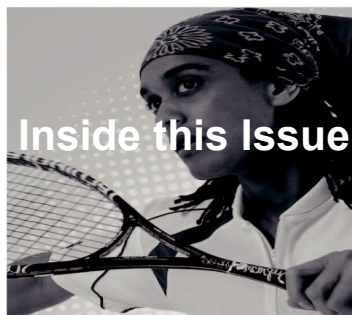




# England Squash & Racketball West Midlands Regional Newsletter



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Welcome to the slightly later than usual West Midlands Regional Newsletter. This issue cascades brilliantly with what has been a fantastic month and a half for squash and racketball both across the Region and Nationally. Firstly there were the record entries seen in the West Midlands Regional Closed - full report on page 2/3 which has been followed up by the resounding success of the England Team in Delhi for this years Commonwealth Games. For those of you that haven't been able to catch any of the extended action on the BBC, there is a review of the main action in the Pro-Zone on Page 7 . Regionally, there has been a host of County Closed tournaments held which will be reported on in next months newsletter. The Commonwealth Games has seen some top quality squash being played with some excellent coverage. Hopefully now Olympic Chiefs are ruing the day they overlooked squash as an Olympic sport. It has been great to see the media attention that squash has got over the last few weeks and it will hopefully provide a great platform for the future of both sports. Lastly, congratulations to Alicia Mead for her place in the U15 girls National Squad this weekend and all the Regions Academy players participating in the Regional Academy squads this weekend - *John Davis - Regional Administrator*

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To mark the partnership between England Squash & Racketball and Technifibre the West Midlands Regional Office are giving you the chance to win a Technifibre - Regional Squash T - Shirt.

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Once you have either **JOINED** or **ACTIVATED** then simply email [john.davis@englishsquashandracketball.com](mailto:john.davis@englishsquashandracketball.com) to confirm your entry by 28th October. You will then be entered into the draw for one of the 4 T-Shirts we have available. \*Sizes subject to availability.



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## West Midlands Regional Closed 2010



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The Junior Regional Closed tournament is one that spreads across the National Governing Bodies 8 regions which cover the Country. This prolific junior event sees the top junior players from around the country competing across five age categories for the title of Regional Champion.

This year's West Midlands Regional Closed didn't have the biggest act to follow as last year's tournament only had 26 entrants compete across all the age groups. This made the regional team more determined to make this year's event a success and they were rewarded with a record entry, no less than 70 players competing across the weekend. The entry levels for this event just goes to show the growing impact the regional coaching programme is having on the junior squash scene and it's a great omen for the future of junior squash within the region.

The venue for this year's event was the Gold Charter Edgbaston Priory Club. Set in the leafy suburbs of Edgbaston, this historic venue has played host to many ESR events and provides a great venue for the tournament scene.

The event was staged on the weekend of the 11th and 12th of September kicked off at 9.30 on the Saturday morning, with just over 100 matches to be played an early start was needed to avoid any backlog of games later in the day.

The games were competed with the great balance of competitiveness and sportsmanship which made for a great weekend. Some of the placing matches were very tight, and lots went the distance with neither junior willing to give up on a point. In the U11's Daniel Brown and Reeve Lewis produced a memorable Worcestershire derby which ended 3-2 in favour of Daniel. Whereas in the U17s Ben Palmer and Thomas Heneghan also produced a 5 game encounter in their second round match. Ben saved match ball to take the win to see him through to the 3rd round.

In the finals the U11s saw both of last year's runners up come back to take the crown. In the girls draw Olivia Gow overcame a spirited Kiera Marshall 3-0 and in the Boys Joshua Owen followed suit with a 3-0 win over James Ledger.

The U13s produced the first upset of the day when Paige Key beat the top seed Libby Corke 3-0 to take the girls crown. In the boys event Cameron Wilson beat Jack Dukes 3-0 to take the crown with an impressive display of squash.

The U15s saw two round robin draws which were fiercely contested. In the girls draw Elizabeth Parkes claimed the crown by winning all of her matches, closely followed by the runner up Alice Harvey whose only loss came against the champion Parkes. In the Boys draw Harley flood took the title in prolific fashion, managing to reach the final without dropping a game. Harley then faced Mark Richmond and continued his impressive form with a 3-0 win to take the title.

