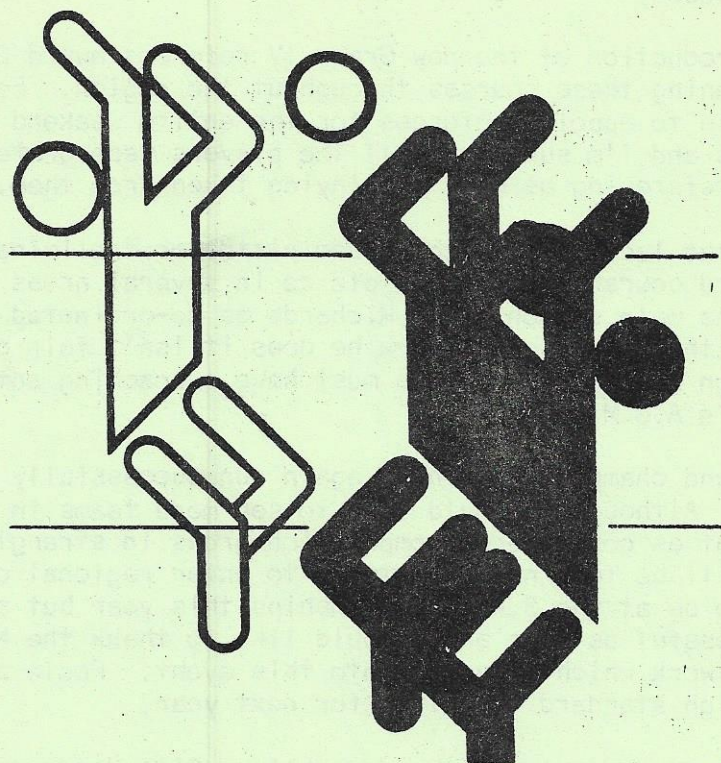


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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is pleasing to look back on this season and see growth and development within stability. Once again the number of affiliated clubs and registered players have risen, county and area association have, in general grown stronger and development at junior level has begun to take off. The stability of the area / county association has helped to improve the planning of courses so that far more of the courses planned have actually taken place this season.

With the introduction of the new Grade IV referees award Brian Jones has been very busy running these courses throughout the region. For the first time Brian was able to appoint referees for the entire weekend of the S.W. championships and I'm sure that all the players were grateful to have the 'burden' of refereeing as well as playing taken from them.

In spite of the lack of a coaching administrator Preliminary Coach and Teachers Award courses have taken place in several areas particularly since the end of the main season. Ron Richards as co-ordinated the courses this season but with all the other work he does it isn't fair of us to leave this job resting on his shoulders. We must have a coaching administrator appointed at this year's A.G.M.

The leagues and championships have again run successfully under the direction of Ian Loke. Although I would like to see more teams in the S.W. leagues. I suppose that as county/area competition grows in strength it is inevitable that there will be less need for teams to enter regional competition. I was unable to be at the S.W. championships this year but am assured that they were as successful as ever and I would like to thank the N. Devon Association for the hard work which they put into this event. Poole and District have been set a high standard to follow for next year.

This season has seen a lot of hard work from Gill Henderson in encouraging the growth of Junior volleyball throughout the region and in the setting up of the regional U19 squads. This job more than any needs the help of the county/area association and they must help Gill by working hard at the junior age-groups. The amalgamation of EVA and EVSA has obviously had its effect with out junior registrations rising by well over 200% but where are these players for the junior competitions?

Early in the season the SW Association showed its expertise in running a major event to millions of T.V. viewers with the staging of the very successful France v Sweden match at Bath.

With the very real prospect of having sponsorship for our leagues and major competitions next year everybody from regional administrations to club secretaries must start to work hard to advertise volleyball both prior to and following matches. we've still got our fingers crossed at the moment but if the money comes we must make sure it keeps on coming.

Once again my thanks and congratulations go to all those who work so hard to make South West Volleyball so successful, the regional administrators, committee members, county/area secretaries, coaches etc, and a special mention to the Regional Secretary Ron, who strings it all together with such vigour and success.

W. Martin.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

In 1969 a meeting in Taunton set up a very small SW regional volleyball association with just a handful of clubs. The major force in this development were George Reynolds of the SW Sports Council and the late Reg Tingley.

