

PLAYERS OF THE SEASON

Squash Player visits the counties and reports on their Players of the 2015-16 season



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Yorkshire*

AVON

George Morgan: Tragically died on court recently, but overwhelmingly nominated by Avon players, not just in his memory, but also because he was an up-and-coming player with a wonderful attitude.

BEDFORDSHIRE

Barry Smith: Won all 15 of his county league matches and helped his side, MR Squash, to their first ever title.

BERKSHIRE

Jake Lewis: Played in 13 of Wellington Health & Fitness' 14 matches this winter season and won them all, including six without dropping a game. In fact, he dropped only 10 games all season. Also commended: Danni Kalar, aged 12 from the new Datchet club. She has won five of her 13 tournaments this season, including one at under-15 level. She has also won the Berkshire County Closed Championship.

CUMBRIA

Mike Lowrey: After recovering from a broken foot, he was unbeaten across 17 matches and led Whitehaven to their second consecutive league and cup double.

DORSET

Marc James: Reached the semi-finals of the county closed and chalked up eight wins on his 10 appearances for Two Riversmeet's senior team. Also played consistently well when representing the senior county team.

MIDDLESEX

Rosa Ruis: Stepped in at the last minute to play for the county first team and won the deciding match to keep Middlesex in the Premier League. In addition, she helped the second team gain promotion to the Premier Division.

NORTHUMBRIA

Sean Millington: Has lost only one match in three seasons for Tynemouth. Marked his first senior county selection by winning all his matches to keep Northumbria in Division One.

OXFORDSHIRE

Nick Harbour: Despite being aged 14, he is 42nd in the boys' under-17 rankings and a county U17 player. In 2015 he won a junior open bronze event and this season won all 13 of his matches in the county leagues, where he plays for Thame first and second teams.

SUFFOLK

Ben Turmel: Has put in solid performances throughout the season and won his first senior county title at the age of just 18.

WARWICKSHIRE

Rachel Woolford: Represented England in the Home Internationals women's over-45 category, winning all her matches and being part of the overall winning team, and named England captain for the 2016 women's O50 Home Internationals. A finalist at the British O50 Women's Open, she won the GB Vets ladies' O40 trophy and the GB Vets ladies' doubles title (with Kent's Karen Hume). At regional level she won the East O45 Masters, North-East O50 tournament and South O50 Masters. Has enjoyed huge success at county level as well, winning all her pool matches at O40 first string to help Warwickshire reach the finals weekend, while she also won the majority of her matches in the Warwickshire Ladies' League at no.1 while representing Solihull Arden, where she is ladies' champion. In addition, she is a regular for the club's fourth team in the men's league and has made appearances for their third team. Furthermore, she has excelled at racketball, being national O50 champion and regional winner in both the ladies' Open and O50 categories.

WORCESTERSHIRE

Oliver Rawlins: Has now won the county closed three times – in 2013, 2014 and 2016 – without dropping a game. Also a regular

for Stourport the past two seasons, when they have won the Worcestershire League and he has been the Division One individual champion.

YORKSHIRE

Fiona Moverley: Soared up the world rankings this season – from 56th to a career-high 29th in April – thanks to some big PSA Tour performances and still plays regularly in the Yorkshire League for Hull and East Riding. Led Yorkshire's ladies team to the inter-county title last year and committed to playing again this year despite the competition being immediately after the Women's World Championship. Also commended: Mike Clemson. During 60 years of competitive squash he has never had a cross word with a referee or fallen out with an opponent. Any of the referees at the British National and Open Masters events will testify that he is a pleasure to mark. Added to his ability to clear the ball and avoid obstructing his opponent, he always calls his ball down or owns up to a mishit. Although he enjoys the competitive element of the game, he plays it for the enjoyment, not for the aggro, accepting defeat gracefully and remembering that if he didn't have an opponent, he wouldn't have a game.

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