

# Newcomer impresses for Breezers

## VOLLEYBALL

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**TOREXE** Breezers are now on the shoulders of Division 1 leaders Wonford following their 4-1 win over Betablockers in the Exeter League.

Breezers, with some excellent hitting from new player Hakan Bengtsson, took the opening set with ease.

Breezers just had the edge in the second and third sets, but Wonford took the fourth before good serving gave Breezers the match and Dave Lang player of the match.

Exeter Birdmen pulled off a good win over second placed Wonford Panthers in Division 2.

Panthers started well but Birdmen changed their line-up and managed to get their setting back on course. They fought back strongly to turn the match around with Fletcher player of the match for the hosts.

Torexe Hurricanes still lead Division 3, but lost valuable ground by losing to King's Otters.

Hurricanes started well enough, but in the third set a strong spell of

serving from the King's captain, Tony Dowling, gave them the advantage. With Mark Davies and Nick Baxter providing a strong combination in the King's attack, they managed to turn a 2-0 deficit into a winning combination.

Title contenders Taunton Blackbrook made up ground with an emphatic 5-0 victory over Torexe Storms. Taunton remain unbeaten with four straight wins, taking them up to third, three points behind Hurricanes with two matches in hand. Karen Gibbs was star player.

ADDS Evolution had a 4-1 win over Torexe Storms. Youngster Mark Halse took player of the match and, thanks to his performance, Evolution took some comfortable set wins in all but the second set.

Vic Rose also tried to get in on the act and went close to setting a new league record for service points in the third set, taking his team to a 12-0 lead without reply.

In the Ladies' Division, King's Juniors fielded 12-year-old Paul Dowling against Wanderwomen and he

did exceptionally well and took play. With strong basic skills, King's were able to hold the edge in the closing stages for a 15-13 victory in the deciding set.

● The Exeter-based Devon Women's Volleyball Club continued their successful National League, Division 3 West, campaign with a 3-0 away win against Solent.

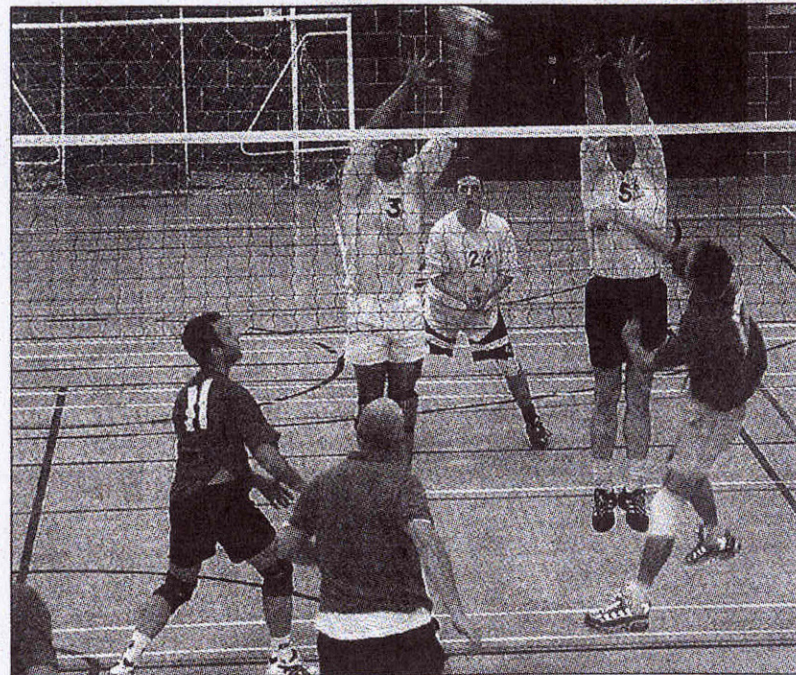
It keeps Devon in top spot with six wins and just one defeat in the first half of the season.

Devon's final match of 2001 is against Cardiff at Clifton Hill Sports Centre (11am start) on Sunday, December 9.

● There was more South West League action at the Riverside when Torexe took on Plymouth Vets and Bath University.

Torexe's passing inaccuracies proved costly against Plymouth who won 21-25, 18-25, 23-25.

Against the students, Torexe won the first set 25-18 in some style with some good spiking from Tom Mammola. However, the students came through 25-22, 25-22, 25-17.



**NET GAIN:** Action from the match between Torexe Breezers and Wonford