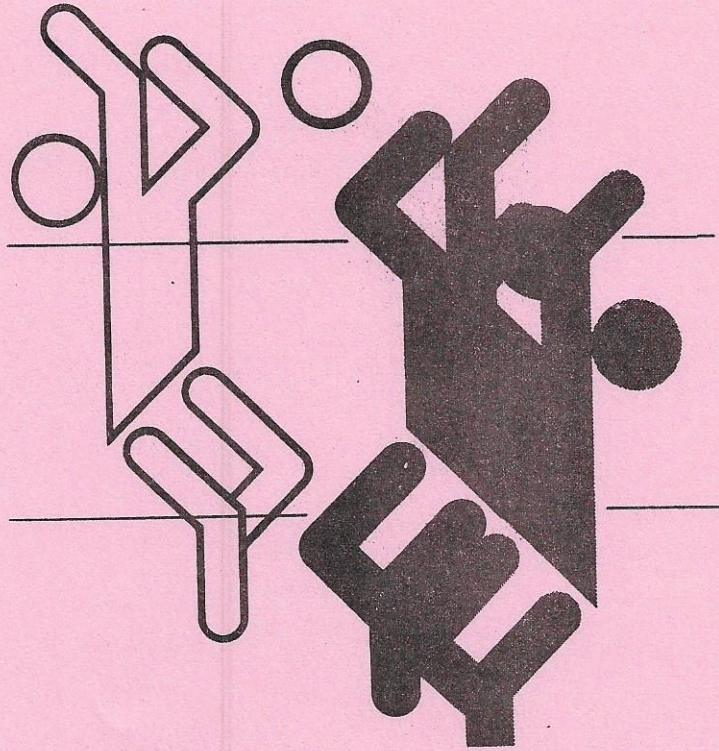


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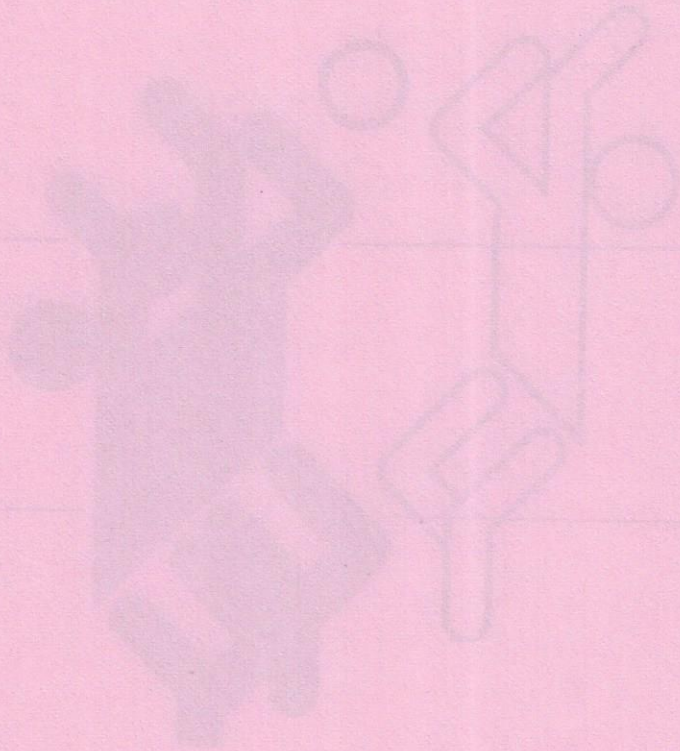


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### Chairmans Report

It seems that most sports and ours not the least of them, are undergoing problems related to more finance at the moment. All clubs are having to pay more for match and training facilities, competition entry fees, kit, equipment, travel etc and nobody is enjoying having to pay these increased prices. Unfortunately they are part of our way of life at present which we must all do our best to combat but will have to accept to a certain extent if the sport is to survive. Its no longer possible for clubs to exist on low club fees and nominal match fees, most clubs will also have to involve themselves in other fund raising efforts. This produces a perfect opportunity for the organisation of tournaments particularly for novice teams which are not playing regularly in more than one league and mini-volleyball for all ages which is great fun and a normal size sports hall can accommodate 4 courts and many more teams and matches than the 6 - s - side game. Let's think about cutting our own costs and at the same time promoting volleyball and others enjoyment.

