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Malcolm returns to reclaim singles crown at Grange - Page 27



**TEAM:** Paul Jenkins, Martin Lamb (rear); Scott Thomson Richard McIntosh, and Colin Grant (front)

## Squasher Scott back in saddle

**WATSONIANS** are expecting a stiff challenge from all sides when, next week, they launch a bid to retain the East of Scotland Division One squash title.

Create Engineering-sponsored Watsonians took the crown for only the second time in a 76-year history last season in the tightest of finishes which saw them require a final week victory over Edinburgh University.

Captain Richard McIntosh says consistency of selection will again hold the key while praising the efforts of Scott Thomson in particular.

Said Richard: "Nothing summed up the commitment of the players more than Scott Thomson's

desire to play in the last match of the season despite being in hospital the previous week having been knocked off his bicycle.

"Scott eventually declared himself fit to play and managed to win his match, helping his team win the league.

"Key to the Watsonian success was being able to field the same five players in all but two of the 18 matches.

"It's expected that challenges will come from traditionally strong clubs such as the two Edinburgh Sports Club teams, Dalgety Bay and Colinton Castle and this season's league winner is likely to come from one of these

places, depending on injuries and availability.

"Waverley could win the league if all of their players are available and newly promoted Heriot Watt University are also likely to provide a strong challenge, with several of their team being members of the Scottish Squash academy squad."

The new Division One campaign gets off to a flying start with Watsonians travelling to last season's runner's up, Edinburgh Sports Club 2.

Other fixtures include Heriot Watt hosting Edinburgh Sports Club 1 (third last season) and Colinton Castle taking on Dalgety Bay 1.



## Now we're cooking

THE Edinburgh and Lothians table tennis league has a new sponsor in Royal Dynasty Chinese takeaway in Barnton.

To mark the arrangement, rising Edinburgh Sports Club stars Calum Morrison, Sam Goldsmith, Jamie Crawley and John Hannah played an impromptu

game for league official Lindsay Muir and takeaway owner Tina Chan.

Mr Muir said: "Royal Dynasty will take over title sponsorship of our open tournament at Meadowmill SC every February and their general backing makes a significant difference in terms of supporting local players."

## Lacrosse team aims to keep grasp of title

**EDINBURGH Lacrosse Club begin their defence of the men's Scottish title they won for the first time last year with a home match against Glasgow University at Peffermill on Saturday.**

The team will be captained this year by Martin Crawford and are set to field other Scottish internationalists in Shaun Cruise and Marc Watson.

Club president Mike Henderson said

it was disappointing they were unable to take up an invitation to compete in European Championships in Germany next month due to prohibitive costs.

But he added: "Our team did ex-

ceptionally well to lift the Scottish title last season in undefeated fashion with nine wins out of nine, and now we want to take things forward, hopefully filling a sponsorship void along the way."



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