

## **HVA Fixtures Secretary Report 2005-2006**

Issuing and maintaining the fixtures was a challenge this season due to the increased number of teams, but I am sure all will agree that the increased number of games for some of the clubs can only be seen as a positive note.

The quality of score sheets being sent in has improved although I would like to have had 100% compliance on score sheets having the match number. Not knowing the match number is not acceptable, as each team knows the match numbers of all of the games before the season starts.

Those clubs that are sending in results via email straight after the game has enabled me to keep the tables updated fairly regularly. Please note that although sending results via is acceptable the score sheet must still be sent to the fixtures secretary, as this is the only official record of the match.

Whilst it is difficult to stick to the original schedule of games I would like to see more effort from teams to try and honour original match dates. However once a team knows that a match commitment cannot be filled they should inform all involved as soon as they know. This includes the fixtures secretary and match officials where applicable.

This season there were also a number of games where appointed officials did not turn up. If this continues then I suggest that some form of penalty be imposed on the offending club when they are clearly at fault. If on the other hand failure to turn up was due to not being informed of a change of date then the penalty must be applied to the team who had the responsibility for informing the officials.

On a personal note I felt that the process in place for maintaining the league tables this year has been quite successful. On a note of improvement I would suggest that once teams know their court availability for matches or dates throughout the season that they know are not available for matches, they inform the fixtures secretary to assist in the preparation of fixtures prior to the pre-season fixtures meeting.

Finally thanks to all of you who take the time and effort to ensure that match results are submitted on time.

Steve Davies