

League Secretary's Report - Season 2010/2011

1. League Results

Thanks to all clubs for participating in some very competitive leagues, and for coping admirably with the snow disruption. It took a long while to get all cancelled games re-played, but we got there in the end. We had 50 teams in the Open Leagues (one less than last season) and 17 in the Ladies Leagues (same as last year).

The Open Results were:

Division	Winner	Points	Runner-up	Points
1	Watsonians	298	Edinburgh Sports Club 2	294
2	Colinton Castle 2	309	Heriot Watt University	302
3	Waverley 2	300	Linlithgow 2	274
4	Dunbar 1	280	Bank of Scotland	272
5	David Lloyd 2	267	Dean 2	255

Congratulations to all winners. The Division 1 results were particularly tight.

The Ladies Results (second half) were:

Division	Winner	Points	Runner-up	Points
1	Edinburgh Sports Club	154	Watsonians	150
2	Dalgety Bay	130	Kirkcaldy	120
3	Edinburgh University	180	Edinburgh Sports Club 2	147

Congratulations to all winners. No play-off was necessary this year as Edinburgh Sports Club won both halves, though the result was a lot closer in the second half.

Overall, it is worth noting that the 8 Divisions were won by teams from 8 different clubs!

2. Roll-out of Squash Matrix

This year we completed the roll-out of Squash Matrix after the successful trial last season. The extension to all divisions seemed to go very smoothly and results were mostly entered on a timely basis. Thanks to all Matrix contacts for your support and for making my job easier. There remain a few minor glitches in the system, which we will hopefully remove over time, but generally the system worked well.

Over last summer we made a big effort to adjust the start rankings within Squash Matrix to more realistic levels. I am very grateful to Dave Jubb for his support in giving me access to the squashrankings.co.uk information as a starting point. The rankings have been fairly stable over this season, so I would like to think they are now a fair assessment for most people. Obviously any ranking system depends on people playing enough games, so they will never be perfect, but one of the benefits of the system is that players can see how their rating points have been derived. As always, any comments are welcome.

3. Referee Points

I thought you would be interested to know how well clubs have done in getting qualified referees on their teams and so gaining referee points. In the top 4 Open divisions over 90% of possible referee points were earned, with Division 1 up to 97%. There is still some way to go in Division 5, though, which achieved only 38%.

It was a similar story in the three Ladies divisions, which were 90%, 78% and 28% respectively. Obviously the lower divisions will tend to have more new players. We intend to continue with the referee point system for the time being and hopefully the take-up in the lower divisions will improve.

Thanks for all your support and good luck for next season!

Dougie Brown