

Wasps Captain's Report 2008/09

As always with this sort of thing, I'd like to thank everybody for their commitment this season, and to congratulate all on a pretty successful one too. We finished the League in third place, only one point behind second!! Well done to all, and I hope everybody enjoyed playing for Wasps this season.

Mens Division 2						
Team	P	W	L	F	A	Points
VK Barnet	12	12	0	36	11	72
Rudolf Steiner	12	7	5	27	19	53
Welwyn Wasps	12	6	6	28	22	52
Watford YMCA	12	7	5	25	23	51
Harriers Hawks	12	6	6	22	27	46
Hatfield Hornets	12	3	9	15	31	33
Vale Volleymen	12	1	11	13	33	27

It's always difficult singling out any individuals, but I do feel the following players merit mention in dispatches:

Rob Parkinson for being the mainstay of our team as always.

Julia Dowsett for some incredible improvement throughout the season, and always being willing to be available to score too.

Likewise, **Simon Pope** came on tremendously, and played a couple of blinding matches.

Helen Parkinson also provided safe hands at the back, some blinding serves, and a sense of calm we always need as a team.

Overall, we did very well, but it has to be said this was sometimes despite ourselves. Wasps have the continuing ability to be a Jekyll & Hyde team, where we can play out of our skins against the top teams (we took VK to 5 sets twice, and they won the Division without losing a single game) and then lose silly games against teams we would wipe the floor with if we played at the same level. For next season, I think we need to try to find some baseline recovery strategy that we can regroup around and recover ourselves (and our belief!) during the inevitable patches in any game when things are not going our way.

Finally I'd like to thank those outside the team who have stepped up when we've needed them, both to play and officiate – special mention must go to **Guy** and **Fiona** who have done a lot of officiating between them.

That's it people – thanks for a good season, and I hope everybody enjoyed themselves. It's somebody else's turn to Captain next year!

Bob Chapman
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