

Nail-biter revenge for college team

VOLLEYBALL

by Jerry Fardon



TOREXE CHIMNEYS ladies volleyball team - back row, from the left: Kate Brown Kath Towl, Karen Gaywood, Sandra Trayner. Front: Jacky Pike, Louise Crook, Sadie King, Caroline Lang.

Picture: Vicky Wilcox.



WONFORD VOLLEYBALL CLUB: Back row - Left to right - Mark Waugh, Steve Rains, Chris Richards, Steve MacMahon. Front row - Dave Fielding, Keith Oldfield, Jerry Fardon

Picture: PAT EDWARDS

EXETER College turned the tables on Torexe Aardvarks in a nail-biting match at the College on Thursday.

The Aardvarks recently defeated the College in the Exeter Closed Tournament final, but this time the College got their revenge, and now remain the only unbeaten team in Division 1.

In a very tough battle, both teams exchanged the lead on numerous occasions, but the College drew first blood, taking the opening set 15-13. The match contained some very long rallies, but the College consolidated their lead in the second, with a 15-8 win. Aardvark Paul Bray put the College under pressure with his serving, and his side were 14-8 up in the final set, before College coach Arthur Mosley called a time-out to settle his team. Whatever he said obviously did the trick as they came out fighting, and sneaked the final set 17-15.

Meanwhile, **Wonford BetaBlockers** also gained a 3-0 victory, to keep them at the top of the Division 1 table although they have played more games than the other teams in the Division. Blockers unfortunate opponents were **Crediton Spartans** who never really got into top gear during the match, and Blockers looked far more settled, particularly with the inclusion of Tim Packer and Stu Gibbs in their team. The set scores were 15-4, 15-5, 15-1 in Blockers' favour, with Keith Oldfield named as the referee's player of the match.

Wonford Panthers also had a much steadier performance as they beat **Torexe Crusaders** in straight sets 15-6, 15-2, 15-5. The result does not reflect the way that the Crusaders battled, but they lacked the overall finishing power of the Panthers on this occasion. Panther Liz Raine had a good game, with some sound play in attack and defence. Player of the match went to Steve Craddock, who came on a substitute spiker for the Panthers and was determined to prove that he has a case for a regular place in the team.

In Division 2, top-placed **Exeter University** saw off the challenge of **Kings School** who are right behind them in the table. After a 15-4 victory in the first set, the University relaxed in the second to let Kings back into the match. However, they held on and took the set 17-15, before turning up the pressure again in the final set to win it 15-2.

Some consolidation for Kings was the one of their players, Jason Hendy was nominated as player of the match.

The **University** gained yet another win, this time against **Torexe Otters**, and once again they had no problems, taking the match in 15-4, 15-1, 15-6 and really look to have got the Division sewn up already. There really does not look like any team who can match them.

Kirton Watersports gained a few points on the Birdmen of Exeter Prison who are just above them in the table. The Crediton team took a close opening set 15-13, but the Birdmen were equal to them in the second, and it was their turn to take a set 15-13. The final set could have gone either way and both teams remained determined to the end, with Kirton Watersports the winners 15-10.

Forthcoming matches:

Division 1: Thursday January 26 - Wonford Panthers v Wonford BetaBlockers at Wonford Sports Centre, Sunday January 29 - Serving You! v Wonford BetaBlockers at Dawlish Sports Centre, Sunday January 29 - Teignmouth v Torexe Crusaders at Broadmeadow Sports Centre.

Division 2: Thursday January 26 - Exeter University v Birdmen at HMP Exeter, Sunday January 29 - AD&S Wanderers v Torexe Destroyers at Colin Tooze Sports Centre, Sunday January 29 - Kirton Watersports v Kings School at Crediton Sports Centre.

Ladies Division: Sunday January 29 - Team Wrafton v Torexe Eagles at Park School.

Division 1

	P	W	SF	SA	PF	PA	Pts
Wonford BetaBlockers.....	7	5	16	5	296	214	26
Exeter College ASP A.....	5	5	13	2	222	130	23
Teignmouth.....	4	3	9	3	173	96	15
Crediton Spartans.....	7	3	9	12	220	269	15
Wonford Panthers.....	6	2	8	10	192	218	12
Torexe Aardvarks.....	3	2	5	4	124	95	9
Torexe Crusaders.....	3	1	3	6	82	111	5
Torexe Sharks.....	5	1	3	12	118	198	5
Serving You!.....	4	0	0	12	84	180	0

Division 2

Exeter University	9	9	25	2	401	195	43
Kings School	7	5	14	7	272	227	24
AD&S Wanderers	5	4	12	3	211	129	20
HMP Channings Wood	7	3	10	11	221	241	16
Birdmen	8	3	8	16	249	302	14
Kirton Watersports	5	2	6	9	172	195	10
Torexe Otters	6	1	4	14	135	238	6
Torexe Destroyers	7	0	2	19	173	307	2

Ladies Division

Team Wrafton.....	4	3	9	4	156	102	15
Torexe Eagles.....	4	3	8	4	151	108	14
University Ladies.....	4	3	6	6	132	132	12
Torexe Falcons.....	4	1	4	8	109	151	6
Wonford ELM V'dolleys.....	4	0	3	9	103	158	3