In spite of financial restraints volleyball in the region has continued to function well at all levels and in all its aspects. Although there has been no physical evidence of growth in club registrations this season there has been an increase in teams playing in local and regional leagues and growing participation in new areas such as Cornwall and N. Devon.

Regional competitions saw an increased number of teams playing this season and we should be looking forward to increasing this next season and running a successful qualifying league in the region which will feed teams into the National League in future. With the Ladies Spring Cup coming to England, with a preliminary pool in Bath, next Eastertide we should also be looking forward to an upsurge of interest in the Ladies game. Let's make 1982-83 a season to remember in ladies volleyball.

Congratulations to teams from the region who have gained particular success in National Competition this season.

Speedwell Rucanor	-	Champions Division 1	Men
B.P. Beml	-	Champions Div II	Men
OBC Poole	-	Champions Div III	Men
Swindon World of Sport	-	Champions Div IV	Men (S.W.)
Poole Thumpers	-	Champions Div II	Ladies (S.W.)
Priory	-	Champions Nat Qualifying	(S.W.)

and to the individual players who have represented England at Junior or Senior International Level

Returning now to the beginning of the season which was when we saw the first ever Commonwealth Championships in England. Players from the South West were involved in helping with the organisation of the Preliminary Pool in Bath and I'm sure that they gained from their experience and were impressed with the friendly atmosphere of the tournament. It was certainly an exciting event in which to be involved both Canada and Uganda, the best and the worst volleyballers in the competition gave much in their own way to make the event a success, but what a disappointment that the spectators in Bath were so few.

Next week see's another International event in the South West, England Juniors v Wales at Swindon. Our colleagues in Swindon and at the Oasis Leisure Centre are working hard to make this a success so lets help them by making sure of a big crowd.

Finally once again, my thanks to the officers of the region and committee members for their tireless efforts in working for South West Volleyball.

W. Kelman.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

This past season has been one of consolidation - the number of affiliated clubs has not grown - our final figure is 88 clubs - the same as last year. Our local leagues have remained steady in numbers and have shown no major growth. There is however hope for the future in a number of new developments - particularly in N. Devon and Cornwall which should bring a growth to our Association next season.

In terms of playing standards however there has been some good news - Speedwell Rucanor kept their title in Mens Division 1 while Bemil will next season play in the top league and excellent results were obtained by OBC Poole, Swindon and Priory in the mens leagues and Poole Thumpers in the Ladies. Speedwell again showed their strength at Junior level taking the National U 20 Ladies Cup.

Our area association have continued to take on the role of development with coaches and referees courses and in particular with major events - the England U 20 v Wales international at Swindon and the SW Finals at Weymouth. It was good to see INVO return at Easter, long may it survive, while the Hambro, Whitefield and Priory tournaments provided strong and friendly competition.

The SW Leagues got off to a bad start with the resignation of the elected competitions secretary and my thanks go to Paul Moss, Gary Burton and Wilma Kelman for their hard work on competitions.

A major disappointment was the failure of the SW Junior tournaments - how can our game develop properly unless clubs and local associations carry out some junior development - help ! - what can we do to make them see sense?

We look forward to a new season - hopefully one of growth and development and we look forward to hosting the 1983 Ladies W. European Spring Cup at Bath Sports Centre - let us hope that this helps to boost both ladies development in the SW and volleyball in the Bath area.

Ron Richards.  
Secretary S.W.V.A.

