



**SOUTH WEST
VOLLEYBALL
ASSOCIATION**

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ANNUAL REPORT

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Chairmans Report 1979 - 80.

Looking back over the year 1979 - 80 I feel that we can be proud of our achievements in the South West. The region continues to grow stronger in numbers and in playing standards and it is this by which we are judged by others. All our players and supporters can help to further this growth by their own enthusiasm for the game and using it to show others the enjoyment to be gained from Volleyball. With still relatively small number of schools teaching volleyball either seriously or at all personal enthusiasm can go a long way in 'converting' players to the game which we want to see thriving. This enthusiasm has been displayed by many people in the South West during this year - in the way that matches have been played and in the efforts put into the organisation of various events, not least of which has been the World schools championships which climaxed with that memorable final between China and Yugoslavia.

I'm sure that the secretary's report will highlight both our strengths and failures during the past year, but there is one area where we are certainly behind all other regions and this is in the setting up of County Associations. Our growth in local areas is excellent but we have to start asking ourselves, as the EVA are committed to County Development, where is the area development leading and how can it be tied together? The second part is not easy when the impression I have gained from a few areas is that they are quite happy getting on by themselves and don't really want to have much to do with them up the road. It is a question which I have failed to even start to answer during this year but which cannot be avoided in the future.

To continue looking forward in general, the future looks bright for the South West with the National Finals in the very near future and the Prospect of European Cup matches, 2 Internationals and Commonwealth Championship matches during the coming 18 months to watch and organise. And then, of course, there's playing volleyball against ever improving opposition.

My thanks and best wishes to all our players, coaches, referees, helpers and supporters. May you all stay with us throughout the coming year giving your full support to a hard-working committee to whom I express my sincere thanks for their unflagging efforts for the region.

W. Kelman
(Chairman).

Secretary's Report to AGM

This has been another year of growth for our Association. We remain the largest region in the country and this season have 78 affiliated clubs against last seasons 64.

In terms of standard we congratulated Speedwell Furness for their Division One National League success and wish them well for their National KO Cup Final. Congratulations go also to Speedwell II and Paignton for their National League successes. Many players have represented the SW in National teams at all levels too many to mention by name but congratulations are offered to them all who carry with them this message of success from our region.

The SLW Leagues have run smoothly and have increased in standard. The S.W. Championships have however suffered a shortage of entries.

Coaching courses have suffered much through cancellation this season but we have been able to put on two preliminary and one club coach award course. The first ever Mini Volleyball Teachers Certificate course is currently taking place at Bath.

We have been honoured this season to have seen the World Schools Championships take place at Bath and Bristol - so well organised by Speedwell School on behalf of the ESVA. Those who watched the Men's Final will remember it for a very long time - a showpiece match between China and Yugoslavia - 5 sets, 2½ hours and 15 - 13 to Yugoslavia in the last set.

In mid June - 14th /15th we shall again act as hosts to a major event - this time the National Finals - sponsored by Manitou and to be held at Poole Sports Centre. We hope that you will attend in large numbers, so as to support this venture so that it may be as successful as the 1979 finals at Bath.

Next year we can look forward to seeing Speedwell play in the European Cup and the Commonwealth tournament come to Bath (September 1981)

Out developing areas have continued to expand - particularly Swindon, Stroud, Taunton and Weymouth and should be joined by development in Woodspring (Avon) next season.

These matters already mentioned are excellent progress. Development should continue and help to keep the SW as the top region. As in all matters, we could do better - how? - I would suggest the following -

- (i) more volunteers for office on regional and local committees to help take the pressure off our present overworked officials.
- (ii) more tournaments run by clubs and local associations for new clubs and teams.
- (iii) more players (and friends) prepared to become qualified coaches and referees.
- (iv) more attention given to Junior Development - not just in schools, but for our clubs to set up Junior sections and to have links with schools in their area.
- (v) money - an obvious point but nevertheless important - we can only provide the service that your money allows - the more members we have - the more money they provide and the more the Sports Council would be prepared to give in grant aid. For the club sponsorship can provide the answer - but how many clubs really look after their sponsor properly?

In all this has been a good season, a season of growth, of improved standards and enthusiastic development.

Ron Richards.
Secretary SWVA.

Treasurers Report

As can be seen from the balance sheet we as an association have ended up this year with a surplus of £175.81 which is not a bad situation for us to be in on the surface.

If we look further into it we find that the picture is a little less promising. We rely very heavily on the money from the E.V.A. to run all our competitions and as can be seen less than 50% of our competitions expenses are recovered from competition fees. Therefore we must look very seriously at running costs and entry fees in the future.

The main reason for us having a surplus this year is the National Finals held in Bath last year, which was run by the South West. The result of the finals was that we made ourselves £267.39 so without that we would have been in trouble.