I begin this introduction in order to make a few points about the development of our association. Firstly what we continue to owe a great deal to the Sports Council - both at national level with its grant to the EVA £160,000 pa) and more particularly in the S.W. The S.W. Sports Council have recently provided a grant of £800 for the development of SW U17 and U19 squads and we may be able to announce a sponsorship deal with a major company in the near future. If that deal is successfully completed it will be due to the efforts of George Reynolds and his fellow Sports Council Officers.

The reference to our early size provides a stark contrast with the large association which has developed - hence these figures.

	affiliated clubs	Registered players
1982/83	89	869
1983/84	90	950
1984/85	116	1,686
1985/86	147	2,158

It is a welcome sign that all of our local association are larger than the original regional association. This has been an important feature of our growth - the development of these association as mature well organised units, taking on many of the responsibilities previously carried out by the regional association.

I mentioned Ray Tingley at the start of the report, his major work in the region was with juniors and I feel that he would have mixed feelings on our progress in this field. The "Ever Thought of Volleyball" campaign has raised interest and in particular has increased our junior affiliations. However, the effect of the teachers dispute has exaggerated the problem of recent years of few entries for our junior competitions. There are however signs that the work of Gill Henderson and of a number of local associations is bearing fruit in bringing young players into the game.

An excellent development this season has been the U19 regional teams - congratulations to the S.W. U19 men who under coach Geoff Allen won the national U19 championship. While Gills ladies showed promise, but achieved no medals.

I am deeply concerned at the failure of the association this season to appoint a regional coaching administrator, but let us hope that this years AGM will see a willing volunteer step forward.

The competition structure has shown growth this season and there appears to be greater efficiency on the part of teams. The SW Championships at Barnstaple showed how much the standard of volleyball in the region has improved - the non national league teams from the mainland and Jersey showed a standard which would have earned them a high national league place five years ago.

Our officials continue to provide us with a much higher standard of refereeing than can be found in most regions - for this all credit to Brian Jones our officials secretary. Please help him by persuading your club members to take part in referees courses and become active referees.

My thanks go to the SW Executive Committee for their hard work and to all the officers of the area association for their important contribution to the growth of volleyball in the S.W. Do come and join us and help develop volleyball.

Ron Richards Secretary S.W.V.A.

SECRETARY'S EXPENSES ACCOUNT

Postage	£389.50
Typing	101.85
Stationery	98.59
Printing	52.41
Telephone	27.30
Typewriter contract	25.87
Presentations	31.62
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COACHING SECRETARY'S REPORT

At present there is no appointed Coaching Administrator for the region.

I have organised courses for areas where requested by areas and other bodies. To my knowledge these are the courses that have taken place or are due to take place.

June 1985	Teachers Award Course.	Bristol University.
September 1985	Coaching Seminar with Gerard Swarz	Bath
February 1986	" "	Plymouth
May 1986	" "	Bristol University
May 1986	1 day coaches seminar with Keith Nicholls	Bristol.
June 1986	Preliminary coaches award Course	Poole
June 1986	" " " "	Gloucester.

We hope that a series of development courses can be offered around the region in the coming season.

It is also hoped to offer the new Community Sports Leaders Award early in the new season.

We desperately need to appoint a coaching secretary/administrator - volunteers please ? ;

Ron Richards.

OFFICIAL SECRETARY'S Report

Another season come to an end and from a personal point of view a successful one. I have had the opportunity to referee a number of International Matches and a match in the European Cup and I would like to thank the Referees Commission for these appointments.

Another 46 referees have joined our ranks through courses in Weston super Mare, Barnstaple and Bristol, I would like to thank Dave Watson, Geoff Giddy and Peter Storey for organising these events.

The experiment of trying to use a non-playing officials pool for the SW Championships was only partially successful due to clubs who nominated referees not producing them on the day which meant that clubs who had paid for officials had to referee. I apologise for this and will ensure that the Executive take the appropriate action. My other problem was that there was a congestion of events on that weekend which meant that our Grade 1 and 2 officials were committed elsewhere.

