

Derbyshire Squash & Racketball

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Joel Hinds claims British U23 Championship

Derbyshire's Joel Hinds finally got his hands on the British U23 trophy at Hunts County a year after finishing as runner-up. Hinds recently won his 1st PSA title - the Pittsburgh Open and the U23 title rounded off a very successful first profession season for the Benz-Bavarian Duffield player.



Joel Hinds British U23 Champion

The Men's final saw the No3 seed Hinds up against Joe Lee (Surrey) who had survived a marathon semi final against Eddie Charlton (Nottinghamshire). Lee showed no effects of his semi final exerts as he powered out of the blocks and took the first 11-7. Hinds roared back to take the 2nd 11/4 and then edged a close 3rd 11/9. The 4th was a fantastic battle with both players going for their shots and retrieving everything the other threw at them but in the end it was Hinds who held his nerve to take the championship - his first British title.

Men's Final

[3] Joel Hinds bt [2] Joe Lee (Surrey) 7/11 11/4 11/9 11/9 (60m)

Men's Semi Finals

[3] Joel Hinds (Derbys) bt [1] Adrian Waller (Herts) 11/6 6/11 7/11 11/7 11/3 (64m)

[2] Joe Lee (Surrey) bt [4] Eddie Charlton (Notts) 11/9 9/11 3/11 14/12 11/7 (85m)

Men's Quarter Finals

[1] Adrian Waller (Herts) bt [10] Charles Sharpes (Surrey) 11/6 11/7 11/9 (35m)

[3] Joel Hinds (Derbys) bt [7] Ben Coleman (Essex) 11/5 11/8 11/8 (45m)

[4] Eddie Charlton (Notts) bt [8] Anthony Graham (Glouc) 11/9 11/7 11/2 (31m)

[2] Joe Lee (Surrey) bt [6] Neil Cordell (Yorks) 11/5 11/4 11/5 (25m)

Derbyshire Junior Squash Grand Prix 2009/10

The 2009/2010 Derbyshire Junior Squash Grand Prix drew to a close on Sunday 25th April with the final of the six events being held at Brampton Manor in Chesterfield.

The event has been very successful this season with 49 juniors having taken part at some stage and around 30 to 35 entrants for each of the events.

The overall winner this year is Alex Wilson of Brampton Manor who managed the rare achievement of coming first in the top group at each event, much to the chagrin of Duffield's Craig Osborne who came runner-up to Alex each time to take second spot overall. Both Alex and Craig represent the county at U15 level and will be out of age for the next Grand Prix season.

Third place was taken by Brampton Manor's U13 player, Matt Barton, with fourth and fifth spot being claimed by Lewis Mackay (Brampton Manor) and Molly Tomlinson (Duffield) respectively. Molly is well on her way to emulating her big sister's (Millie's) achievements.

As usual at the final Grand prix event, prizes were awarded to several of the players for their achievements throughout the season. These were awarded to:

Alex Wilson - Grand Prix winner

Craig Osborne - Grand Prix runner-up

Mary Lowe - most helpful player

Liam Hardie - best newcomer

Lewis Mackay - most improved boy

Isabel Favell - most improved girl

Henry Jacobs - future champion (joint winner)

Keiran Shelley - future champion (joint winner)

A big thank you must go to Simon Favell of Simon Favell Industries Ltd. for his continued generous sponsorship of the Derbyshire Junior Grand Prix - he provided rackets for the prizewinners and has supplied the competitors with t-shirts as well as making cash donations that have helped to provide balls, pay court fees etc.

Northern Cup Under 15s Success

Derbyshire's U15 boys put on a very impressive performance over the weekend to win the Northern Cup very comfortably indeed at the Prestbury Squash Club in Cheshire.



(L to R) Russell Clark, Adam Turner, James Blythe, Alex Wilson and Craig Osborne

The squad, which was almost the same as that which lifted the under 13 crown two seasons ago, comprised (L to R) Russell Clark, Adam Turner, James Blythe, Alex Wilson and Craig Osborne playing at string 1 to 5 respectively.

Saturday saw the lads up against Merseyside, Cumbria and Warwickshire, all 3 ties Derbyshire won by a resounding 5 matches to nil. The form continued on Sunday when they faced Lancashire and the second favourites, Durham & Cleveland. Derbyshire took these ties 5-0 and 4-1 respectively to become overall winners of the tournament having lost only one of the matches of the 25 they played all weekend.

Solihull Arden Junior Open

More success for Derbyshire's **James Blythe** who won the U15s event at The Solihull Arden Junior Open last weekend. James reached the final without dropping a game. James was at his best in the final where he beat Leicestershire's Tim Arthur 11-4, 11-7, 11-8.



James Blythe picking up the U15 Solihull Arden Junior Open title

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