



# England Squash & Racketball West Midlands Regional Newsletter



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Welcome to the March edition of the West Midlands Regional Newsletter. Before I enter coverage on 'Marvellous March', let me first take pleasure in introducing to you the new West Midlands Regional Manager, Jenine Hadley. Jenine begins her role on April 1st and brings with her an abundance of experience developed during previous community-sport based roles. A keen squash enthusiast, there is no doubt that Jenine will fill the void left by her predecessor John Davis until Amy Tilley returns from maternity leave. Good luck Jenine!



This issue encapsulates the strength of squash and racketball in the region. The West Midlands Regional Racketball 2011 was a resounding success, with over 70 entries across all age groups, building on the foundations provided by last year's tournament. For a more detailed report, please see page 4.

In the West Midlands we are entering into a critical month in April. It is the final opportunity for Regional Coach Darren Lewis to prepare the squad that has been selected to compete in the Regional Team Championships on 14th-15th May. Congratulations to everybody that has been selected!

## Win an England Squash & Racketball Surprise Goody-Bag!

To push the drive by England Squash & Racketball to attain more members and activated memberships, the West Midlands Regional Office are giving you the opportunity to join, gaining access to a host of England Squash & Racketball benefits, as well as a mystery goody-bag containing a host of secret surprises!

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### Chichester End St George's Hill Unbeaten PSL Run

TWP St George's Hill's unbeaten run in this season's Premier Squash League (PSL) came to a dramatic end when the Group B leaders slumped 3/2 to Team Chichester in the eighth round of the of the world's most prestigious squash league.

Meanwhile defending champions Surrey Health & Racquets continued their strong form in the group by thumping UWE Bristol 5/0 – earning their fourth successive PSL win and dramatically reducing the gap behind St George's Hill in the tables. Third-placed Exeter Diamonds weakened their bid for a place in the end-of-season play-offs by going down 3/2 at home to PSL newcomers IGT Winchester.

Former champions LEBC Group Chapel Allerton strengthened their lead in the Group A tables with a 4/1 away win at MB Nottingham – while England's world number one Nick Matthew played a decisive role in Benz-Bavarian Duffield gaining a 3/2 away win over CLFS Esporta Oxford to improve their chances of a play-off place. It was a rueful St George's Hill manager Danny Lee who commented "the wrong Lee won" after his son Joe Lee lost to Chichester's late replacement Alex Gough, while Chichester's Max Lee recorded a marathon victory over British National Champion Daryl Selby.

Guyana's Nicolette Fernandes started the Chichester run by upsetting the home side's Dominique Lloyd-Walter in five games – while the now-retired Alex Gough, a former world No5, produced one of the shocks of the season by despatching world No63 Joe Lee 13-11, 11-5, 11-7 in just 36 minutes. The home crowd sensed that normal service would be resumed as middle order stalwarts Mohd Nafiizwan Adnan and Mark Krajcsak levelled the tie – and hopes were high that Selby would rediscover the form that saw him lift the British National title against expectations less than a month ago. And the world No10 from Essex led 2/1 against Max Lee before the Hong Kong 22-year-old – ranked 52 places lower in the world – pulled off one of the best wins of his career to beat Selby 13-11, 11-13, 8-11, 12-10, 11-5 in 77 minutes.

Surrey Health & Racquets dropped just two games in their commanding victory over former runners-up UWE Bristol. England international Alison Waters laid down a marker for the hosts with an 11-4, 11-8, 11-7 win over Bristol's Sarah-Jane Perry – and Ben Ford, captain Tim Garner, Adrian Waller duly followed Waters' winning example before top-ranked Scot Alan Clyne ensured maximum points by beating rising French star Lucas Serme 10-12, 11-5, 11-2, 11-7.

It was French number one Gregory Gaultier, making only his second appearance for the club, who led IGT Winchester to their 3/2 away win over Exeter Diamonds. With the tie poised at two-all, world No6 Gaultier recovered from two games down to beat Exeter's Stewart Boswell 10-12, 6-11, 11-8, 11-6, 11-6 – inflicting the first defeat of the season on the Australian international.

It was a similar story in Oxford where Derbyshire club Benz-Bavarian Duffield, the three times champions eager to make the final for the first time in two years, were level at two matches apiece against CLFS Esporta Oxford. The decider saw the world's top player Nick Matthew take on the top Spaniard Borja Golan. World champion Matthew took the opening two games, but Golan battled back to draw level.