It's good to see honours coming to SW officials so congratulations to John Stephens and Dave Jenner on their National K.O. cup appointments and to Dave on his first International appointment at the Ulster Games. To the future, Dave Single an F.I.V.B. referee has moved into the west of the area and will be running courses in Plymouth and Cornwall in the near future. Welcome Dan, you started my off on my refereeing career but I think the SW has forgiven you!

Phil Francis is organising a Grade 4 course in Poole 20/21st July which I will be staffing if you would like to come contact Phil for details. Derek Williams has been trying to organise a course in Gloucestershire so please give him some support.

My fellow countrymen in Wales are always asking me to find referees for them. Remember down there the E.V.A. considers you part of the SW do I can run a course for you. Get in touch!

We could do with courses in Somerset and Wiltshire, if anyone is interested in helping me to organise them let me know.

Many referees complain that they don't get appointment, you must register; with the E.V.A. and let me know that you are interested and I'll give you matches.

I would like to thank everyone for their help over the last year and look forward to a good season.

Brian Jones
SW Officials Secretary.

COMPETITION'S Secretary's REPORT

The 1985/86 season run much more smoothly in all divisions than in 1984/85 and our congratulations go to Torbay Leisure, Exeter University and North Devon Ladies for winning their respective divisions.

For the first time in several years we have returned to the 'two' division system" in the mens section, and with this years entry it looks as if it may have worked with mainly the same clubs playing as last year. Along with Exeter University Amesbury Druids have been promoted, with Cardiff Volts and Beml being relegated to division one.

The General standard of play throughout the season being generally better than last year despite the lack of the National league big guns of Atlas Wessex and Plymouth Rembrandt. Torbay Leisure especially taking the eye as they look set to regain their National League status.

We must also give priase to our other new National League club, North Devon College Ladies. This brings the number of teams the region has in the National League ot its highest ever. Well done teams.

The south west senior championships also proved to be one of the most successful ever with two very good closely fought finals. Stroud overcoming Weymouth Ladies and Weymouth Rembrandt only just beating Atlas Wessex in the mens finals.

Our other major tournament, the interleague tournament was won by Weymouth College, rounding off a very good season with Priory gaining the runners up spot.

I can not put my finger on many bad points over the previous season, except the timing of entry forms after the official closing date. Next year the date WILL NOT be extended.

Ian Loke
SW Fixtures secretary.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

This has been my first full season as Junior Development Officer. I have spent much of this time getting to know people in the region and discussing with them ways of developing and promoting volleyball. Although volleyball in the S.W. is, on the whole, healthy I am warned about the lack of junior clubs and leagues within the region. There is much work to be done in this area next year and with the help of the National Officer hopefully the situation can be improved. The problem has been compounded this season by the teachers action, but I look forward to a fresh start in 1986/87.

South West Junior Championships

The championships were held on the 1st June at Broadstones Leisure Centre, Poole. There was a disappointingly low entry which resulted in the cancellation of the Under 16 event and can extremely curtailed under 20's event. The mens championship was won by Atlas Wessex with runners up Atlas Wessex Under 16's North Devon won the ladies championships with Priory as runner up.

South West Mini volleyball Championships

This event is planned for July 13th at Priory. Hopefully we will have teams from Poole, Gloucester and Bristol at this event. There are four sections. Under 14 girls and boys and Under 12 girls and boys.

South West Under 20 Regional squads.

This season both ladies and mens squads were run. The mens team was very successful, winning the Inter Regional Tournament at Birmingham in April. I feel we must thank Jeff Allen and Dave Watson for the good work they have done with this squad. The ladies squad came together for the first time this year and did well to compete with some of the top English Juniors at the Inter Regional Tournament.

Objectives for next season

- Develop Under 17 boys and girls. South West Squads.
- Consolidate Under 19 mens and ladies squads.
- Increase the number of junior teams and leagues in the S.W.
- Expand the S.W. Mini Volleyball Championships.

Appointment of Squad Coaches

I have received applications from the following :

Under 17 boys - Lynn Allen

Under 19 men - Jeff Allen, Dave Watson.

Under 17 girls) no applications received.

Under 19 ladies)

Chris Perry, Reg Beck have expressed an interest to act as assistant coaches.

Gill Henderson.