## OFFICIALS SECRETARY'S REPORT

This season has seen a rapid growth in refereeing in the region. Courses at Grade III level have been run in Stroud, Swindon, and Poole. Dave Jenner and Richard Insley have been upgraded to Grade II and Jeff Brehaut has successfully completed his International Course. The first Scorers Award Course was held at Whitefield last year.

A rewarding sign of the times was that out of nineteen referees at INVO this year, five were from the continent and the other fourteen from our region. On one weekend twenty-two officials from the region refereed at National League Matches.

A change in grading of officials has been made by the Referees Commission. The Candidate and Junior Grades have now been abolished and replaced by the Grade 4 award which will be awarded to a Candidate at a Grade III course who passes the theory but fails the Practical Exam. There is no longer a lower age limit at which the candidate can gain Grade III status.

A number of referees have complained that they are not allocated to National League matches. The Referees Commission have decided that only registered referees will be appointed to National League matches this season. So if you want National League appointments first register and then inform Bernard Kilkenny, the Chairman of the Referees Commission, that you are available for appointments.

I would like to thank all referees in the region for their support this season, particularly Bert Williams and Phil Francis for their help in running courses.

Brian Jones.

## COMPETITIONS SECRETAR'S REPORT

This has been my first year as Competitions Secretary to the S.W. Region. To my mind it has been a successful season with few problems to cope with. I have very much learnt the post as it goes along. The running of Division 1 was made easy by the pre-season efforts of Mr Richards and the seasonal efforts of Team Secretaries.

All problems were resolved by good communication and meant that no fines were imposed for the whole season, a credit to all involved. The league tables should be available to all teams and congratulations to Abergavenny this seasons top team.

The South West Championships ran to their conclusion resulting in the matches here this afternoon and it gave many old players and organisers a great deal of pride. With 27 teams over 220 players in one sportshall to use part of a conversation with Alan Williams of Speedwell VEC, 'the South West Region has come a long way since the Exeter University days!' I would like to offer much success to the teams competing this afternoon; and a prosperous season to all teams in the new competitions that you will no doubt know or soon know about for the coming season.

Paul Moss.

### JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT 1981-82

The 1981 - 82 season was for many reasons a disastrous one as far as Junior Development was concerned. In June 1981 we arranged for a 3 day camp based at Ridgeway School Wroughton Wiltshire, a fairly central position considering the shape and size of the S.W.V.A. region. We had arranged for some of the top coaches in the country, including some of the coaches of the national squads, to teach various ability levels, culminating with match experience at the Hambro Tournament (at the same venue). The cost of this event including full board, was the exorbitant fee of £8. Out of the whole region we had only 9 firm applications which represented 3 clubs. The event had to be cancelled through lack of interest.

U20's Championships Yate S.C. 18th April 1982. April 18th came and went, out of a grand total of 62 registered clubs only 2 clubs bothered to enter formerly (i.e. send in an entry form and pay the entry fee) One major club from the region phoned me the night before the event was due to take place to see if it was Ok to enter! The event was cancelled through lack of interest.

U16's Championships Bath April 24th 1982 A similar story of apathy follows: 2 entries for each of the 2 categories. The event was cancelled through lack of interest.

There is a limit to what one person working part-time can do in a region this size on their own. I feel that Junior Development is important to our sports future. There is a large reservoir of sports potential waiting for us to turn them on to volleyball, a sport we know is exciting to participate in. If this region is to have a co-ordinated Junior Development programme it is absolutely essential that the people who are working in the schools and clubs in the region let me know who they are and what they are aiming to do. Through this central position it would be possible to help you find teams of a similar age/ability range to play. We can give guidance on setting up competitions whether one day events or league, we can provide cups medals and/or pennants 'if you tell us' what you are intending to do.