Disappointment for the hosts was matched by elation for the visitors when Matthew recovered the advantage to win 11-5, 15-13, 11-13, 11-7. The win strengthens Duffield's position in third place in the Group A tables, just three points adrift of Oxford – but with a tie in hand.

LEBC Group Chapel Allerton began their victory bid at MB Nottingham a match down after local star Emma Beddoes beat the Yorkshire club's Carrie Ramsey 11-3, 11-5, 11-3.

But stirring wins by the visitors' Anthony Graham, Shaun le Roux, Laurence Delasaux and Chris Simpson gave Chapel Allerton the 4/1 win which extends their lead at the top of the Group A tables to 23 points ahead of Esporta Oxford.

## **Tewkesbury Take National Schools by Storm**

Tewkesbury School took the National School Finals by storm by claiming the Girls Under 15 crown at the first time of asking. The school only entered the event this season and have enjoyed a tremendous run and didn't drop a single game at the National Squash Centre in Manchester.

In Tuesday's semi finals Tewkesbury defeated Downe House School 5-0 while Dame Allan's High School did the unthinkable – beating seven times winners and holders for the past three years, Millfield School in another 5-0 whitewash. The final looked like it might produce a classic but in the end Tewkesbury were simply too strong and ran out comfortable winners with their second 5-0 victory of the day - not a bad end to their first run out in the competition

The Boys Under 15 championship has belonged to Wycliffe College since 2005 and this year was to be no different. Lead by nationally ranked Lyell Fuller and Kyran Young they dispatched Gosforth School in the semi finals 4-1 before meeting Heathside School, who narrowly defeated Exeter School 3-2, in the final. Wycliffe were in no mood to surrender their title and retained it in style – a 5-0 victory confirming their status as No1 under 15 school side in the country.

Wednesday saw the Under 19 teams take centre stage and battle it out for the coveted national titles. In the girls semi finals Millfield School were keen to forget their Under 15 disappointment and quickly set about their business with a clinical 5-0 defeat of former champions Central Newcastle High School.

Meanwhile Epsom College were involved in a great tussle with Central's neighbours Newcastle Upon Tyne Church High School. Church High had the edge at the top of the order with the Oswald sisters, Rachel and Jayne taking 3-0 wins. However in team squash it is strength in depth that is required and Epsom took strings 3,4 and 5 to secure a place in the final.

In the final Millfield attacked Epsom from the off and took the spoils and retained their title in great style with a 5-0 victory and without dropping a single game. Millfield once again proving to be almost unbeatable in this category with 12 titles in the last 13 years – a fantastic achievement.

The Boys Under 19 semi finals were reasonably straight forward with the big two squash academies of Millfield School and Wycliffe College progressing to the final with 4-1 and 5-0 victories over Wellington College and RGS Manchester respectively.



### **Total Squash Exclusive Offer!**

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## West Midlands Racketball Championships 2011

Stourbridge Lawn Tennis & Squash Club played host to the West Midlands Regional Racketball Closed on 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> March 2011. The event proved to be a great success, with over sixty entries across nine categories battling it out for the elusive Championship title. This is the second year the event has been held, and the number of entrants more than doubled, with events ranging up to over-65 events for both men and women.



A popular companion of squash, interest in racketball has surged on a national level amongst recent years. According to some statistics, racketball is the UK's fastest growing sport, and this is reflected through high participation levels in the West Midlands Region.

Stourbridge Lawn Tennis & Squash Club provided the perfect setting for a weekend full of action-packed racketball, and it seemed fitting that Stourbridge Number 1 Jason Russell became the West Midlands Racketball Champion at his home club. Russell defeated county squash star Matt Jones 3-0 in the final to cap a fantastic West Midlands tournament. The impressive Russell cruised through the event without dropping a game in the main event, which also included former World-ranked player and England Squash & Racketball Development Coach Vicky Hynes, making the victory all the more impressive. The Stourbridge Club provided excellent support for the region's premier event, and made all competitors welcome, overseen by Racketball Chairman Pete Mumby and Tournament Director Rob Shay. All competitors challenged in fantastic spirit, so many thanks to all those that entered.

West Midlands Regional Administrator Natalie Wilcox commented, 'I am delighted by the overall spirit in which the competition was played. There was a competitive but friendly atmosphere throughout the event, and the overall standard of racketball across all categories was impressive. On behalf of England Squash & Racketball, my thanks go out to tournament organiser Rob Shay and Stourbridge Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, whose support, particularly in the form of Pete Mumby, proved invaluable'.