Junior Development officer.

WILTSHIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

The first season of the newly formed Wiltshire Volleyball League ended on a high note with a very successful and enjoyable end of season Cup Tournament at R.A.F. Hullavington. Six of the eight teams comprising the league took part in a Round Robin competition of two set matches. Throughout the day teams dropped points and it wasn't until the final match of the day that Swindon 'A' eventually turned out the winners, with Watership Clowns coming second only one point behind. The League title also went to Swindon 'A' and again only by one point but this time from Amesbury Druids.

A very pleasing aspect of this years League season was the high percentage of matches which were hard fought matches with very few easy matches. Obviously an indication of the overall high standard for local league volleyball.

Unfortunately the standard of administration does not match up to the efficient standard of playing. Too many matches are not confirmed beforehand with teams turning up to play optimistically hoping the home team will turn up to play them. I am well aware that nationally, administration is a major problem; but unless local teams can show they are efficient organisations, sponsorship will not be attracted to the sport.

We were disappointed the Player Performance Course was cancelled at the beginning of March. Unfortunately Steve Spooner was called away to America. We hope to run a course in September as a pre-season training day for the newly formed County Mens Squad.

The Association has applied for Area Status from the E.V.A. But is still waiting to hear. We had hoped to run a Tournament at the New Link Centre in Swindon to help publicize the sport but with the lack of grant this did not go ahead. However, we shall be running a short Summer League at the New Centre and hopefully, with a publicity campaign running alongside it on local radio, we will encourage more players in the area.

D. Kinder.

Secretary. Wiltshire Volleyball Association.

CORNWALL VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

At the beginning of the season we staged a one day knockout competition for all the local sides at Carn Brea Leisure Centre. The 'Kerrier Cup' Tournament was sponsored by a grant from the EVA and the Trophies were donated by Redruth Veterinary Clinic and Vet Are - who said that we're all animals? The event was supported by the majority of our local sides and our sponsors were pleased with the whole day's proceedings, RNAS Culdrose defeating Helston in the final.

We have seen a limited expansion in the leagues which was mainly due to some clubs growing in numbers and being able to field two sides with a ladies team as well! However this was marred by the direct effect of the teachers dispute which meant that we immediately lost three sides; two of which were in Division III. leaving only four teams to play each other. Camborne Fire Station 'B' finishing in first place.

It was Helston V.C. who have dominated the leagues this year under the guidance of Tom Fisher, the ladies stormed their league while the men, who didn't lose a match, fell foul of the rules and were placed second below RAF St. Mawgan. The dominance of the Service sides looks well broken now RNAS Culdrose were pushed to 4th place by Hot Rock Raiders. In fact the overall standard of play has increased in Cornwall and we now find Helston moving further afield and entering the SW Leagues, we wish them luck and hope that some of our other teams will follow them in the future.

More recently we have managed to get Dan Dingle involved in our area, starting as the County Ladies Coach he has now volunteered his services as the Junior and Youth Development Officer and has also been elected as Chairman. Have our prayers really been answered?! As if that wasn't enough he is also trying to raise some interest in and around the St. Austell area and also organise a coaching course during the summer.

Cornwall entered the County Cup Competition again this year taking both a mens and a ladies team up to Leeds. Not at full strength because of the cost and distance involved and the En Tout Cas Services tournament held on the same weekend we were somewhat outclassed. However, everyone enjoyed themselves and thought that the experience gained was worthwhile, so we'll probably enter again next year.

In spite of the problems that the leagues have given us this year with teams failing to fulfil their fixtures we have just started a Summer Tournament comprising of a ladies 1-a-side and four small 'pools' of three for the men which will be followed by a cup and Plate positional knockout system.

Russ Jameson
Secretary CCVA.

NORTH DEVON VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Local League

The 1985/86 season could be described as the "year of the Youth" N.D. College broke the domination that Westward Surf had held on the local scene for the previous three years. Their excursions into regional competitions and also National events at college level paid dividends as they won the first division playing accomplished attacking volleyball. Meanwhile in the second division youth also made its mark with the Falcons (ex Park School) sweeping all before them to win by a comfortable margin. The ladies league which it was hoped might form didn't happen due to lack of teams, therefore the girls have had to struggle along within the mens league.

