

## Somerset Match Captain's Report 2013/4

I am delighted to report that this has been another successful season for the county teams, with very enthusiastic participation throughout. I would like to place on record my gratitude to all those who have represented the county this season.

Somerset won Division 1 of the WECU County Championship, having drawn with Cornwall 8-8 and beaten the other three counties: Devon 10.5-5.5, Gloucestershire 13-3, and Hampshire 8.5-6.5. The victory against Devon was particularly noteworthy, with Somerset outgraded on all sixteen boards.

In Division 2 of the WECU County Championship the under 160 graded team won two matches out of three, losing 8-4 to Devon but defeating Dorset 12.5-3.5 and Hampshire 3.5-2.5. Devon continue to have much greater depth in this section, and have now won the Wayling Cup for sixteen consecutive seasons. I will continue my recruitment drive ahead of next season- please contact me if you know of any other players who would be keen to represent the county!

In the National Stages of the ECF County Championship Minor section, Somerset lost in the Quarter-Finals 7.5-8.5 to Suffolk. This was an extremely tight contest that we lost by the narrowest of margins, and I certainly intend to enter this section again next season (average grade of 180 for a sixteen board team).

Somerset also entered both sections of the 2013 WECU Jamboree. We finished second of three teams in the Open section with 5.5/12. In the graded section one team (loosely themed as "West & North") finished third of five teams with 6/12, while the other team (loosely themed as "Mendips & South") finished fifth with 5/12.

There were noteworthy performances this season from Jack Rudd, who won all five of his county matches, and Gerry Jepps, who scored five out of seven in his county matches.

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