The U17 Boys draw was the largest draw of the tournament and it was very well contested. The number 1 seed Jack Mcelvenny made it through to the final where he faced William Vanston. Vanston had the tougher route to the final of which he beat the number 2 seed on the way in an epic 5 game match. In the final a close opening game resulted in the number 1 seed edging it. This seemed to take the wind out of the challengers sails and Mcelvenny took the title with a 3-0 win.



*Regional Coach Darren Lewis  
with Joshua Owen and James  
Ledger*



*Regional Coach Darren Lewis  
with Kiera Marshall and Olivia  
Gow*



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## WM Regional Closed 2010 - Continued.

The U19s saw two great finals with some of the top ranked juniors nationally competing for the Regional Titles. More impressively both finals included a challenger that was playing up an age group, (Alicia Mead and Brian Harvey respectively) both of which showing potential for a successful squash future. In the boys U19 final at 1 game all it looked as if it could go either way, however a tight 3rd game which Mapp won seemed to swing the advantage his way leading him to take the 4th and the match.



U19 Finalists Brian Harvey (RU) and Oliver Mapp (Winner)

The U19 girls final saw two of the highest ranked girls in the competition fight it out for the U19 Girls Regional Championship. Chloe Pearson (5th Nationally) and Alicia Mead (18th Nationally) battled it out in a similar fashion to the Boys U19 final both players shared a game each after two, however Chloe managed to find another gear and use her experience to push on to take the match and title (3-1).



U19 Finalists Chloe Pearson (Winner) and Alicia Mead (RU)

There were a lot of people who helped make this event a success, firstly many thanks to Edgbaston Priory for hosting the event and also Rob Saffery and Mike Edwards for their help prior to and during the event. Also many thanks to all the players, coaches and parents that supported the event and made it such a success. A special mention has to go to all parents and players that helped to mark some matches along with ESR referees Giz Joshi, Ellis Short and Peter Hindmarsh who were outstanding throughout. Last but not least a massive

thank you to Webb Display for providing us with the signs and tournament schedules which aided the organisation of the tournament substantially.

### Full Results

	Winner	Runner up
U11 Boys	Joshua Owen	James Ledger
U11 Girls	Olivia Gow	Kiera Marshall
U13 Boys	Cameron Wilson	Jack Dukes
U13 Girls	Paige Key	Libby Corke
U15 Boys	Harley Flood	Mark Richmond
U15 Girls	Elizabeth Parkes	Alice Harvey
U17 Boys	Jack Mcelvenny	William Vanston
U19 Boys	Oliver Mapp	Brian Harvey

## Malvern Hills District Sports Awards 2010

On 16th December 2010, MHDC and Worcestershire West School Sports Partnership, in partnership with the Sports Partnership Herefordshire and Worcestershire will be hosting it's first ever District Sports Awards at Malvern College. To support local clubs, participants, volunteers and coaches, they have also developed a new Talented Athlete Support Grant and a Club Support Grant, which will also be awarded on the evening.

### Malvern Hills District Sports Awards 2010 - Application Form

The District Sports Awards consists of 12 district sports awards and 5 School Sport awards. Winners of the District Sports Awards will be entered into the County Sports Awards in March 2011, and short-listed against award winners from other local authorities in Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

**\*Please return all completed District Sports Awards application forms by – Friday 5th November.**

### Malvern Hills District Council Club Support Grant– Application form

MHDC in partnership with Wychavon Leisure Community Association have developed the Club Support Grant, which will enable Malvern Hills based sports clubs to apply for grant funding to support them with future development. Local sports clubs can apply for up to £250.

**\*Please return all completed Club Support Grant application forms by – Friday 5th November.**

All application forms can be downloaded from [www.malvern hills.gov.uk/sport](http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/sport).

## Warwickshire making a racket about Racketball!



Jake Grayston (Pictured right) and Lisa Key (Pictured Left) are the new Warwickshire Racketball Champions, with convincing wins in the Origin sponsored event, held at Edgbaston Priory at the weekend (18-19 Sept).

The Men's Open event was a tough draw, and Jake made an early impression by taking out top seed Andy Warmington (Solihull Arden) 3-0 in the first round, and beating the talented Pete Staunton (Kenilworth) by the same score in the second round.