Officials

A referees course was held, ably taken by Brian Jones. 17 people attended and all were successful.

The 'thrown' ball has caused our referees and players problems, with different referees applying various interpretations on the rules governing this trend.

Coaching

No coaching courses for the area as a whole have been held this year although a couple of teams have employed coaches from outside the area on a few occasions.

On the other hand the N.D.V.A has run a basic "teachers" course for mini-volley - this proved to be well supported with 17 teachers from schools within the area attending. It is hoped that this initiative will encourage volleyball to be played in some schools, but with the teachers involved in industrial action, the response has been difficult to ascertain.

Competitions/ Tournaments

Local teams competed in all three regional volleyball leagues with Westward Surf and N.D. College both acquitting themselves well in the Premier and 1st Divisions respectively. However pride of place must go to the girls from the N.D. College who in their first season won the S.W. Ladies league whilst our other representatives in the league the Tawnadoes finished 4th. Teams from N.Devon have also travelled to most of the other tournaments held within the region. Meanwhile back in N.Devon the N.D. College men added our local knockout cup competition trophy to their mantlepiece. The South West Championships were once again held in N.Devon and were much enjoyed by the local participants.

Other Events

The N.D.V.A's close links with the area's Inter-Firm tournament continues with our involvement in officiating at the matches. This has proved to be a valuable source of new players and sometimes teams with those more ambitions wishing to graduate from playing "jungle rules" volleyball. N.D. College enjoyed much success with their entries into the national college competitions. Both men and girls returned home from the Midlands triumphant having won both competitions. As icing on the cake two of the College girls were chosen for representative honours for the England Junior team whilst two of the college men represented the region at U19 level. The season finally drew to a close at our third annual dinner/dance at which our sponsors Xomos Ltd presented the trophies to the winning teams.

G. Giddy

GLOUCESTERSHIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

At our last A.G.M. on 9th October 1985 a new committee was elected and nine teams entered the league for the 1985/86 season. In the present season matches were to be finished by the end of April 1986. This was much earlier than last seasons finishing date and the shortening of the season was an attempt to inject more life into the league and prevent it petering out into an anticlimax with many games unplayed. This had happened in past years.

The new committee was as follows :-

Chairman	Richard Pascall.
Vice-Chairman	Fred Lawson
Secretary	Deryck Williams
Treasurer	Yvonne Hickman
Fixtures Secretary	Colin Chapman
Publicity Officer	Richard Lawson
Schools Officer	Gill Henderson.

League teams this season are:-

Glos Fire Service	Stroud V.C.
Beaufort Allstars	Spirax Sarco
R.A.F. Innsworth	YMCA. 'Y' fronts
Beaufort V.C.	Lydney Interceptors.
St. Pauls & St. Marys College.	

At the time of writing, with the league table not finished, we will probably have a different league winner, that is Glos Fire Service, with last years champions Stroud second and Spirax Sarco, who finished bottom in their first season.. Improving dramatically for third spot.

During the season a friendly volleyball tournament was held at Stroud Leisure centre on 12th January 1986. This was generally a success but in particular it was encouraging that we were able to run a Junior Mini-volleyball tournament. Spirax Sarco were entered this year to represent our league in the SWA INTER LEAGUE TOURNAMENT AT Weymouth on 4th May. Although outclassed they won a game and found the event an experience to play in.

Our Vice-chairman Fred Lawson is running preliminary heats for a Mini-volley all tournament on 8th June 1986 at Beaufort Sports Centre. Entrants in the under 14 and under 12 boys and girls age groups are being invited to compete. This year our annual tournament is to be held on Saturday 28th June 1986 at Northleach. It is planned to hold mens, womens and junior volleyball competitions on the day. Entry fees are £10 for adults and £2 for Junior teams.

Any team interested in entering should write to the C.V.A. Secretary enclosing a cheque (payable to Gloucestershire Volleyball Association)

Finally a survey of people playing volleyball in our Association was carried out and the following results were found.

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Clubs	10	(2 adult 1 junior)	Plahing sessions per week	11
Referees	13	Coaches	8	
Players	Total 175 including 52 beginners (42 adults 10 juniors)			
	Men Over 18	105		
	Under 18	12		
	Women Over 18	54		
	Under 18	4		

It would be interesting to compare these figures in future seasons.