Obviously we like to help developing areas as much as possible, in this area we have been able to help 4 local associations this year namely Stroud, Swindon Weymouth and Taunton and we hope to be able to do the same in the coming year.

The extra expense of distributing the magazine to every player in the area has been well worth it as far as I can see as it keeps everybody as up to date as possible. I hope that the magazine will become self-financing in the future but effort must be made by everyone to obtain advertising for it.

In conclusion I must say that next year will be very difficult as costs are bound to rise and one can estimate by at least 20%. So therefore we will be looking for an income of at least £1400 or some savings in expenditure to allow for the increase.

G. H. Brehaut.

Account as at 18th May 1980 (from 13th Sept 1979)

Opening Balances

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| Deposit Account | 16.69 |
| Current Account | 125.27 |
| National Fihals Account | 167.39 |
| Petty Cash | 14.00 |
| | <u>323.35</u> |

EXPENDITURE

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| Travel | 51.80 |
| postage | 82.41 |
| Stationery | 29.83 |
| Photographs | 36.75 |
| Competitions | 423.39 |
| Typing | 78.00 |
| Misc expenses | 79.87 |
| Grant Aid | 105.00 |
| Printing | 269.83 |
| | <u>1152.83</u> |

Current Acc 153.66
Deposit Acc 22.35

TOTAL = 1340.64

INCOME

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|------------------|----------------|
| Equipment Sales | 70.00 |
| Competitions | 212.20 |
| Everts | 138.46 |
| Affiliations EVA | 576.43 |
| Advertising | 20.00 |
| | <u>1017.09</u> |

TOTAL = 1340.64

Competitions Secretary's Report Season 79/80

All the leagues have been completed with only a handful of games unplayed. East division finished with, what has become the established practice, a final Tournament where all the twams come together and the prizes are presented.

The cups have been progressing relatively smoothly, however, the senior Ladies and Juniors have had a disappointingly low entry this year. Following last season's format the finals of both the Senior Mens and Ladies competitions will be played after the A.G.M. at Swindon. It is hoped that most of the officials will be local.

Season 80/81.

Entry forms have already gone out for the coming season's leagues. Unfortunately, the increased charges of Sports Halls hire have meant an increase in the fee, but the leagues still offer good value for money.

I will be shortly leaving the region and so for next season a regional competitions committee will be formed. They will have complete control of all South West competitions and will meet several times a year under the chairmanship of the competitions secretary. I look forward to this new development and I wish everyone concerned with it the best of luck!

Hari Ahluwalia.

S.W. Officials Secretary's Report.

This season has been one of consolidation rather than expansion. There has been a lack of interest in courses and in fact only three courses for Grade III officials have been run at Poole, Weymouth and Jersey. A very successful one day introductory course was held in Stroud in September and I think that the newer areas in our region would benefit from such a course.

The high spot of the season from my point of view was the fact that all the National league mens 1, 11 and 111 and Ladies 1 matches have been controlled by officials from our own region. No other region in the country has been able to manage this. Where else in England would a match be controlled by two Grade 11 officials with a grade 111 as scorer and a Grade 11 three Grade 111's as line judges.

The Britannia Tournament at Poole in September was completely staffed by non-playing S.W. officials as was the indoor section of the Whitefield tournament.

The I.S.F. schools championship organised brilliantly by Speedwell gave another excellent opportunity for our officials to give experience and Geoff Brehaut had the honour of being 2nd officials in the sensational mens finals.

The Taunton tournament and the forthcoming Hambro tournament in Swindon has enabled us to give experience to more officials and more occasions like this would help the development of the game enormously.

On a personal note I would like to thank all the South West clubs who have allowed me to gain experience especially, Weymouth, Speedwell and Exeter in the early days. This has enabled me to have the honour of attending the F.I.V.B. referees course in Italy recently.

What of the future? We now have over forty qualified officials referring regularly in the region but we need a lot more. So here is a challenging programme for the next year Grade 111 courses for Weymouth, Bristol, Poole, Exeter (including Paignton and Plymouth) and Stroud. One day courses for Taunton, Swindon, Westonsupermare and Amesbury followed later in the year by a Grade 111 course. So come on unqualified officials you owe it to the players to have the expertise for the job.

To our qualified officials I say become more professional if you wear the badge make sure you deserve it, keep learning and reach for the sky.

Finally to all the clubs and my refereeing colleagues, thanks I've enjoyed this year and am looking forward to the next one.

Brian Jones.

