

2015 Devon Ladies Veterans Interim Report 29 Aug 2015

Ladies Over 35s

Report from DLTA Website: Kate Brown (capt.), Jo Louis, Karen Clark and Kirsty Gray made up our Over 35s team that had a brilliant weekend on Eastbourne's grass courts. Facing tough opposition from Hertfordshire, Essex and Hereford & Worcestershire with former GB players in the latter two teams, a fantastic team performance saw our ladies undaunted and triumphant! With wins over Essex 3-2, Hereford & Worcestershire 4-1 and Hertfordshire 3-0, the ladies topped their group and will now play in Division 1 next year!

Ladies Over 40s

The Ladies 40s team have done brilliantly to win all their matches and will contest the championship final at David Lloyd Brierley Hill on Sunday 8th November. A large squad of players has been used through the season: Anna Britton, Philippa Britton, Yvonne Burrage, Karen Clark, Alison Copley, Karen Cross, Kirsty Gray, Jo Louis, Jackie Nesbitt (capt) & Sue Wiltshire

Ladies Over 50s

Following promotion last year the Ladies 50s squad have found competition hard in Division 2. Unfortunately they have lost all their matches and will be relegated. The team was represented by Amanda Goodison, Di Horne (capt), Lorraine Kingsley, Stella Leonard, Sue Roberts, Wendy Smith & Lesley Woolcott.

Ladies Over 60s

A crucial match in Exmouth on 12 September against Somerset will decide whether Devon remain in Division 2 or are relegated. Represented by Sally Bassinder (Calne), Gill Clay (West Hill) Barbara Robillard (Newton Abbot), Marilyn Barlow (Sidmouth) and Nicki Keele (capt) (Sidmouth) and Julie Hopkinson (Seaton), Devon have won two very close matches against Bucks (winning by 4 games) & Gloucs, winning by a set but unfortunately lost against Dorset and Kent.

Ladies Over 65s

The Ladies 65s team have had an excellent season, losing only to West of Scotland by 1 set when playing away in Glasgow. They should be promoted to Division 1 next year. The team were represented by Ann Louis (Exmouth) (capt) Yvonne Cottam (Dartmouth) Jenny Doig (Barnstaple), Sue Doncaster (Bideford), Linda Knight (Torquay), Ali Miller (Lympton) and Anne Tait (Budleigh Salterton).

Ladies Over 70s

As one of the teams dropped out the new Ladies 70s team were disappointed to only have 3 matches this season but won them all, two of them by 1 game! Represented by Maureen Sowerby (capt) (Brixham), Dilys Bradshaw (Plympton), Sue Doncaster (Bideford), Margaret Hammett (Ivybridge), Sue Williams (Barnstaple) and Janet Wilson (Exmouth) they will be promoted to play in Division 1 next year.

The Devon Ladies practices for the 60, 65 and 70 County teams will re-commence on Sunday 13th September on the indoor carpet courts at Exmouth Tennis and Fitness. Currently there are thirty six ladies who attend and we are always pleased to welcome anyone wishing to play on the teams in the future. The teams have really benefited from this regular practice throughout the winter.

Many thanks to the captains for all their hard work this season.