

## DEVON LADIES SENIORS INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT 2019

This year has been a transition year. Most of the last year's 60s, 65s, 70s squads moved up an age group.

### LADIES OVER 40

No entry – withdrawn 2018

### LADIES OVER 50

Unfortunately the Ladies 50s were unable to fulfil their away fixture in September against Lincolnshire and so will be automatically relegated, despite winning two of their matches.

The team was represented by:

Lesley Woolacott (Exeter, captain), Yvonne Burrage (Surrey), Nell Clotworthy (Ivybridge), Sarah Fielder (Exeter), Amanda Goodison (Exeter), Victoria Goss (Bovey Tracey) and Jackie Nesbitt (Surrey).

The two home matches against Gloucestershire and Suffolk were played at Exmouth Tennis and Fitness. Away matches were in South Wales, Oxfordshire and the unplayed one in Lincolnshire.

We are very grateful for all the work done by the captain Lesley Woolacott in trying to fulfil fixtures and for the support of Jackie Nesbitt and Yvonne Burrage, who travelled from Surrey to play in some matches. Also many thanks to Lesley Woolacott and Ryan Bougourd for running practice sessions for the squad at Bovey Tracey.

Women's 50 Div 2B							
		1	2	3	4	5	6
1	South Wales Women 50		L 2-3	L 0-5	W 5-0	L 2-3	L 2-3
2	Gloucestershire Women 50	W 3-2		W 5-0	W 3-2	W 4-1	L 2-3
3	Oxfordshire Women 50	W 5-0	L 0-5		L 2-3	L 1-4	L 1-4
4	Devon Women 50	L 0-5	L 2-3	W 3-2		W 3-2	L 0-5 (no team)
5	Somerset Women 50	W 3-2	L 1-4	W 4-1	L 2-3		L 1-4
6	Lincolnshire Women 50	W 3-2	W 3-2	W 4-1	W 5-0	W 4-1	

	Final Places	Points	Played	Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1	Lincolnshire Women 50	10	5	19 - 6	38 - 12	76.0%	267 - 140	65.6%
2	Gloucestershire Women 50	8	5	17 - 8	36 - 19	65.5%	249 - 171	59.3%
3	Somerset Women 50	4	5	11 - 14	24 - 31	43.6%	202 - 234	46.3%
4	Devon Women 50 (relegated)	4	5	8 - 17	20 - 36	35.7%	153 - 227	40.3%
5	South Wales Women 50	2	5	11 - 14	25 - 32	43.9%	174 - 237	42.3%
6	Oxfordshire Women 50	2	5	9 - 16	20 - 33	37.7%	179 - 215	45.4%

**LADIES OVER 60**

Unfortunately the ladies 60s squad could not field a team for their first match in Cambridge due to illness and unavailability. Di Horne, ladies captain therefore pulled the team out as defaulting in one match means automatic relegation.

Women's 60 Div 2B							
		1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Gloucester Women 60		L 1-3	L 1-3	W 2-2		L 1-3
2	South Wales Women 60	W 3-1		W 2-2	W 4-0		W 4-0
3	Suffolk Women 60	W 3-1	L 2-2		W 4-0		L 2-2
4	Somerset Women 60	L 2-2	L 0-4	L 0-4			L 0-4
5	<del>Devon Women 60</del>						
6	Cambridgeshire Women 60	W 3-1	L 0-4	W 2-2	W 4-0		

	Final Places	Points	Played	Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1	South Wales Women 60	8	4	13 - 3	26 - 7	78.8%	174 - 88	66.4%
2	Cambridgeshire Women 60	6	4	9 - 7	21 - 16	56.8%	148 - 140	51.4%
3	Suffolk Women 60	4	4	11 - 5	22 - 13	62.9%	161 - 125	56.3%
4	Gloucester Women 60	2	4	5 - 11	11 - 23	32.4%	119 - 174	40.6%
5	Somerset Women 60	0	4	2 - 14	8 - 29	21.6%	103 - 178	36.7%
6	<del>Devon Women 60</del>	0	0	0 - 0	0 - 0	0.0%	0 - 0	0.0%

## LADIES OVER 65

Most of last year's Ladies 65's County Tennis Squad moved up to the 70s and the 65s this year were mainly the 60s squad last year.

