

# Windscale pick up squash shield as title winners

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AFTER Windscale C's close run in with Wigton B for the division one title, the final of the B team County Cup was always going to be a tight game.

First up, John Crichton was never really in it against John Honeyman going down 3-0.

In a neck-and-neck tussle, Steve Walker finished off with some aplomb to win 3-2 over Keith Warwick.

On an adjacent court, another close game was being fought out as Wigton's Tony Bell beat Chris Clark 3-0 in a

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high quality game, Chris disappointed not to have taken game ball chances in the first two games.

The tie looked to be going to a fifth and deciding rubber but Mr 100% Richardson lost from a winning position having led 6-5 in the fifth against Steve Gill.

With the final now lost it was up to Andy Kelly to claw back some pride with a 3-1 defeat of James Salisbury.

After the main final was fin-

ished with Carlisle A defeating Wigton A 3-2, Windscale C picked up their shield as title winners and their losing medals for the cup.

A nice surprise too for captain Steve Walker who picked up the county player of the year award.

Adam Telfer, Jessica Winder, Hannah Crichton and Courtney Musson were all there to pick up the county U13 club title.

A good year in all. Praise also goes to the players who stepped in at short notice to



■ TITLE WINNERS: Windscale Squash Club C team, who lifted the Division One crown

# Windscale C still on target for double

TWO great results for Windscale Squash Club's C and B teams were only tempered by a narrow defeat for the A team down at Dalton.

The C team kept up their impressive run of late with a ruthless maximum 20 points win over an experienced Brampton team dropping only one point in the process.

Richard Dobson returned to beat Alan Dodd 3-0, John Crichton got past the experienced Bill Armstrong 3-0 and Steve Walker did enough to defeat Alan Rutherford 3-0.

Another routine 3-0 win for Ian Richardson against Graham Coulthard was followed by another good effort by Andy Kelly who completed the double over Alan Sykes for the season with an excellent 3-0 performance.

With only three games to go this win maintained the narrow gap at the top of table as Windscale C kept up their challenge for a league and cup double.

Meanwhile, in the

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premier division, Windscale B, after a great win over title leaders and defending champions Wigton the previous week, whitewashed their opponents from Kendal A to avenge an earlier away defeat in the season.

In a 20-0 victory highlights of the night were a 3-0 win for Hudson Irving over Chris Greenwood while Paul Armstrong lost only seven points to Erik Worsley in a comprehensive display.

Gavin Scott was always on top against a plucky Guy Huxtable while Paul Messenger struggled to win the first game over Shaun Doran before gaining control to win the second and third.

The final game saw another win for Sean Jenkinson now unbeaten in the league since the turn of the year despite the efforts of Graham Braithwaite in an entertaining 3-0 game.

This win keeps the B

team in third place in the league.

The A team, on their travels to the south of the county, lost the chance to join the B team near the business end of the table by letting slip a 2-0 lead to eventually lose 3-2 to Dalton.

A great start from Chris Clark 3-0 winner over Paul Sandringham and Kevin Preston 3-1 over Dave Beanman should have been followed by a 3-1 win for Linda Winder over her nemesis Tom Herd.

But she failed to convert any of the match balls she had in the fourth game Tom eventually winning the decider 9-6.

Michael Hetherington lost 3-1 over a returning to fitness Dean Ellis and at number one, Chris Bowyer gained revenge over Liam Barrett on his own court.

A narrow 15-9 win was probably just enough to get Dalton off the bottom of the table in what is proving to be a very competitive division.

# Christmas lay-off doesn't affect Windscale C as they stay on top of squash division one

## Whitehaven

WHITEHAVEN'S C team played their last game before Christmas against Penrith B.

At number five, Bob Priestley took on Hat Thoele, with the Penrith player winning 3-0. Ryan Rothery was next up against Graham Silborn. Ryan was unlucky not to take the second game, but also went down 3-0.

Playing at three, Adam Rothery met Darren Talenire. Adam had problems with Penrith's left hander and lost 3-0, as did John Messenger against David Pealing.

The best game of the night was between Phil McStraw and Chris Lilley. It went to

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five sets with the Penrith man just taking the honours 302. So, a poor night for the C team, with the final score 20-2 to Penrith.

The first game of the new year was away at Cocker-mouth. At number five Bob Prestley went down 3-1 to Bruce Avery. Ryan Rothery lost 3-0 against Andy Shaw and Adam Rothery picked up one game against Ian Wood but eventually lost out 3-1.

Playing at number two, John Messenger came back from two games down to win 3-2 over David Eynon and then Paul Sharp went to five sets with Phil Gemson in the

game of the night. Paul had just enough left in the tank to win in the fifth. On the night it finished Cocker-mouth 18, Whitehaven C 8.

## Windscale

THE Christmas lay-off didn't seem to affect the Windscale lads too much as they beat Kendal B 4-1 away from home, to cement their place at the top of county league division one.

First up Steve Walker beat Colin Falcon 3-0 as Colin made too many errors, then debutant Nigel Reeves showed no sign of nerves as he easily overcame Shayne Cross 3-0.

The performance of the night came from Ian Kelly

against Gary Mabbut. Ian put in a vintage performance to pip his opponent 10-9 in the fifth. In a stop-start game John Crichton never lost his rhythm and won 3-1 against Paul McGregor.

The only loss of the night went to Andrew Kelly who lost 3-2 to Sean Doyle. Andy played well but ran out of steam in the last.

All in all a good nights work for Windscale C who's next game is at home to local rivals Whitehaven B.

