

# Wellow A team stick tight to league leaders

## Tennis

WELLOW Tennis Club's busy run up to the Christmas break continued with four matches played over last weekend including fixtures for all three Sarum league teams.

There were two victories and two defeats with pride of place going to their Sarum A team who travelled to Pythouse and came away with a convincing win by 8 sets to 0.

The Wellow pairs of Abby Whateley and Kevin Stansfield and Cathy Tarvin and Ben Wallis proved too strong for their opponents in the mixed doubles rubbers and then recorded comfortable victories 6-1, 6-1 in the ladies doubles and 6-3, 6-2 in the men's doubles.

This leaves the A team lying second in the top division behind league leaders Andover.

In the same division Wellow's B team travelled to Andover and despite a valiant fight were unable to achieve a draw losing out by 3 sets to 5.

Rita Hampson and Clare Skinner secured a great victory against the established Andover ladies pair 6-2, 6-4 and Hampson also teamed up with Jose Dignomo to gain a valuable draw in the top mixed doubles 3-6, 6-4. Unfortunately second pair Skinner and Adam Johnson fell short losing 4-6, 1-6 and Dignomo and Johnson lost their men's doubles 1-6, 3-6 against a strong Andover pair.

This leaves the B team fighting to retain their place in the top division with much depending on their two matches against bottom team Pythouse A that are scheduled for February.

Wellow's C team's good recent form in Division 3 continued with a fine win at home to Riverside B by 7 sets to 1. Wellow's first mixed pair - Elaine Pickering and Graham Wallis - dropped a set in their first



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rubber but second pair Caroline Easton and Steve Lynes won comfortably 6-2, 6-3. Wellow then won the men's and ladies doubles for the loss of just seven games. This win saw Wellow move to mid-table.

In Division 3 of the Southampton & District mens league

Wellow's B team entertained a strong Swanmore team currently lying joint top of the division and Wellow were well beaten by 4 rubbers to 0.

First pair Paul Lawrence and Symon Blowers battled hard in both their rubbers and pushed the Swanmore second pair close

but lost out 4-6, 2-6.

Second pair Sheridan Easton and Rich Perkins fared no better although again they played well against the second pair before succumbing 3-6, 3-6. This leaves the B team in one of the two relegation positions with half the matches played.