The team was represented by Nicki Keele (Sidmouth, captain), Marilyn Barlow (Sidmouth, vice-captain), Ann Bulman (Exeter), Karen Davis (Dartmouth), Joanna Lloyd (Newton Abbot) and Barbara Robillard (Bovey Tracey); also Ann Louis (Exmouth) who helped out playing down for one match.

Playing in Division 1 and having to play singles as well as doubles the squad had a very good season, despite being relegated. They narrowly lost 2-3 in three of their matches, the loss in their final match away to Lincolnshire determined the final league positions.

Home matches against Suffolk, Surrey and South Wales were held at Nuffield Health, Devonshire, Plymouth.

Away matches were at Preston, Lancashire and Boston, Lincolnshire.

Women's 65 Div.1A							
		1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Surrey Women 65		W 5-0	W 3-2	W 4-1	W 5-0	W 4-1
2	Lancashire Women 65	L 0-5		W 3-2	L 1-4	L 2-3	L 2-3
3	Devon Women 65	L 2-3	L 2-3		W 3-2	L 2-3	L 1-4
4	Suffolk Women 65	L 1-4	W 4-1	L 2-3		W 3-2	L 1-4
5	Lincolnshire Women 65	L 0-5	W 3-2	W 3-2	L 2-3		L 2-3
6	South Wales Women 65	L 1-4	W 3-2	W 4-1	W 4-1	W 3-2	

	Final Places	Points	Played	Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1	Surrey Women 65	10	5	21 - 4	43 - 10	81.1%	279 - 141	66.4%
2	South Wales Women 65	8	5	15 - 10	32 - 25	56.1%	235 - 232	50.3%
3	Suffolk Women 65	4	5	11 - 14	25 - 32	43.9%	216 - 239	47.5%
4	Lincolnshire Women 65	4	5	10 - 15	24 - 32	42.9%	213 - 251	45.9%
5	Devon Women 65	2	5	10 - 15	26 - 33	44.1%	223 - 248	47.3%
6	Lancashire Women 65	2	5	8 - 17	19 - 37	33.9%	207 - 262	44.1%

## **LADIES OVER 70**

Last year's Ladies 70s squad moved up from the 65s this year and had a very successful season in Division 2, winning all their matches without dropping a set.

The first match against Cambridgeshire was played at Hills Road Tennis Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> April. The Devon ladies won by 4 rubbers to 0, 8 sets to 0 and 48 games to 14.

The second match against Avon was played at Exmouth Tennis and Fitness on 14<sup>th</sup> July with a similar outcome. The Devon ladies won by 4 rubbers to 0, 8 sets to 0 and 48 games to 5.

The ladies then played Oxfordshire on 11<sup>th</sup> August at Exmouth Tennis and Fitness and again the ladies won by 4 rubbers to 0, 8 sets to 0 and 48 games to 10.

The team travelled to Halton Tennis Centre to play Buckinghamshire on 4<sup>th</sup> September and again won without dropping a set. The final score 4 rubbers to 0, 8 sets to 0 and 48 games to 19.

The team was represented by Ann Louis (Exmouth, captain), Yvonne Cottam (Dartmouth), Jenny Doig (Barnstaple), Linda Knight (Torquay), Anne Tait (Budleigh Salterton) and Di West (Exmouth)

They now look forward to a more challenging season in Division 1.