The executive is in a better position to negotiate funding for events from the Sports Council, they were prepared to give us over £300 towards the expenses of the Summer Camp 1981. If you do not come out and yell at us to let us know you are there, what you are doing and what you want us to do there is no way we can help. I have heard of SWVA being credited with many extraordinary skills but mass telepathic communications is not yet numbered amongst them. If things as they are do not suit your needs and requirements don't just sit there and knock the efforts of others get off your backside and tell us to our faces what you want.

Sue Sessions.

## AREA REPORTS

### POOLE AND DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

There was a marked improvement in the running of the Poole Leagues this season. This was due to the tightening up of the Associations rules.

From a total of 142 matches in 3 divisions, 2 games were cancelled, 10 had incomplete teams and 5 clubs failed to provide officials. This first Division was won again by OES Portsmouth Hoy, the second by Telephone Sports B and the qualifying Division by Thumpers Ladeis. In the Knock out Cup Competition, the Superwed Cup was won by Teleports A and the runnersup were Poole Thumpers.

A referees course was held locally and 18 persons passed the exam. At a referee's seminar held in april, talks were given by Brian Jones and Jeff Brehaut.

To raise money for the R.N.L.I a contest was organised at the Poole Sports Centre. From Poole, OBC, Telephone Sports and Kemp Welch / Thumpers met A.U.W.E, Winfrith and Osprey from the Weymouth League. Teams were sponsored for points scored, and OBC won with 123 points scored in 65 minutes.

The Association was fortunate to obtain sponsorship this year from C.R.S. Southern Ltd and this should help to kee down the cost of league matches which are held at the Poole Sports Centre every Thursday.

For future development, notices have been placed in the local papers and invitations sent to the teams taking part in the recent R.M.A. volleyball competition to join the league.

At the recent Executive Committee Meeting concern was shwon at the E.V.A.'s ruling that all local league players should be registered with the EVA. A proposition was made and seconded to be put before the P. & D.V.A. A.G.M. that 'all players be encouraged to register', but the area would not enforce this was we thought it would hinder the developkent of volleyball in the area. Indignation was made at the comment in the Chairmans letter printed in the E.V.A. Newsletter referring to the 'parasites living off the back of genuine volleyballers'.

P. Pinhorne. League Secretary.n

### WEYMOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

This season the emphasis has been on the production of a more even level of competition in the league. Thus allowing inexperienced teams from Division Two to be promoted without the difference in standard being insurmountable.

To this end two of the better Weymouth local league sides, the Fire Brigade and A.U.W.E, each amalgamted with their respective second division teams to provide two evenly matched Division 1 teams. It was hoped that this alone would produce a 'diluted' First Division.

South Dorset Technical College (A) and Wyke Youth Centre were duly promoted and new teams from Post Office, Broadway School, All Saints School and S.D.T.C swelled the Second Division.

In the Ladies league newcomers Nimrods narrowly beat Osprey to take the title at thier first attempt. The thriving Osprey club also entered a new team comprising of Wrens.

With the ladies Division finished, the mens second division decided, only the Mens First Division is in contention, Winfrith(A) having all the work to do to pip Grammar (A) at the post.

The League's annual tournament although not the largest entry ever, was well organised by Chris and Terri Brook, Grammar beating A.U.W.E Singray in the final.

The E.V.A. Referee's course has been cancelled due to lack of support but it is hoped to run another in July.

The league has its presentation evening and disco in June, this year being held at the Portland Heights Hotel.

Last but very far from least the league executive committee has taken on the finals of the South West Championships at Weymouth on Sunday June 6th 1.30 p.m.

Nigel Apsey. (League Secretary).

#### N. GLOUCESTERSHIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION.

We are in our second year of existence and our second season of inter-club competition. At our last AGM new officers were elected and our committee is as follows

Chairman	Rod <sup>Ireland</sup> <del>Jenkins</del> (Doubleview Volleyball Club)
Secretary	Dereck Williams (Breakaways (Cheltenham) V.C.)
Competitions Secretary	John Rainey (Breakaways (Stroud) V.C.)
Treasurer	Jerry Spear (Brockworth School)
Publicity Officer	Vacant. Austin Latham <span style="float: right;">Vice Chairman Fred Lavin (Secretary)</span>

Our league has only one division this year instead of the two of last year. (Mens league and mixed/ladies league) and has ten teams in it.

