



● Blowing the whistle on Martin Tugwell of Torquay are the 14 women taking part in the Volleyball referee's course, held at the Wonford Sports Centre, over the weekend. Pictures: JOHN FFOULKES

# Volley good show from Exeter girls

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**WOMEN** volleyball players in Devon are breaking down barriers in a man's world and becoming referees.

In this country only two per cent of volleyball referees are women. But at a new course for referees in Exeter the lasses overpower the lads by 15 to three.

Course organiser Ros Sutherland, of the Exeter and District Volleyball League, said: "It is very unusual to find women volleyball referees, and even rarer to find so many women on a course such as this.

"I am very pleased indeed to see more women coming forward to take part in refereeing, and it is good for the game.

"I think women are more likely to take up the sport if they see other women in positions of power."

The course, at Wonford Sports Centre, has attracted players from throughout the Westcountry, and is being instructed by international referee Dan Dingle, of Cornwall.



● It's all action on the course, above, at the Wonford Sports Centre, with international referee Dan Dingle of Cornwall, below, kept busy throughout the day.