<b>Men's Open</b>	Jason Russell bt Matt Jones 3-0
<b>Men's Over 35</b>	Rob Shay bt Nick Wilkes 3-0
<b>Men's Over 45</b>	Paul Barnsley bt Mark Cook 3-0
<b>Men's Over 55</b>	Graham Greensall bt Pete Mumby 3-1
<b>Men's Over 65</b>	Bev Pegg bt George Garner 3-1
<b>Men's B</b>	Kieran Muldoon bt Stephen Elliott 3-1
<b>Women's B</b>	1 Val Molineux 2 Ali Wood
<b>Women's Over 45</b>	1 Jo Moseley 2 Kay Taylor
<b>Women's Over 65</b>	Bett Dryhurst bt Ali Wood 3-0
<b>Main Plate Final</b>	Jonathon Pitts bt Vicky Hynes 3-2
<b>Vet's Plate Final</b>	John Cartwright bt Nevin Mallinson 3-0

## The Wonders of Warwickshire!

Warwickshire's junior players represented their County and the West Midlands with pride at the recent Junior Inter-County Championship. Lilleshall's recently renamed Lilleshall Squash & Racketball Club, and Surrey Sports Park provided a fantastic backdrop for the Championship, which was competed in great spirit. Whilst it would be fair to say that Yorkshire dominated proceedings overall, there were some stand out performances from Warwickshire's juniors. The Girls' Under 17s consisting of Chloe Pearson, Alicia Mead, Lucy Pallett and Alice Harvey were stand-out performers, eventually finishing in third place after beating Northumbria in the third place play-off. Warwickshire's Girls' U13 performance followed a similar fashion, finishing in third place after defeating Yorkshire against the odds. The girls battled against motorway closures to reach the centre, making their performances all the more impressive. The Boys U15 ensured it wasn't just the girls that shone, battling to fourth place after losing out in the 3rd place play-off to a very strong Hampshire team. Thank you and a massive congratulations to those that represented Warwickshire from all at West Midlands England Squash & Racketball.



## **Sportivate Sportivate—Sporting Opportunities for the ‘Semi-Sporty’**

**What is Sportivate?** A lottery funded programme aimed at 14-25 year olds directly linked to the Olympic Legacy Strategy—Places People Play. There is an emphasis on the delivery of high quality projects with a strong sustainability element. 6 coaching sessions will be delivered with the aim of increasing sustained participation in the chosen sport.

**What can be funded?** Sports and activities where there is a strong indication that participants would like to take part, that it can be delivered locally, and that there is a strong exit route into that sport after the delivery of 6 coaching sessions.

**Who can apply?** All not-for-profit clubs, organisations or bodies that can demonstrate that there is sufficient interest for their project in conjunction with an eligible exit route into that chosen sport.

### **How and when can you apply?**

Round one (for delivery between June and September 2011) Deadline = Monday 11 April 2011

Round Two (for delivery between October 2011 and March 2012) Deadline = Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

Visit your local CSP website for further information. Contact details can be found on page 7.

## **West Midlands’ Wonders!**



A massive congratulations to Mark Richmond and Chloe Pearson for their recent selection at National Competition level. Warwickshire’s Mark Richmond, who is currently ranked number 4 in the Boys U13 category, has been selected to represent England at the Five Nations Championship to be held at Surrey Sports Park on April 22-24th. It is testament to Mark’s fantastic work over the past season, rising from 10th in the rankings to secure his place amongst the Nation’s finest young players.

Congratulations to Mark on his selection, and good luck at the Championships from everybody at West Midlands England Squash & Racketball.

Further to Mark’s success, Chloe Pearson, who is currently ranked number 1 in the Girls Under 17 category, has been selected to represent her country at the European Team Championships. England enter the Championships in Germany as defending champions, and Chloe will be looking to emulate her predecessors success by leading England to success once again. Good luck Chloe!