Veteran Cerryg Jones made a similar impression in the lower half of the draw, beating the second seed, top EPC squash player Lee James in a tough five setter. Cerryg was battling on two fronts, playing in the over-35 event as well, and after beating Tim Barker in that final, he found an opponent in Jake who had too many shots, too much stamina, and was too young.

Lisa, tennis pro at West Warwicks (pictured above) had too much experience for EPC's Women's Squash Captain Jenny Tamblyn, who was playing in her first racketball event, and won in straight sets.

Host venue - Edgbaston Priory had a strong contingent in the age category events, with Ian Russell, Rob Shay, Richard Waller, John Houghton and Aarani Aru all winning their events.

<b>Full Results:</b>	<b>Event Winner</b>	<b>Runner-Up</b>
Men's Open	Jake Grayston	Cerryg Jones
Womens Open	Lisa Key	Jenny Tamblyn
Men's Over 35	Cerryg Jones	Tim Barker
Men's Over 45	Ian Russell	Darryl Grayston
Men's Over 50	Rob Shay	Glen Truman
Men's Over 55	Richard Waller	Roy Burns
Men's Over 60	Graham Greensall	Jim McCollum
Men's Over 65	John Houghton	Tony Thomas
Men's Over 70	Gordon Stringer	Roger Wilson
Womens Over 45	Aarani Aru	Steph Lloyd
Womens Over 50	Frances Humphreys	Pippa Phelan



## England Deaf Squad - World Champions!

The 5th annual World Deaf Squash Championships has recently taken place in New Zealand and England emerged as winners in the Individuals and the Team events. In the Team Championships final, England overcame Australia to take the title, and in the individuals it was an all English affair in which Jamie Matthews overcame Phil Thomas to take the crown. Well done from everyone at England Squash & Racketball.



## SquashNet offer for West Midlands Clubs

**SquashNet** is the first fully integrated online platform for Squash Clubs and for Squash Leagues and Associations, and is recommended by **England Squash & Racketball**.

It features 4 modules – you just select the ones you need:

- Powerful, yet easy-to-maintain, **Club Website**
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- Online **League, Ladder and Tournament** management
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We'd be delighted to give you a **demonstration** of how **SquashNet** works – just email us at [info@squashnet.co.uk](mailto:info@squashnet.co.uk) or call 01962 862626, and we'll set this up for you.

The service is available from **just £99** per year for the website, and other modules can be added as required. The website can be set up by the club (it's easy to create a simple yet professional site) or we can do the set up for a one-off fee, normally around £250 for a typical squash club – most clubs prefer us to set the site up for them, but then find it quick and easy to manage the site themselves.

### **\*\* OCTOBER SPECIAL OFFER FOR CLUBS IN WEST MIDLANDS REGION\*\***

We're delighted to offer **HALF PRICE website set up** to clubs in the West Midlands region who express interest in **SquashNet** (without any commitment) by **29 October** quoting "**OCT50WM**" and who confirm their order by **26 November**. Clubs must be affiliated to England Squash & Racketball to qualify for this offer.

To register your interest in **SAVING 50%** on your website setup, please email us at [info@squashnet.co.uk](mailto:info@squashnet.co.uk) stating your **club's name, location and contact details** and quoting "**OCT50WM**", or call us on 01962 862626.



## Warwickshire Announce Junior Grand Prix Circuit

After the success of last seasons Warwickshire Grand Prix circuit, the county have released the dates and venues for this seasons open tournaments. These **GRADED** tournaments are open to juniors of **ALL** standards and are run across a breadth of clubs situated in the Warwickshire Region.

The dates and venues are as follows :

**24th October 2010 - L.A Fitness**  
**21st November 2010 - Sutton Coldfield**  
**5th December 2010 - West Warwicks**  
**23rd January 2011 - Leamington**  
**13th February 2011 - Solihull Arden**  
**27th March 2011 - Coventry & North Warwicks**

Free T-Shirt for all entrants and prizes for all finalists.

Entry Fee - £9 per tournament

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For more information please contact **Mo Sarwar (07958479842)** or **Andy Warmington (07886271954)**

## Notices



**ESR Coaching Conference** England Squash & Racketball are continually evolving and subsequently it is paramount that coaching practice reflects the modern game.