Deryck Williams.

PLYMOUTH AND DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION.

1. The P & D has now reached the total of sixteen teams in its three leagues,

<u>Division I</u>	<u>Division II</u>	<u>Division III</u>
Torbay A	R.N. Plymouth	Kitto Ladies
Kitto A	Exeter A	Mayflower
HM Prison	British Aerospace	Dinaton Sports
Plymouth Poly A	Hill Park A	Torbay Ladies
Kitto B	Plymouth Poly B	Exeter B
		Hill Park B.

In Division I Torbay are currently leading and are not likely to be beaten in that league in their remaining matches.

The Division II, the Winners are Exeter 'A', beating the RN Plymouth team which has been depleted for most of the season, both teams will be promoted to Division I for 86/87 season.

Division III is still undecided with four teams fighting for 1st position, Kitto Ladies and the newly formed Mayflower team, under Mark Jones look the most likely favourites for promotion.

2. The Plymouth and District Championships have been held this year (February 1/2) and a total of twenty teams entered, with two teams failing to turn up on the day, the results are enclosed.

3. BBC television did manage to do a two hour filming session at Kitto's prior to the championships, actual television 'on air time' resulted to some 3 minutes but it managed to get the message over to the public, eight schools are now interested in starting mini volleyball and new players have already contacted the club to register as players, but the publicity resulted in some spectators coming to watch the Finals on Sunday 2nd Feb, in all, the attendance of spectators over the two days reached the 350 mark.

4. The Preliminary coaching course had to be cancelled at short notice due to several applicants dropping out at the last minute, the resulting number expected to attend could not be persuaded to pay the extra costs involved to cover the coaching fees.

5. Discussions have taken place between myself and Brian Jones as to arranging a Grade III referees course for the area, final details will be forwarded when known.

6. An application for a grant has been applied for with the intention of using that grant for the furtherance of volleyball at school level, discussions have also taken place between myself and Plymouth Sports Council and they have pledged their assistance with cash and equipment if and when the mini-volleyball programme commences.

7. So far this season all our targets have been reached, press coverage has been good, Radio Plymouth, BBC television and Devon Radio have all publicised volleyball over the last few weeks. All competitions are running smoothly with the Knockout Cup starting on Monday 10th february, the division 1 and 11 leagues will be completed by the end of March and an Annual Dinner will be held at Kingsbridge for the presentation of all trophies awarded this season.
8. The 1986/87 season looks as if it will have Four Divisions of six (6) teams; in each, an increase of eight teams on this season, but the most promising outcome is the start of a Ladies only Division ! There are currently eight ladies teams wishing to enter a league of their own for 1986/87 season. The P & D leagues for 86/87 could have a total of 32 teams if all goes according to schedule.
9. A mini volleyball coaching course was held at the Kitto Sports Centre on 7 - 11 April and was attended by a total of 36 children in all, varying in age from 8 - 15, the course was organised by the Plymouth Sports Council and conducted by myself, the response was overwhelming, on completion of the course it was agreed that all who wished could attend regular coaching at Kitto's on Saturdays, this has been undertaken and on the first Saturday 12th April 40 children attended.
10. The Plymouth Sports Council has also undertaken to approach Plymouth Schools in the hope of introducing volleyball during their school term, although some difficulty has arisen because of the teachers pay disputes several schools have asked for introductory courses to be given (to date three) and this will be undertaken in the near future.
11. The P & D leagues for the coming season will be decided at the next AGM (Plymouth) but it is even now envisaged that there will be Four Divisions with approximately seven (7) mens teams in each, there will also be a Ladies Only Division with eight (8) teams expected to enter.
12. Looking to the future, with the introduction of Volleyball to the Schools and Youth club organisations within the area and the current Saturday coaching sessions for children, we may be on the verge of starting Junior Volleyball in Plymouth, this would of course depend on the continuing interest of the juniors, support from the Sports Council and if possible, a grant of some sort from the National Sports Council.
13. One point worth closing on is that the Mayflower Sports Centre have started a Friday night beginners volleyball league, this runs over a four hour period, with a total of 20 teams taking part. The interesting point is that not one of these teams are in the P & D Association! With Mark Jones now assisting with coaching at the Centre it is hoped that as these teams progress they will be joining the P & D leagues in future months.