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Warwickshire Squash Racquets Association

Website - [www.warwickshiresquash.com](http://www.warwickshiresquash.com)



Worcestershire Squash and Racketball Association

Website - [www.wsraonline.co.uk](http://www.wsraonline.co.uk)



**County Sport Partnerships**

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Website - [www.sportacrossstaffordshire.co.uk](http://www.sportacrossstaffordshire.co.uk)

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Website - [www.shropshiretelfordwrekinsportspartnership.org.uk](http://www.shropshiretelfordwrekinsportspartnership.org.uk)

Sports Partnerships Herefordshire and Worcestershire

Website - [www.morethansport.com](http://www.morethansport.com)

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The Black Country

Website - [www.blackcountryconsortium.co.uk](http://www.blackcountryconsortium.co.uk)

Birmingham Sport

Website - [www.birmingham-sport.org.uk](http://www.birmingham-sport.org.uk)

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Additionally if you have a story or an event that you need promoting in next months newsletter, feel free to send them to [natalie.wilcox@englandsquashandracketball.com](mailto:natalie.wilcox@englandsquashandracketball.com) before the 22nd of each month

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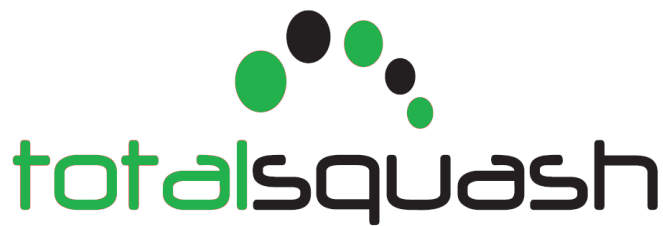
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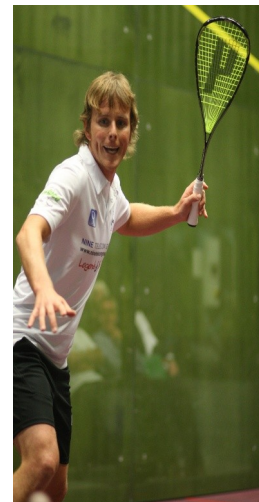




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# Racketball Coach Award

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 (\*Mandatory information).

### Essential Candidate Registration Details

First Name*		<i>Known As</i>	
Surname*			
Gender*	Male / Female	Date of Birth*	
Full Postal Address*			
Postcode*		Contact Telephone No.*	

### Ethnicity\*

I would describe my ethnic origin as:

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Black British	Other Asian	White Irish	
Black Caribbean	Other Black	White Non European	
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### Disability\*

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?	Yes / No/ Prefer not to say *
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If Yes, what is the nature of your disability?

Hearing	Multiple	Mobility	Other
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## Course Details

Racketball Coach Award			
Course Date*		Course Fee	£80.00
Course Venue*		ES&R Coaching Membership Fee	£35.00

E-mail Address	
Mobile Telephone No.	
Club /College/ HE Institute/ Sports Centre*	
Current squash coaching qualification	
Summary of other relevant awards held	
Current experiences related to coaching	
Why do you want to be a Racketball Coach?	
What do you think is the role of a Racketball Coach?	
State a positive learning experience you have had. What made it positive?	
What Racketball coaching activities do you aim to do in the future?	

## Declaration\*

I have and enclose a copy of my ENGLAND SQUASH & RACKETBALL Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Disclosure?			Yes / No
Signature		Date	

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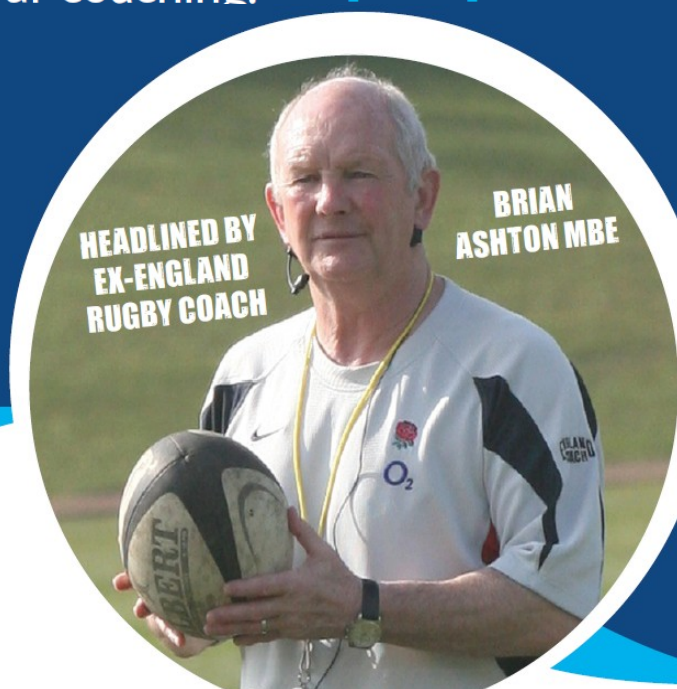
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