Centre for Excellence

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Centre Members

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| Steve Pincott | Speedwell 1 and England Senior Team |
| Paul Hodges | " " " " |
| Bobby Smith | " " " " |
| Ucal Ashma | " " " " |
| Martin Hodges | Speedwell 11 and England Junior Team |
| Roland Leathers | Bristol Poly & England Junior Squad |

Associate Players

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| Alan Williams | Speedwell |
| Hugh Garnett | Speedwell |
| Ivor Paul | Speedwell |
| Anthony Pincott | St. George |
| Paul Brain | St. George |

NB Associate players are brought into the centre to assist in the work by increasing the number of players available in practice and/or because of future potential.

Work

The main areas of work this season have been as follows:-

- 1) Serving - the development of reliable, accurate floating serves
- 2) Blocking - improving both the line of the block and development of a system approach to blocking combination attacks.
- 3) Defence - improving defensive positioning in relation to the blocking system.
- 4) Tactical - emphasis on individual tactical play in their club teams.

There has been notable improvement in all these areas and this has certainly been reflected in improvement of performance at club level. With so few international matches this year I have had no opportunity to determine the effect of this on their international play

Future plans.

Suitable indoor facilities have yet to be found in the local area to allow the full development of players potential. Restrictions on finance mean that hiring of facilities is no longer a possible option. However, slightly improved facilities are available next year and changes in arrangements for weight training should also prove beneficial.

I have discussed at great length with Bob Coombes the question of providing coaching for ladies. The present position with regard to facilities precludes any possibility of providing similar training to that followed by the men. If improved facilities were available I would feel it only right to offer these to the men.

With regards to the actual coaching for women, I think an extra coach would be needed. I have not found in the past that my coaching style and methods are as successful with women as men and as a result feel that someone with more expertise in this area should be found.

K Nicholls.
Centre for Excellence
Bristol Polytechnic.

SWINDON AND DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Secretary's Report 1979/80.

The Swindon and District Volleyball League began at the beginning of September and comprised of eight local teams. Unfortunately two teams withdrew leaving a total of six.

Swindon 'A' and 'B', Lyneham, Hambro Life, Thameswater and Chippenham.

The League went well, providing interesting and entertaining volleyball for both players and spectators. A high standard of play was achieved by many of the teams. (Please see opposite).

The Cup Tournament was held at Lyneham this year and five teams entered. The competition was an exciting one, with Lyneham beating Swindon in the Final.

Although this has been a successful year for Swindon and District Volleyball it is hoped that more teams will enter the 'League' next season.

D.J. Britten.
Secretary.

TAUNTON DEANE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION.

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The year has seen a moderate improvement in the competitive volleyball played in the area and a large improvement in the competition organisation.

We attempted to form a full league early in the season but failed and instead played two one day tournaments. The Somerset College of Arts and Technology, Taunton kindly gave the free use of their Sportshall and we hired qualified SWAVA referees. This combination ensured a well officiated, cheap tournament in good facilities.

11th November Tournament 10 teams entered.

Winners S.C.A.T. 'A' beating Yeovil College 'A' 2 sets to nil
3rd Taunton Admirals, 4th Yeovil V.C.

16th December Tournament 8 teams entered, the standard was a lot higher this time. Winners Yeovil V.C. who beat S.C.A.T 2 sets to nil,
3rd AUWE Weymouth, 4th Taunton Admirals.

By late November there were 10 teams regularly playing in the area and many friendly games were played. Regular training sessions for many clubs became established.

Somerset County Volleyball League

This league was set up late in 1979 and fixtures began in January 1980 to try to secure a viable league system. The league has been a success and is now nearing completion.

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| Latest results are | 1st S.C.A.T. | 12 points |
| | 2nd Taunton V.C. | 10 " |
| | 3rd Yeovil V.C. | 3 " |
| | 4th Frome | 3 " |

It is hoped to expand this league next year to include other teams.

A 'B' teams competition was held in March 1980 at Taunton and the results were, 1st Street V.C. 2nd Yeovil 'B', 3rd Taunton Casual Admirals
4th S.C.A.T. 'B'.

Recently Taunton V.C. has obtained the use of a new Sportshall in Taunton and are training there regularly using the sessions as open coaching for any players in the area. The success of this development was demonstrated recently when Taunton V.C. (Sponsored by Taunton Cider Company) finished 5th in the South West Senior Mens Championships at Exeter University. The team plans to enter S.W. Division 2 League next season.

I.S. Cooper
Area Secretary.

POOLE VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE.

Finals for the Poole Volleyball Association to take place at the Poole Sports Centre on Saturday 31st May. The final will be between O.P.C's teams Vladimir and Superweds. Two evenings of coaching have been organised for 15th and 22nd May aimed at new teams and lower division teams.

An open-air Volleyball match is to be organised the weekend before National Finals to help to advertise the Finals.

A summer league of 9 teams commences on 29th May 1980 and will last until end of July.

Paul Pinhorn.