K. Roberts.
Secretary P & D Association

POOLE AND DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

At the time of writing this our season has still not finished (the last league games are scheduled to be played on 5th June). The reason for the extended season is that we have a total of 23 teams playing in 3 divisions. Obviously this is a very healthy situation but it does cause problems trying to fit all the fixtures in.

Apart from its length the season has gone well and congratulations are due to Geoff Allen and his players at Atlas Wessex who are certain to take all 3 division titles. Congratulation too on their promotion to Division 2 of the National League for next season. I am sure that we, as an Association, wish them every success.

Coaching and Junior Development

A Preliminary Coaches Course is set for 6.7.86 At the Royal Marine Camp, Poole. It looks certain to attract over 25 people, including a number of school teachers, which bodes well for future junior development. I could not leave the subject of junior development without mentioning the Tireless efforts of Geoff Allen (that man again!) in this direction. If all goes according to plan we could have a Schools League in the near future.

Refereeing

The standard of officiating in the league has been very high this year with no particular problems reported.

A Grade IV Referees Course has been arranged for 19/20 July at Broadstone Sports Centre, Poole, to be run by Brian Jones. There may be some places available on this course so contact Phil Francis on Christchurch 485294 if you are interested.

On the National League front we now have several Association members regularly officiating at matches.

Competitions

All is in hand for the South West U 20 and U16 Tournaments on 1st June and I am sure they will go well despite the very disappointing number of entries.

Locally the annual K.O. Cup has attracted 13 teams and by the time you read this will be nearing completion.

LEAGUE TABLE - as at 20.5.86.

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>
<u>DIVISION 1</u>						
Atlas Wessex 2	12	11	1	22	3	22
Atlas Wessex 1 =	11	10	1	21	2	20
Telephone Sports 1	12	6	6	12	13	11*
Sorters 'P'	13	5	8	11	17	10
Kemp Welch	12	6	6	13	13	9*
Telephone Sports 2	10	4	6	10	14	6*
Purbeck	12	2	10	6	20	4
Royal Marines	7	0	7	0	14	-4*
<u>DIVISION 2</u>						
Atlas Wessex 3	14	14	0	28	3	28
Forest 1	13	10	3	23	6	20
Ferndown 'A'	14	8	6	17	14	15*
Atlas Wessex 4	12	6	6	14	14	12
Gresham 1	13	6	7	13	16	11*
Atlas Wessex 5	14	4	10	10	20	8
Guys Marsh	12	2	10	7	20	4
O.B.C. Ladies	12	2	10	4	22	4
<u>DIVISION 3</u>						
Atlas Wessex 6	11	11	0	22	1	22
Plessey 'B'	12	10	2	20	4	20
Forest 2	12	6	6	14	13	12
Plessey 'A'	11	5	6	10	12	9*
Longfleet	5	2	3	5	7	2*
Ferndown 'B'	10	2	8	6	17	2*
Sorters 'Y'	10	1	9	3	19	1*

David Ralph
Secretary. Poole and District.

AVON LEAGUE REPORT

The 1985/86 season was an overall success although the season finished with several games in both the men and ladies leagues being unplayed.

With several University and Polytechnic teams involved, fitting all the matches in has been a problem.

Several weeks in a normal season are lost due to examinations and holidays. League secretary Gerry Greer and fixtures secretary Phil Gorton have both given a lot of time and effort to ensure that the final league positions are established. Congratulations go to Bristol University, winners of the men's league and Priory V.C. winners of the ladies league.

The Avon league consists of clubs from as far as Chippenham, Wiltshire and Weston super Mare. The matches are played on a Friday night at Whitchurch Sports Centre, Bristol with five matches each week. Teams not involved in playing officiate on a carefully worked out rota system. A successful referees course held last season will enable all teams to provide a qualified referee for all matches next season.

The 1986/87 season will see the men's league increased by one team, totalling ten, but the ladies league will remain the same, seven teams.

R. Ingley. Chairman.