

Masters remain unbeaten

WELLOW Tennis Club's mixed masters team continued their unbeaten start in the Portsmouth and District League when they travelled to Fishbourne and recorded a fine victory by 4 rubbers to 0.

In the first round of mixed doubles both Wellow pairs, Laura Dodington and Sheridan Easton and Simone Arnott and John Moret, won comfortably with identical scores 6-2, 6-0. Wellow's ladies then repeated the score line with a convincing win. Easton and Moret eased through the championship tie-break. This win leaves Wellow with a commanding lead at the top of the Division 1 table.

There was a welcome if somewhat fortuitous victory also for Wellow's Over 45s men's B team in the Hants & IoW Division 4 in their away match against Portswood.

After winning the first set against the Portswood second pair, Wellow's first pair of Adam Johnson and Laurent Watremetz suddenly lost their way and lost out surprisingly in the deciding championship tie-break. Meanwhile Wellow's second pair Richard Millard and John Moret were staring at a defeat against a strong Portswood first pair when one of the opposition suddenly had to retire with an Achilles injury leaving Wellow to win unchallenged by 2 sets to 1.

In the reverse doubles Millard and Moret played well to beat their opposite numbers 6-1, 6-4 whilst Johnson and Watremetz gained a walkover leaving Wellow victorious by 3 rubbers to 1. This second win for Wellow took them to the top of the table.

Wellow's Sarum A team's fortunes took a turn for the worse with a narrow defeat by 3 sets to 5 against old rivals Andover A which was followed by a heavy defeat 0-8 against a very strong Salisbury A team. Despite these defeats Wellow still lie second in Division 1.

In Division 2 of the Sarum league Wellow's B team played their C team with the B team predictably winning by 7 sets to 1. This result sees the B team head the division whilst the C team lie last. Wellow's D team continue to struggle in Division 3 with heavy defeats against Penton, Goodworth Clapton and Chalke Valley A.

Wellow's men's A team and their ladies team in the Hants & IoW leagues lost 0-8 to South Hants and Riverside A respectively.

In the Apsley league Wellow had a fine 8-0 win against Swanmore B. This leaves Wellow third in the second division.