At the halfway point of the season all the local teams are performing well. The premier league looks to be a straight fight between Wigton and a strong Appleby team with the

two Windscale teams trying to pinch third from Carlisle. In division one, Windscale C hold a slender lead over Wigton B with a potential title decider in the last game of the season.

## League Tables

Premier Lge	Pt	W	Pts
Wigton	7	7	127
Appleby	7	6	115
Carlisle	7	4	81
Windscale A	7	3	78
Windscale B	6	3	68
Kendal A	7	3	65
Penrith A	6	1	56
Dalton	7	0	44
Div One			
Windscale C	7	6	117
Wigton B	7	5	105
Penrith B	8	4	80
Kendal B	8	4	82
Brampton	7	3	80
Whitehaven B	5	3	69
Cockermouth	7	1	54
Whitehaven C	7	0	15

# Second Windscale squash derby goes to form

## Windscale B 17, Windscale A 6

THE second derby of the season went to form despite the efforts of the A team.

Michael Hetherington did just enough to defeat Hudson Irving 3-0. Linda Winder, fresh from winning the county over 35 Plate competition lost out 3-1 to Gavin Scott.

Paul Messenger beat Martin Blair 3-0 and Chris Clark pushed Paul Armstrong but the latter won 3-1.

Sean Jenkinson exacted revenge over Liam Barrett to claim victory 3-0 in a great

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week as he also became county over 35 champion for the first time.

## Windscale C 16, Cocker-mouth 6

ANOTHER win for the C team but a little body blow for the league leaders as they dropped four crucial points with only one week to go and the gap between themselves and Wigton B now down to less than five points.

Ian Kelly lost out in a decider to Brian Avery and John Barrett lost 3-0 to Ian

Wood. So, 2-0 down, it was up to the top order to restore parity which they did with three 3-0 scorelines.

Steve Walker beat Dave Enyon while Ian Richardson overcame Phil Gemson and Andy Kelly secured the bonus points against Adrian Coyle to make it 3-2 to Windscale.

CHRIS, Andy and Ian were all involved in Tuesday night's A team clash with Wigton A as holidays, illness, and gigs decimated the team.

Despite this, the makeshift A team pulled off a fantastic 3-2 win over the county champions.

## Windscale team promoted to County League – again!

FOR the second time in two years a Windscale team has won division one and been promoted into the County Premier League.

This year it was the third team who managed it with a hard fought win over closest rivals Wigton B in their final game of the season.

First up was John Crichton who was outfoxed by Keith Warwick in a 3-1 defeat.

Steve Walker got the better of John Irvine in a hard game 3-0 to level the match score at

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1-1.

Carrying an injury, Windscale number one Chris Clark battled bravely but lost 3-1 to the experienced Tony Bell.

With another good display in his first season of County League squash, Andy Kelly brought the match level with a 3-1 win over James Salisbury to leave the match poised at two games all.

Ian Richardson, not having

lost a game this season, powered his way to a 3-0 win over Steve Gill thus clinching the title and promotion at the same time.

A great performance from the squad of seven regular team members which also included the reliable Ian Kelly and John Barrett who both contributed with vital wins in what has been a tremendous team effort all season.

The same two teams meet in the County Cup B final at

the end of the month.

Meanwhile the A team, missing a couple of regulars, made the long trip to face Kendal A in the last game of their season.

Windscale couldn't quite do the double over their opponents in a tight 3-2 encounter which went to the decider between Dave Barber and Windscale's Liam Barrett who couldn't follow up last week's win over Wigton's Chris Murdock as Dave won 3-0 to secure the match.

## Squash side picks up 18 points haul

THERE was a mixed week for Windscale's squash teams, with a narrow loss for the B team and a narrow win for the C team in their local derby.

### Windscale B 6, Appleby 15

WITH both teams slightly weakened through illness and injury, Windscale failed to capitalise against the title

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chasers from Appleby.

Paul Messenger did well to recover from a terrible 9-0 loss in the first to win 3-1 against the hard-hitting John Bowmam, while Jimmy Devoy was unlucky not to pinch the first or third game in a 3-0 loss to Dick Furness.

Hudson Irving found Kevin Hindmarch too much to han-

dle which left Gavin Scott the task of beating Mitch Downing to give the home team any chance of a match victory.

Only in the third game did he start to get into it and missed four game points as Mitch clinched a 3-0 victory.

With the bonus points secured for Appleby home No.1 Sean Jenkinson put on a show of attacking shot – making to blitz his opponent Alan

Brockbank in no time at all losing only six points in the process.

So 3-2 to Appleby as they continue to pursue Wigton for the premier league title.

### Windscale C 18, Whitehaven B 8

AFTER two close encounters this season, a tough fixture was expected by both teams.

Windscale got off to a great

## to remain top of division

start with two 3-1 wins as Chris Clark recovered to defeat Matthew McCarry in a hard hitting game and Ian Kelly kept Barry Wilson on the back foot to register an excellent victory.

Mark Frain always had just enough in reserve against Nigel Reeves and despite Nigel bravely battling back from 2-0 down, the burly fireman had enough know-how to

clinch the fifth.

The deciding game of the night proved to be a bit of an anti-climax as Windscale captain Steve Walker showed no mercy losing only one point to Mark George in the first two games. Mark rallied in a tight third game that went to 8-8 but Steve closed it out to clinch the bonus points.

Best game of the night saw John Crichton go 2-0 up

against Toby Vincent. John had a match ball in the third which he didn't take and crucially the game changed in Toby's favour as for the second week running he came from match ball down to win 3-2.

A tough encounter between two well-matched teams but crucially Windscale picked up an 18 point haul to stay top of division one.