<b>Women's 70 Div.2B</b>						
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>1</b>	Buckinghamshire Women 70		<b>W 2-2</b>	<b>W 2-2</b>	<b>L 0-4</b>	<b>W 3-1</b>
<b>2</b>	Oxfordshire Women 70	<b>L 2-2</b>		<b>L 2-2</b>	<b>L 0-4</b>	<b>W 3-1</b>
<b>3</b>	Cambridgeshire Women 70	<b>L 2-2</b>	<b>W 2-2</b>		<b>L 0-4</b>	<b>L 0-4</b>
<b>4</b>	Devon Women 70	<b>W 4-0</b>	<b>W 4-0</b>	<b>W 4-0</b>		<b>W 4-0</b>
<b>5</b>	Avon Women 70	<b>L 1-3</b>	<b>L 1-3</b>	<b>W 4-0</b>	<b>L 0-4</b>	

	Final Places	Points	Played	Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1	Devon Women 70	8	4	16-0	32-0	100.0%	192-48	80.0%
2	Buckinghamshire Women 70	6	4	7-9	17-20	45.9%	144-154	48.3%
3	Oxfordshire Women 70	2	4	7-9	14-19	42.4%	110-149	42.5%
4	Avon Women 70	2	4	6-10	15-22	40.5%	120-157	43.3%
5	Cambridgeshire Women 70	2	4	4-12	9-26	25.7%	116-174	40.0%

## LADIES OVER 75

Last year's Ladies 70s squad moved up to the 75s this year.

It has been a tough year for the squad because of injury and illness. Sue Doncaster, a key player broke her wrist and was only able to play one match which was won 4 rubbers to 0.

At the start of the season Middlesex withdrew and so they lost a home match.

All matches had players and reserves at the start of the season but two away matches against Bucks and Warks had to be forfeited due to illness and injury.

Many thanks to Maureen Sowerby for her hard work and very efficient captaincy in dealing with the problems.

The team was represented by Dyls Bradshaw (Plympton), Sue Doncaster (Bideford), Maureen Sowerby (Brixham), Sue Williams (Barnstaple) and Janet Wilson (Exmouth).

Women's 75 Div.1B								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Hants & IOW Women 75		L 2-2	W 2-2	W 4-0	W 2-2		L 2-2
2	Kent Women 75	W 2-2		W 4-0	W 3-1	W 4-0		W 4-0
3	Shropshire Women 75	L 2-2	L 0-4		L 2-2	L 0-4		L 1-3
4	Buckinghamshire Women 75	L 0-4	L 1-3	W 2-2		W 4-0		W 3-1
5	Devon Women 75	L 2-2	L 0-4	W 4-0	L 0-4			L 0-4
6	<del>Middlesex Women 75</del>							
7	Warwickshire Women 75	W 2-2	L 0-4	W 3-1	L 1-3	W 4-0		

	Final Places	Points	Played	Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1	Kent Women 75	10	5	17 - 3	35 - 7	83.3%	223 - 123	64.5%
2	Hants & IOW Women 75	6	5	12 - 8	27 - 18	60.0%	194 - 148	56.7%
3	Buckinghamshire Women 75	6	5	10 - 10	21 - 20	51.2%	168 - 153	52.3%
4	Warwickshire Women 75	6	5	10 - 10	22 - 22	50.0%	174 - 152	53.4%
5	Devon Women 75	2	5	6 - 14	12 - 29	29.3%	112 - 210	34.8%
6	Shropshire Women 75	0	5	5 - 15	11 - 32	25.6%	123 - 208	37.2%
7	<del>Middlesex Women 75</del>	0	0	0 - 0	0 - 0	0.0%	0 - 0	0.0%

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The Devon Ladies practices for the 60, 65, 70 and 75 County teams recommenced in September on the indoor carpet courts at Exmouth Tennis and Fitness. Currently there are over forty five ladies who attend in a pre-planned schedule. We are always pleased to welcome anyone wishing to play for the teams in the future – do contact me if you are interested in getting involved. The teams have really benefited from this regular practice throughout the winter.

Many thanks to the captains for all their hard work this season and especially to Ann Louis and Maureen Sowerby for organising the Exmouth practices.

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