Matches are played at local school sports halls and gymnasias which are of varying standards. In my opinion only Beaufort Sports Centre is up to EVA standards. Some of the halls have carpet flooring, some are too small while others have obstructions above the court.

Most, if not all, teams have their own halls, but most borrow nets and posts from the schools whose halls they hire. The nets are not too bad but are usually well used and worn.

Match officials are taken from the members of the various clubs and we have a rule that they should be neutral officials. The officials are of varying degrees of competence, some have certified qualifications other do not.

Most teams have team strips and two of our clubs play in South West Mens Division II (Churchdown men and Brockworth) with one team in the ladies division (Churchdown).

The overall standard of volleyball in North Glos is, in my opinion, improving although it is a fairly low standard and need further improvement.

We need better facilities. Apart from Beaufort Sports Hall there is Gloucester Leisure Centre, Cotswold Sports Centre (Cirencester) and Stroud Leisure Centre (used by Stroud league) in the area but they are expensive to hire and are usually fully booked up, The School halls and gymnasias are, as I have already said, not up to EVA standard.

We need courses in Coaching and Refereeing and other courses which would improve the playing standard of our members although, as always, it proves difficult to get people together on any particular day to attend these courses.

Outside our own area apart from the two local clubs who take part in the South West League two clubs have accepted the invitation from the Guernsey Volleyball Association to go to the island and play against their teams. The two clubs were Breakaways (Cheltenham) and Churchdown. Also the town of Cheltenham has a twin town sports exchange with Annecy in France (Haute-Savoie province) and two of the NEVA teams will be going there next October to play against teams from the Gillette factory in Annecy. Our teams are again Breakaways and also Cheltenham Fire Service, who will also play against Annecy Fire Service.

Deryck Williams. Secretary. N.Glos. V.A.

## JERSEY VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION.

President	Roy Hearne
Secretary	Denis Le Breuilly
Treasurer	Ben Shenton
Press Liaison:	
Division 1	John Lakeman
Division 2	Ben Shenton
League Secretary	Bill Young
Officials Organiser	Dick Vinen
League Sponsors	Le Masurier's (The Wine Merchants)

This is the third full year for the Le Masurier League. In the first two years nearly all administration was by its instigator Denis Le Breuilly, but a ter what, by comparison with last year's regional reports, was a well attended A.G.M. a much fuller administrative structure was developed. The aim is still to keep developing which is realistic for the Island. There is still a lack of sufficient committed administrators and any real depth of coaching expertise, but the progress made in the last three years has been excellent.

Resources for the sport are good, though there is strong competition for the time available in the two major Sports Halls at Le Rocquier and Quennevais which are both excellent venues. Matches are also played at the Fort Regent Sports and Entertainment complex where it is also possible for clubs and groups to hire courts on a casual and hourly basis. Equipment at the Sports Halls has been supplied by the Education Committee (Sports and Recreation) and Fort Regent has excellent equipment and facilities for all sports to make it a major centre of European renown. In addition equipment is provided in the other secondary schools on the Island and the sport is gradually being introduced to the curriculum.

The degree of instruction in the schools is limited by the lack of teaching staff of sufficient expertise, though some have taken Teachers' Award and Preliminary Coaches courses and are doing an excellent job to try and encourage the game. The often talked of 'Award Scheme' would we believe provide the necessary impetus for major development and much greater availability of film and video would be of considerable help, particularly as we have little chance of regularly viewing top class games on the Island.

If volleyball is to continue to develop in the Island it is important that we receive competition from visiting teams. It is hoped that teams will consider Jersey for weekend breaks and end of season tours. Matches have been and can be arranged on the Island, occasionally with French opposition, and it is possible to take a day trip to Gurnsey where the Association is also active.

