

VOLLEYBALL

Tough task facing confident Torexe

EXETER-BASED Torexe travel to Bristol tomorrow in the Royal Bank of Scotland National Volley ball League Division 4 South for a three-way fixture with Whitefield and FPS Weymouth.

After four straight league wins, Torexe are joint top of the table and their confidence is high.

But Weymouth are tipped for promotion and Whitefield are always difficult to break down, so Torexe will have to draw on all their renowned reserves of grit and determination to carry on their good run.

They welcome outside spiker Dave Watson back into the squad and hope that Rick Partridge will recover from flu in time to play.

Mariners Weigh Torexe were beaten in both their latest National Girobank South West League Premier Division fixtures at Exeter University.

They started poorly against Bristol University, losing the first two sets 15-11 and 15-9 before improving sufficiently to win the third 15-12.

The fourth set was close with some good rallies, Bristol just ahead at the end to win 15-13 and the match by three sets to one.

Exeter University, much the strongest of the competing sides, won 3-0 against both Torexe and Bristol but Torexe were pleased that they did at last begin to show some good form in their match against the students, scoring many good points.

As the season progresses, the Exeter and District League is beginning to take shape.

In Division 1, Channings Wood have made an excellent start with two wins, the latest a hard-fought match against fellow high fliers CTCRM.

Pre-season favourites Cuba Z failed to win again, this time losing to Ottery St Mary.

In the Second Division the lead is shared between the two Cullompton teams who have identical 100 per cent records.

Culm Vale SC were away to Torexe Possibilities who collapsed after putting up strong resistance in the first set.

Cullompton School went to the Exe Directors and similarly came away with a straight sets win and chalked up the division's first 15-0 whitewash in the second.

Taignton Ladies started their season with a fine win over Beta Blockers which should give the division leaders something to think about.

Results - Division 1: Torexe Teamsters lost to Channings Wood 2-1 (7-15, 15-10, 10-15), Channings Wood bt CTCRM 2-1 (15-12, 15-9, 11-15), Ottery St Mary bt Cuba Z 2-1 (17-15, 15-10, 0-15).

Division 2: Exe Directors lost to Cullompton School 3-0 (13-15, 0-15, 11-15), Taignton Ladies bt Beta Blockers 2-1 (15-9, 15-11, 11-15), Torexe Possibilities lost to Culm Vale 3-0 (12-15, 4-15, 2-15).

Mens Division IV South

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Solent.....	6	4	2	16	7	8
Prory Piermont.....	6	4	2	16	10	8
MGI Wessex.....	6	4	2	14	8	8
Torexe.....	6	4	2	13	9	8
Stroud.....	6	3	2	12	9	6
Whitfield.....	4	3	1	9	7	6
Carshalton.....	4	2	2	7	8	4
Cardiff Volts.....	4	2	2	6	9	4
FPS Weymouth.....	4	1	3	4	9	2
Army.....	6	0	6	3	18	0
Sunward Surf.....	2	0	2	0	6	0

Exeter & District League:

Division 1						
Channings Wood	2	2	0	4	2	6
CTCRM	2	1	1	4	2	5
Taignton Men	1	1	0	2	1	3
Ottery St Mary	2	1	1	2	4	3
Cuba Z	2	0	2	2	4	2
Torexe Teamsters	1	0	1	1	2	1
Torexe Casuals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Division 2						
Cullompton Sch'	2	2	0	6	0	8
Culm Vale SC	2	2	0	6	0	8
Beta Blockers	2	1	1	3	3	4
Taignton Ladies	1	1	0	2	1	3
Torexe Poss	2	0	2	1	5	1
London & Man	1	0	1	0	3	0
Exe Directors	2	0	2	0	6	0