The inaugural England Squash & Racketball National Coaching Conference is a unique two day event featuring respected coaches, players and experts. The conference will examine coaching practices utilised by professional squash players competing internationally and encourage coaches to adopt similar principles during coaching sessions regardless of playing ability.

The content specifically focuses upon establishing good coaching systems and structures to maximise the development & retention of talented players. Specific conference topics include Technical & Tactical Development, Developing Young Players, Physical Development, Performance Analysis and the Business of Coaching Squash and Racketball.

Representatives from Tecnifibre and Smash Sports will provide opportunities to sample and 'test' various products.

Application documents are available via [www.englishsquashandracketball.com](http://www.englishsquashandracketball.com)

### Junior Tournaments to be held in the Region

Here are some dates for all our junior players diaries. Here is a list of the proposed sanctioned events to be taking place in our Region. More details will follow in further editions of this newsletter.

#### University Of Birmingham Junior Open

**Date** - 12-13 Feb **Organiser** Jon Tate - 07930 461 390 [j.tate@bham.ac.uk](mailto:j.tate@bham.ac.uk)

#### Edgbaston Priory Junior Open

**Date** - 19-20 Feb **Organiser** - Mike Edwards 0121 440 2492/  
07734 559 864 [mike.edwards@edgbastonpriory.com](mailto:mike.edwards@edgbastonpriory.com)

#### Solihull Arden Junior Open

**Date** - 30 Apr-01 May **Organiser** - Andy Prendeville 0121 243 1676 07500 876 025  
[ajjp12000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ajjp12000@yahoo.co.uk)

### Sports Coach UK - Coaching Nominations

The nominations for the UK Coaching Awards are now open! Please visit the events section of their website for more details and to download a nomination form ([www.sportscoachuk.org](http://www.sportscoachuk.org)).

This year Sports Coach UK are aiming to gather a record amount of nominations and your support is crucial in helping us to achieve this goal!

Please note that some of the award categories have changed slightly since last year. The changes are based on feedback from previous nominators and last year's judging panel.

The UK Coaching Awards 2010 now has a Twitter page! If you'd like to follow them their username is **CoachingAwards**: <http://twitter.com/CoachingAwards>

### Staffordshire Young Peoples Sports Performance Grant Scheme

The next round of Staffordshire County Council's Young People's Sports Performance Grant Scheme is now open for applications. The closing date is 11 February 2011 and grants will be presented to successful applicants in April 2011. All the information, including guidance and the application form, are available at:

<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/leisure/2012/sportsgrant/>

Guidance :

- Whilst young athletes are free to submit their application form at any time before the closing date, you should be encouraged to wait until the New Year to enable you to include a full list of your achievements.

- Applicants should ensure that the letter of support from their National Governing Body confirms that they are a member of a national development or performance squad in their sport.

- Those who have received an award from Staffordshire County Council in the past need to ensure that they include on the form only achievements since their last successful application. If any applicants who submitted an application last year and would like a copy of the form should contact

[chris.kirkland@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:chris.kirkland@staffordshire.gov.uk)



### Commonwealth Glory for Team England

The commonwealth games has brought a clean sweep across the medal tables for Team England. In the singles, the English Team picked up a Gold, Silver and a Bronze medal in the Mens event and also a Silver medal in the Womens. In the doubles it was one Gold and one Silver. Nick Matthew was triumphant in picking up two Gold medals which is a fantastic achievement.

In the singles the men's final was sure to see an English winner, as top seeded Yorkshire pair **Nick Matthew** and **James Willstrop** met for the 35th time in their careers. The squash was of the highest quality, with the crowd of over 2,00 at the Siri Fort Complex regularly erupting at the end, or even in the middle of some of the spectacular, punishing rallies.

Matthew kept a tight grip on the first two games, and was always ahead, finishing both on his first game ball opportunities. Willstrop, who looked tired at the end of the second, took an early lead in the third, but more punishing rallies saw Matthew get back on level terms, and aided by some unforced errors from his opponent, moved from 6-all to 9-6. Willstrop pulled one point back, but Matthew finished it off in style with two winners that saw him raise his arms in triumph..

It was a silver for Englands Jenny Duncalf in the Womens individuals where Malaysia's Nicol David added the only major title missing from her trophy cabinet . The world number 1 managed to come through the tournament without dropping a game, just as she did in last month's World Open in Egypt.