At the time of writing Travel are quoting for package tours and any club interested are asked to contact Chris Evans for initial travel enquiries. If you feel their prices compare favourably please use the firm as our Association has negotiated a commission for each player brought to the Island. Visits from teams are untimately bound to raise the standard of our game and we believe Jersey is well worth visiting. Our most recent visitors Amicale de Rapprochement Cultural Euro-Arabe are eager to return with their coach Brian Masterman (formerly of the Portsmouth area) and Guest England players Martin Bart and Ashley Cullen.

Press coverage has been good for any visiting side and we have received very good weekly coverage for league matches, with articles in both the Jersey Evening Post and the Informer. The recent introduction of Jersey Radio has been a boon with good coverage of fixtures and results as well as news items like our appeal for ladies of 6'5"! We have also received coverage from Channel Television.



The press have given due credit to our league sponsors Le Masurier and the sponsors of our Cup competition Hofmeister Lager (G.E. Brown and Co Ltd - Wine and spirit merchants). The sound basis of the Association and indeed the finance on which it was initially established is due in no small measure to the league sponsors. In addition the J.V.A. have followed a policy of individual membership affiliation and this has worked very well.

Club affiliation to the E.V.A. is encouraged, but the affiliation of individual players is a different question since we cannot easily become involved in Tournaments, National League etc. Next year we hope to encourage a far higher level of E.V.A. affiliations.

Also next season we hope to establish a Mixed Division to increase the number of lady players, at present they are far out-numbered by the men. If we are to develop the league there will obviously be vast increases in costs and some further fund raising is envisaged. Such development would also require more referees and it is hoped to organise a course before the season commences or very early in the year. Though limited in numbers the local referees have proved efficient and have shown an eagerness to discuss rule interpretations and to raise their standard. The previous referees course was generously financed by the Sports and Recreation section of the Education Committee who have always proved very helpful in financing coaching courses etc.,

The league champions for the 1980 - 1981 season were:

Division 1	Eastern Volleyball Club
Division 2	Beeches 'D'
Junior League	De La Salle College.

Winners of the Hofmeister Lager Trophy Competition held between September and Christmas 1981 were Jersey Fire Service. At the time of writing Fire Service lead the present Division 1 and look set to take the championship for the first time. Four of the ten teams in Division two lead the championship, namely Ladies, Moorestown, De La Salle 'A' and Britt Ekland's Legs !

The league season culminates with Inter-insular matches against Guernsey. Both Islands began development of the game at about the same time and two years ago the Volleyball tournaments were initiated by Denis Le Breuilly and Steve Le Poidevin the respective secretaries. In the inaugural matches held in Guernsey Jersey took both the 'A' and 'B' team titles. Last year in Jersey the results were reversed with Guernsey coming back from 2-0 down in the 'A' Match. Jersey replied with a win in the first ever ladies inter-insular. The scene is once again set for this year's 'friendly rivalry' with matches to be played at Beau Sejour in Guernsey on May 29th. Plans are also in hand for the introduction of a junior inter-insular.

With developing administration, rising standards of play and increasing player involvement the future of the association appears to be sound. With good foundations laid and hopefully more visits from visiting teams Jersey volleyball should go from strength to strength

#### SWINDON AND DISTRICT LEAGUE 1981/82.

The league season has just finished with Watership Clowns taking the league title.

A very successful Referees Course was run at RAF Wroughton with 15 participants, all of whom passed the final examination.

However from a development point of view the season was very disappointing. Various proposals were put forward such as

- ) Establishment of a County League and amalgamating Amesbury and Swindon.
- ) Inter-League Tournament between Amesbury and Gloucester
- ) End of season social occasions.

Due to lack of support none of them got off the ground.

