

Top honours for Marshall



■ ANDREW MARSHALL ... picked for World Student Games this year.

MARCH sees the end of another season of National league volleyball for the Exeter based Torexe club.

With one more fixture to play, this has not been one of their better years, having been punctuated by the loss of players who have been unavailable through injury or work commitments.

But in their last home game they were able to field their strongest squad of the year.

The result showed what could have been achieved — two convincing three sets to nil wins against Stroud, who only came down from Division Three last year, and the fast improving Surrey Giants.

One of the main reasons for the good result was the form of

middle hitter Andrew Marshall.

His powerful hitting and solid defensive play has not been available to Torexe for much of the season due to his commitments with Exeter University Volleyball Club, in their successful campaign to reach the UAU Volleyball finals.

But in the games he has played for Torexe, he has greatly boosted the attack and raised general team play.

It was with great pleasure that Torexe heard of his inclusion in the Great Britain volleyball squad for the forthcoming World Student games to be held in Sheffield in July.

The competition for places was fierce and it is a testament to Marshall's skill and determination that he has been able to gain a place in the squad against people from colleges and universities whose players were available to First and Second Division National League sides.

The level of volleyball at the World Student games is very high and should provide a wealth of experience for all those

who take part.

Many of the players will go on to represent the country at full international level and it is hoped that Marshall will do the same after he finishes his teacher training degree course in June this year.

At present much of his time is spent in revision but he is also involved in fitness and mobility work as well as searching for sponsors to help with this summer's expenses.

A mention should also be made of another Torexe player Paul Castle, a student at Exeter College, who went to the same Student Games selection trials.

Although not chosen for the final squad, he did enough to impress all those present.

At 19 years of age, he has only the experience of a handful of National and South West league games played this season for Torexe.

But has had solid coaching from Exeter College coach and former England player Arthur Mosely and must be an outstanding prospect for the future.