The Englishwoman made a sound enough start, going 3-2 up in the first game, but the Malaysian's pace, precision and retrieving skills meant that Duncalf was having to work the harder of the two, and the pressure told as David reeled off eight points in a row with Duncalf forced into errors towards the end of the game. The second was a similar story, David pulling clear after a competitive opening to take a commanding two game lead.

In the doubles competitions, the Womens pairing of Jenny Duncalf and Laura Massaro picked up a Silver medal when they were edged out of their final by the New Zealand pairing of Jaclyn Hawkes and Joelle King. However, it was a different story in the Mens where Nick Matthew and Adrian Grant managed to overcome the Australian pairing of David Palmer and Stuart Boswell. It was a great doubles match which had everything, long rallies, tough let calls, great shots and even injuries! The win beared even more significance in gaining Matthew a second Gold in the games.



*Quad-medals!! James Willstrop, Nick Matthew, Peter Barker and Jenny Duncalf*

*Nick Matthew - This is the most important achievement in my life!*

### Masters Squash Update

The first Masters tournament of the season was held in Bury St Edmonds in September. The East of England Masters attracted a record 136 entries, which in itself is very impressive.

To view a full report of the tournament, written by Martin Pearse, please visit

<http://www.englishsquashmasters.com/Regionals/Season201011/East/Results/report.htm>

Here are a couple of dates to note for the Midlands Masters in the region looking to play in some local tournaments :

#### West of England Masters

Venue - Swindon

Date - Oct 29-31st

#### The Midlands Masters

Venue - Coventry & NW

Date - Dec 3-5th

For more information please visit [www.englishsquashmasters.com](http://www.englishsquashmasters.com)



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### County Associations

**Shropshire Squash and Racketball**  
Website - [www.shropshiresquash.com](http://www.shropshiresquash.com)



**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

**Sport Across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent (SASSOT)**

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

**Shropshire (Energize)**

Website -

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

**Sports Partnerships Herefordshire and Worcestershire**

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

**Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire**

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

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

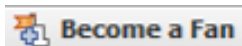
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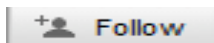
We hope you have enjoyed reading the West Midlands Regional Newsletter and would gladly welcome any feedback you may have.

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

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## 2010 / 2011 Teams and Fixtures

### GROUP A

- A - CLFS Esporta Oxford
- B - Pontefract
- C - MB Nottingham
- D - No Match
- E - Benz-Bavarian Duffield
- F - Chapel Allerton

### GROUP B

- A - Surrey Health + Racquets
- B - Team Chichester
- C - Exeter Diamonds
- D - TWP St George's Hill
- E - Bristol Probuild
- F - IGT Winchester

## FIXTURES

5 October	A v B	E v C	F v D
16 November	C v A	D v E	B v F
23 November	E v A	B v D	F v C
25 January	A v D	C v B	E v F
1 February	B v E	D v C	F v A

15 February	B v A	C v E	D v F
1 March	A v C	E v D	F v B
8 March	A v E	D v B	C v F
15 March	D v A	B v C	F v E
29 March	E v B	C v D	A v F

### SEMI-FINALS

5 April (TBC)

### FINAL

3 May (TBC)



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# Half Term Squash Camp

Squash Camp @ Edgbaston Priory Club, Birmingham

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10am – 4pm**

## Coaches and Professionals:

**Mike Edwards – Edgbaston Priory Head Coach & ESR Level 3 Elite Coach**  
**Assisted by Edgbaston Priory Professional Players**

### Cost:

£35 for one day

£95 for the 3 days

Come and train at Edgbaston Priory this half term with elite coaches & professional players and have the chance to train with better juniors, in a safe and fun environment

Days include technical and tactical input, routines, conditioned games, match play, fitness and a workshop on the life of a squash professional

Numbers will be limited so please book early to avoid disappointment

Accommodation is on offer for players who have to travel

Please bring a packed lunch, or money to buy food and drink from the club

Reply by email – [mike.edwards@edgbastonpriory.com](mailto:mike.edwards@edgbastonpriory.com), or send completed form to Mike Edwards at Edgbaston Priory (address below)

If you have any queries please call Mike Edwards on 07734 559864

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