CORNWALL vs. ESSEX

Essex's long trip to St Austell ended in another defeat after such a promising result at home against Hampshire.

The **Ladies 'B'** who've been averaging one-set win per match, drew 3-3, with Leanne Peetoom (22.02) winning 3-1, Jade Gofford (17.48) winning 3-0 and Kerry Rudd (13.10) winning 3-2. Losing out was Karen Williams to Nikki Furse (17.28); Wendy Collins and Ann Farmer.

The **Men's 'B'** started well winning five of the first 8-sets with wins from Jamie Peetoom (26.03) 4-0, Scott Lawrie (25.32) 4-3, Simon Monk (24.74) 4-0, Matthew Garrett (22.93) 4-3 and Lennie Holmes (22.15) 4-2. Martin Hutchings (26.05) beat Michael Pinnington to be Cornwall's man of the match; also losing was Darren Richardson, Ben Adams, Alan Collins, Danny McIntyre, Tony Osborne and Jason Murphy giving Cornwall a 7-5 victory.

Lynn Kelly (15.21) winning 3-2 got the **Ladies 'A'** off to a winning start, but only lady of the match Carol Pinfold (20.31) could secure a win, therefore losing out 2-4, with Karen Breen, Stacey Ellis, Pauline Donat and Donna Gleed who lost to Cornwall's lady of the match Teresa Brookshaw (23.84)

Therefore, the **Men's 'A'** had it all to do and John Costigan (23.29) got Essex off to a winning start, but three losses by Jamie Peetoom, Paul Marsh and Bryan Margerison was followed by a Andrew Kateley (27.45) 4-0 win. An unfortunate loss for Phill Halls in the next set by Cornwall's man of the man Jez Camp (30.21) meant Cornwall couldn't lose the weekend, however, Essex fought hard for a drawn game but came up short. Keegan Brown (28.61), Darren Peetoom (28.73) and Joe Russell (21.88) all won and kept it alive, but Essex lost the final 3-sets from Richie Howson, Andrew Currivan and Bradley Halls, giving Cornwall their first ever victory against Essex, 24-15.

The match will be noted for one-thing for Essex, the Peetoom family of Father Darren, son Jamie and daughter Leanne all winning match awards.

Essex have must win games at home to Devon and away to rivals London in February.