

# Player Grading off to a Flying Start in 1986/87

**F**or those of you who still haven't entered a graded tournament, these events not only provide a new dimension in competitive squash, but also to your social calendar! Space prohibits a full account of the impromptu cabaret laid on by the Thame SC loonies at the recent Wildern SC tournament in Hampshire — suffice it to say that for most of those present in the packed club it will be remembered for a long long time as one of the funniest acts seen at a squash club.

Whilst such antics cannot be guaranteed at every tournament, most of them do feature a sense of fun and friendship not usually found on the squash circuit. It's all part of the chemistry of a hundred or so players of all standards, from Mens and Ladies National grades to Mens U or Ladies D, getting together for a weekend, many of whom will have travelled quite some way to compete and will be determined to have a good time!

Benefits are also there for club owners and sponsors. All those clubs that have already held events are queuing up to run another!

The SRA has now re-affirmed its support for the concept of player grading and we in Middlesex are at the forefront of getting the National Grading Scheme well and truly established.

Microcache (who run the computer side of the scheme) and 'Squash in Action' are promoting tournaments throughout the home counties to ensure that player grading isn't just a fancy gimmick.

A full list of forthcoming graded tournaments is included in the Middlesex Squash Calendar on page 4. To enter one of the Middlesex based events, send your £5 entry fee and details (including SAE, grading system number and grade), preferably on a tournament application form, and send it to Andy Mattock c/o the host club.

For the Portsmouth and OASIS events, send the same to Mike Walton c/o the host club. For details of all tournaments, watch

for the Tournament Notices or the Grading System Ranking List notice page, both of which should be on display at your club!

For those of you who haven't got a proper tournament entry form yet, a copy is printed above. If you don't want to cut up the magazine, simply write your details down as shown on the form.

**Telephone:  
01 422 8008  
for more details**

**NATIONAL GRADING SCHEME  
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ENTRY FORM**

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Please complete this part (delete where applicable) and return both parts, together with a 1st Class self-addressed envelope to the Tournament Organiser, see poster and grading list.

1. Event ..... 2. Grade .....

3. Date ..... 4. Venue ..... 6. Tel. No. (Home) ..... (Work) .....

5. Full Name Mr/Mrs/Miss ..... 7. Address .....

8. Computer No. [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] for Unregistered 9. Club .....

10. Entry Fee enclosed. Cheques payable to the Organiser (see Ranking list) .....

11. Occupation ..... Date ..... Time ..... am/pm  
Please leave BLANK ..... Grade allocated .....

FIRST MATCH: Day ..... Date ..... Time ..... am/pm  
Venue ..... Grade allocated .....

Please report to the Tournament Organiser at least 30 minutes before your start time.

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...Middlesex Ladies, led by **Sue Lawrence** (Ladies N grade champion) and **Jill Cooper** (Ladies N grade 3rd) won the inaugural SRA/WSRA National Inter-County Graded Championships at the OASIS Club in Marlow, Bucks on 13/14 September. Congratulations to Sue and Jill, also to **Linda Hart** who won the Ladies D grade, **Julia Pich** (Runner-up B grade), **Amanda Wilkinson** (4th in A grade) and all the other Middlesex ladies including new county SRA vice-chairman **Dawn Slaughter**.

Unfortunately the Men didn't do too well, mainly due to the unavailability of players who have won past tournaments (notably **Kevin Stirrup** who has won three C grade events). **David Howell** did however easily win the E grade.

Well done!...

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