The league cup was contested by only two teams this year, Swindon and Watership, won by Swindon. This was the first year that all league teams had not taken part. No indication from the missing teams (all RAF- has been received as to why they did not enter

There is some doubt as to whether the league will run next year as the present committee of D Kinder and K Denton are retiring at the next AGM. Dave Kinder wishes to devote more time to developing Volleyball in the Pewsey area and Ken Denton would to devote more time to the Juniors in the Swindon Club. Therefore unless members of all other league clubs are prepared to do some work the league may not restart in 1982/83.

Naturally this would be extremely disappointing and every effort will be made to continue

Finally on a brighter note we have heard of the formation of Calne Volleyball Club and offers of help to them have already been made by the League Committee.

#### Forthcoming Events.

As part of the Thamesdown Hambro Festival at Hambro Volleyball Tournament takes place on Sunday 13 June 1982 at Wroughton, Swindon. Prior to that on Friday evening 11 June the England U20 side will play Wales at the Oasis Leisure Centre. The England side have agreed to stay on and take part in the Tournament on the Sunday.

### AVON VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

#### ANNUAL REPORT

The 1981/82 season is now at a close, with twentythree teams having took part, in Mens, Ladies and Mixed Leagues.

The season on the whole was not too bad, but there were certain bad sports especially where keeping fixture dates was concerned. However, with the newly elected and much stronger Executive Committee, we will no doubt put an end to these small problems.

Last season also saw the forming of the Avon Volleyball Association, a move without doubt in the right direction. We have also taken steps recently in a development programme with a six week course for beginners, being run at the Easton Sports Centre. This will take place some time in June/July 1982. It is also hoped that we can develop further by running similar courses in areas such as Bath, Keynsham and Weston super Mare. The hope eventually is to run leagues within these areas, or cater as Avon for these area

Last season also saw another coaching course run successfully, with a very strong possibility or a referees course being held this year.

Finally, it is hoped that the Avon League can attract teams to enter this coming season from in and around Avon.

G. Greer. League Secretary.

### SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

#### Coaching Secretary - Annual Report

The development of our coaching programme for the year 1981/82 has achieved varying levels of success. At grass roots level there has been some extremely encouraging progress with both Cornwall and North Devon, amongst others, beginning to develop.

The situation regarding courses in more established 'volley balling' areas of our region is less encouraging. My records show that the current year's programme of courses was scheduled to include 1. Player Improvement, 3 Teachers' Award, 2 Preliminary Award, 1 Club Coach and 1 Advanced Coach.

Of this programme, only 2 Teachers' Award, 1 Preliminary Award and 1 Club Coach have taken place. At the time of writing the Advanced Course has had poor response but looks as though it will run. Its viability has not been helped by the recent announcement that Advanced Award Courses are planned for London and Leeds later this year. At the beginning of =982 the South West course was the only one in the diary.

I think there are two major factors affecting the response (or lack of it) to our programme. The first is clearly the heavy league fixture programme to which our more senior players find themselves committed. Since the majority of our prospective coaches are active players, we must choose the timing of our courses carefully so as not to clash with league commitments. It may even be necessary to avoid the league season completely.

Another factor which could have a bearing on the response to courses in our more established areas is a levelling out of the growth curve. It appears that the period when courses could be arranged with confident expectation of filling them has subsided (temporarily I hope). Perhaps we now have to wait until sufficient demand has been declared.

All these aspects will be taken into consideration when preparing next year's programme, but it would help if any person or region with a need for coaching course or courses could make it known as soon as possible so that the coaching diary can be compiled in good time.

I finish with two pleas. The first is to all coaches in the region who undertake courses independently of our central administration. Please let me know, in advance, so that I can be sure we have a co-ordinating programme and to avoid overloading some areas. Secondly, I would ask all holders of the Teachers' Award to take advantage of the new Award Scheme for youngsters. Full details are available from the E.V.A. Office and the scheme should be great for arousing interest in the schools wherein lies our future.

A.E. Mosley.  
Regional Coaching Administrator.