

Devon Mens Under 25s - Manager's Report

This year Devon were drawn against Somerset in the first round of the National Inter County Double Rink competition the match having been played at Mid Devon on the 19 December 2021. Despite the team's best efforts we sadly lost the match by 7 shots. A match report is on the County web site.

On a positive note the match against Somerset provided an opportunity to give a number of players their first real opportunity of National competition and hopefully this experience will be valuable in future competition.

Having reported something positive sadly I have to highlight a negative and that is the fact that at this time it is likely that at the start of the next indoor season we may only have 8/9 Under 25 bowlers available in total. Clearly this leaves us in a precarious position should one or more of these bowlers not be available for whatever reason.

Since it is likely that other Counties are also lacking or limited in their availability of Under 25 players the DCIBA intend to make an approach to EIBA to determine if the age limit for the National Double Rink competition be raised to 30 which would be in line with the action they have taken in respect to the David Cornwell Club Double Rink with the age limit having been raised from 25 to 30 at the start of this 2021/22 season.

I have informed the County Secretary that I propose to stand down as manager of the Under 25's at the end of this season, however I have given him the name of the person who has agreed to take over this responsibility if approved at the AGM.

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