

Devon Men Vets report August 2015

Men Over 45 Div 1B

Will finish second in Division 1B to Middlesex who overcame Devon 6-4..

Unfortunately Leicestershire and Suffolk teams withdrew from this event leaving only three matches to be played.

Daniel Ahl heads the Division's overall player board having won all his six matches without dropping a set. Other team members were Craig Arbuckle (Capt), Linden Hardisty, Andy Coval, Justin Kraushar and Jon Wills.

Men Over 50 Div 1A

Have played four of their five matches Devon is currently placed fifth having scored 2 points. They have to play the Division leaders Leicestershire in their final match who currently have six points from 3 matches.

Richard Jackson is currently fourth on the overall player statistics, other Devon players are Jim Mcintosh (Capt), John Hillman, and Tim Agutter.

Men Over 55 Div 2B

The Devon team currently head this Division with six points from 3 matches. With two matches to play against Bedfordshire Berkshire who are currently fifth and six respectively, Devon are in a good position to win this Division.

Robert Short leads the player statistics for this Division having won all of his six matches without dropping a set. The other Devon players are Alistair Forbes (Capt), Keith Johnson, Ian Leonard, Peter Occleshaw and Lawrence Webster.

Men Over 60 Div 2B

Having completed their five matches the team currently sit mid table and are likely to remain there when other teams have completed their matches.

Peter Hennessey-Smith is currently sixth in the player statistics having won five of his eight matches. Other team members are Phil Plummer (Capt), Philip Clift, Mike Cox, Keith Johnson, Paul Ley, John Norman and Trevor Taylor.

Men Over 65 Div 1A

The 65's have found themselves in a tough Division and have completed their five matches without a win.

Stewart Barnes finished a creditable fifteenth out of forty one Divisional players having won four of his ten matches. Other players were Bernard Mowle (Capt), Tony Counter, Glyn Deneley, Phil Bastin, Phil Dimmick, Ray Hinton and Ken Jones.

Men Over 70 Div 2A

Another tough Division for the Devon players who have played all of their matches and managed a singular win against Oxfordshire. Standing 4th out of 5.

The team was grateful to have the support of players from the 75's squad in order to fulfil its fixtures. In this Division only doubles are played and Devon's most successful player was Ray Hinton who won three from eight matches. Other players were Ken Jones (Capt), Mel Kirby, Roger Vernon, Paul Webster, David Evans, Sandy Mathews, Derek Shepard and Doug Cook.

Men Over 75 Div 1B

Devon finished 3rd in this Division with 3 wins out of 6.

Doug Cook and David Evans (Capt) are fifth and sixth currently in the player's statistics, both players having won seven from eight matches. Other team players are Derek Shepard, Ken Burrige and Colin Holman.

Men Over 80

This is the first and a 'trial' year for a Men's over 80's. This unofficial arrangement has four Counties in the North/Midlands and the same number in the South/South West. Devon was included in the Division consisting of Hampshire, Sussex and Middlesex.

Hampshire's interest 'disintegrated', Sussex pulled out as there was to be no financial support leaving Middlesex and Devon who played the very first match of the 'Over 80's' on 2 August at the Exmouth Indoor Centre. Devon's side is captained by Tom Eastop who with Colin Holman as a partner won their opening rubber but subsequently lost to the second pair. Mick Paddock with Patrick Hamilton sadly lost both rubbers. All enjoyed the match and were very pleased to be representing Devon at County level. It will be interesting to see if the LTA propose to include the over 80's 'officially' next year.