



MVL NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
MATCH REPORTS

Saturday 24th November 2012

Wessex BU vs London Lynx 2

Result: 25-16 25-13 25-14 (3-0)

Wessex Men returned to league action at Oakmead LeAF on Saturday hosting a visit from London Lynx 2. On a bleak afternoon more suited for indoor sport, a large crowd had already seen the Wessex Ladies secure a 3 – 0 win so the pressure was on the men to do likewise. Team consisted of Dan Hunter (c), Ben Pipes, Kirk Pitman, Carl Butcher, Matt Hunter, Tom Ridge, Andy Clayton, Olly Batt, Lewie Lett, Aaron Walrond, Ryan Palmer and Alex Clare.

Unbeaten Wessex fielded a strong starting six, signaling their intent from the start with some aggressive attacking from New Zealand international Kirk Pitman. With a comfortable lead, coach Vangelis took the opportunity to bring on Alex Clare along with Olly Batt and Matt Hunter. A strong run of serves from GB's Dan Hunter saw Wessex take the set 25 – 16.

The second set followed a similar pattern, with the London coach receiving a yellow card for challenging one too many decisions. Confident blocking at the net from GB captain Ben Pipes, Andy Clayton and Matt Hunter with some good pick ups from Libero Ryan Palmer, ensured the visitors only accumulated 13 points to make it 2 – 0.

Wessex rested Tom Ridge from the third set as he says farewell to embark on his European adventures enabling Aaron Walrond to contribute to a third set win 25 – 14. A comfortable 3 – 0 win sees Wessex remain unbeaten and return to the top of the league with a perfect 6 from 6. MVP's were awarded to Dan Hunter (Wessex BU) and Donnique Mabena (London Lynx 2).