

Busy start to tennis season

WELLOW Tennis Club's summer season is well underway with over twenty matches already completed and another twenty scheduled to be completed before the end of May.

Their Sarum League A team has made the best possible start in Division 1 with a 100% record after three matches with victories over Salisbury A, Victoria Park A and most recently Pythouse A. The Wellow team in this latest match proved too strong winning 8-0 on sets at Pythouse and dropping just 16 games.

Not to be outdone Wellow's Sarum B team entertained Pythouse B in their first match in Division 2 and also recorded a comprehensive win 8-0 with the team of Mark Patience, Paul Goodman, Clare Skinner and Sandra Peckham also dropping just 16 games. Wellow's C team are also competing in Division 2 and the early signs are not encouraging with two defeats so far both by the same score 1-7 against Salisbury B and Alderbury A. Wellow's ladies Elaine Pickering and Jeanette Worsley gained Wellow's only set against Alderbury A in a closely fought drawn rubber 7-5, 5-7.

Wellow's newly formed D team competing in Division 3 of the Sarum league have found the going very tough with two 0-8 defeats against Goodworth Clatford A and Riverside A and a loss 2-6 at home to Penton A where second mixed pair Luciano Filippi and Diane Henderson were Wellow's only winners 6-0, 7-5.

In the Portsmouth and District mixed masters league Wellow top the Division 1 table after victories against Swanmore by 3 rubbers to 1 and against Ryde Lawn 1 by the same score. The latter victory was hard fought against a team that usually tops the table with Gordon Taylor teaming up with Judy Wallis to win their mixed doubles 6-2, 6-2 and second pair Mike Bevan and Simone Arnott winning their mixed 11-9 in a championship tie break. Bevan and Taylor then won a very close men's doubles 7-5, 7-6 with Wellow's ladies just losing out also 9-11 in a championship tiebreak.

In Division 1 of the men's masters league Wellow got off to the best possible start with a fine 4-0 win away to Court X in Southsea. The Wellow ladies masters team in Division 2 lost their first match against Swanmore 1-3. But there was better news for Wellow's Apsley team which started their season with a resounding 6-2 win away to David Lloyd West End.