom Comb to win the match for The Manor. **David Lloyd** are now level on points with Burton 2 after a 19 point 4-1 win away at **Rolls-Royce**, almost certainly meaning Division 3 next year for their hosts.

David Lloyd and Burton 2 meet in the last round of the league season and a bad loss could give Ashbourne or even Draycott a chance to make up 16 and 18 points gaps respectively. **Ashbourne** weighed in with an impressive 5-0 victory against **Duffield 2** to keep them in the hunt. Duffield 2 are 30 points clear of **Rolls-Royce** and should stay in Division 2. **Draycott's** 4-1 win over **Lumb Farm 2** meant they slipped a few points behind Ashbourne. Marcus Thomas was the culprit defeating Martin Rose 3-1 at the top of the order.

Division 3

	P	W	L	F	A	D	Pts.
Repton 2	13	11	2	222	76	0	222
Queens Park 1	13	10	3	196	116	0	196
Brampton Manor 2	12	10	2	172	104	0	172
Hood Park 2	13	6	7	147	164	0	147
LA Fitness 2	13	5	8	138	167	0	138
Duffield 3	13	3	10	127	192	0	127
Burton 3	13	4	9	116	192	0	116
Draycott 2	12	2	10	92	199	0	92

Repton 2 (20) 5-0 Duffield 3 (0)

Repton sliced their way through Duffield's order in super quick time and bagged the Division 3 trophy in emphatic style. With a team easily able to hold their own at the top of Division 2 let alone Division 3, Repton did not yield a single game and probably won't be missed by those teams remaining in Division 3 next season.

Queens Park 1 (18) 4-1 LA Fitness 2 (6)

2nd placed Queens Park maintain a slender lead over Chesterfield neighbours Brampton 2 with this 4-1 win over LA Fitness. Queens play Duffield 3 in the final fixture and will hope to repeat Repton's win over them. Martin Edwards spoilt a perfect score for Queens as he got the better of Robert Essex 3-1 at no.2 string. Charles Noble just managed to hold off

Ian Mackinnon 9-7 in the 5th to ensure Queens a handy lead over Brampton in the final round of matches. Brampton will surely target a full 20 points in their postponed match with Draycott 2.

Burton 3 (7) Hood Park 2 (16)

Burton's 7 points just about gave them enough to launch a late bid to overtake Duffield 3, especially as they play fellow strugglers Draycott 2. Duffield having to contend with a promotion focussed Queens. Pete Wood, Kenny Grant and Richard Wormersley were the winners for Hood although Mark Northolt was just denied 10-8 in the 5th by Rob Bell.

Division 4

	P	W	L	F	A	D	Pts.
Sandiacre	10	9	1	164	69	0	164
LA Fitness 3	11	5	6	135	122	0	135
Duffield 4	10	6	4	129	109	0	129
David Lloyd 2	11	5	6	128	140	0	128
Burton 4	10	5	5	132	110	5	127
Rolls-Royce 2	10	5	5	122	122	0	122
Hood Park 3	10	1	9	46	184	0	46

Sandiacre all but wrapped up Division 4 with a 20 point haul against bottom team **Hood Park 3**.

Duffield 4 can mathematically still catch them, each side with two matches left, but a 35 point gap will be too great. **Hood Park 3** will finish bottom; the place where Sandiacre had started their season after their first match loss back in September.

LA Fitness 3 left the door wide open for **Duffield 4** when they were hammered by that team 4-1.

Duffield 4 lie just 6 points behind LA with a game in hand. It would have been worse for LA except for Garry Smith overturning Richard Gilbert 3-0 for LA's only points.

David Lloyd 2 could still finish 2nd, but with just one match left to other's two, they could also end 2nd from bottom. A hard fought 3-2 against **Rolls-Royce 2** was essential in keeping them in the top half for now. RR's Ewen Tanner scored a memorable win over John Mauro saving a match point before claiming the 5th 10-8.

Division 5

	P	W	L	F	A	D	Pts.
Queens Park 2	11	8	3	168	86	0	168
Bradley House	11	9	2	160	102	0	160
Burton 5	11	5	6	128	129	0	128
David Lloyd 3	12	5	7	121	160	0	121
Duffield 5	11	4	7	116	142	0	116
LA Fitness 4	10	5	5	114	120	0	114
Lumb Farm 3	10	2	8	81	149	0	81

Kevin White
DSR Chairman

Queens Park 2 and **Bradley House** matched each other point for point at the top of Division 5 and with just one match to play are both promoted. Queens Park were given an easy time in the lower order with three successive 3-0 win against **David Lloyd**. Suki Sandri hit back though in determined style to defeat Peter Fox 3-2, but Steve Lambe made it 4-1 to Queens as he beat Andy Evans 3-1.

Bradley House have one more win than Queens, but still trail them by 8 points. Graham Reid scored a notable 3-2 victory over Anthony Shaw, but with Glyn Bomen just falling short against Paul Howe it was a lost cause for **Burton 5**.

Division 6

	P	W	L	F	A	D	Pts.
Burton 6	9	9	0	157	45	0	157
Repton 3	9	6	3	127	87	0	127
Brampton Manor 3	8	4	4	99	94	0	99
Hood Park 4	9	3	6	95	120	0	95
Queens Park 3	9	2	7	73	138	0	73
Kimberley Manor	8	2	6	61	128	5	56

Burton SC are certainly a club on the up and their 6th team have also claimed the Division 6 title. **Repton 3** look set to join them in Division 5 next season after narrowly beating **Queens Park 3** 3-2. Repton were indebted to Russell Armstrong who convincingly reversed a 0-2 deficit taking his match against Dean Brewin 9-5 10-9 1-9 2-9 1-9.