

HAMPSHIRE vs. ESSEX

Essex travelled south to the Bitterne Park Social Club, Southampton for the first UKDA Fixture of 2023.

The **Ladies 'B'** didn't not fair well, losing 0-6; Jade Gofford, Carol Pinfold, Karen Breen, Samantha Stock, Lynn Kelly and Ann Farmer losing out to Hampshire's lady of the match Sue Lowther (23.12).

The **Men's 'B'** won 8-4 with Darren Richardson (26.28) winning the opening set. Jason Murphy lost out to Joe Young (27.15); Rob Donat (25.69), Stuart Wicks (23.95) and Michael Pinnington (26.87) reeled off the next 3-sets. Danny McIntyre lost set-6; Essex's man of the match Bryan Margerison (28.98) won set-7 followed by two losses from Phil Brewster and Jamie Peetoom. Debutant Matthew Good (28.54) got Essex back on track, followed by wins from Simon Monk (25.64) and Andrew Currivan (22.12).

The **Ladies 'A'** drew 3-3 with Sue Waterman (16.52), Karen Williams (20.88) and lady of the match, Stacey Ellis (22.22) the winners. Losing out were Leanne Halls, Donna Gleed to Laura Turner (24.24) and Wendy Collins.

The **Men's 'A'** won 8-4 and gave Essex the weekend win. The match didn't start well with Phil Halls, Bryan Margerison to Aaron Monk (28.88) and Darren Peetoom losing 3 of the opening 4-sets, with Bradley Halls (27.12) winning set-3. Essex then reeled off 5-sets on the trot with wins from Richie Howson (26.45), Wayne Gleed (25.53), Paul Marsh (25.19), Steve Haggerty (27.70) and Keegan Brown (24.60). Ben Adams lost out 3-4 followed with a Lennie Holmes (25.77) win. In the final set, Joe Russell (29.93) came back from 0-3 down to win the man of the match award with a 120 checkout in the final leg to win 4-3; and the weekend 22-17.

Cornwall at Chelmsford is the next fixture.