

BRITISH INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS  
PREMIER DIVISION

ESSEX vs CHESHIRE

Final fixture of the season and relegation threatened Cheshire are our opponents and Essex needed points also, so not to be dragged into a battle for survival on the final day.

The **Ladies 'B'** started well, winning the opening set with a 3-1 victory for Leanne Peetoom (15.98); Sharon Wakeling and Nicky Bewick lost out before Steph Hewson (16.89) won 3-0 and the Lady of the match award on her return to the team. Lynn Kelly (16.16) also won 3-0, but Ann Farmer couldn't find a double in the final set, therefore a 3-3 draw was the outcome.

The **Men's 'B'** raced into a 3-0 lead with wins from Alan Collins (24.74); Craig Vickers (25.57) and Danny McIntyre (22.22). Jamie Robinson lost out 4-2 before Tony Osborne (26.14) won 4-3 and lay claim to the man of the match award; Michael Pinnington (21.86) won 4-2, however Richie Howson and Matthew Garrett lost the next two sets. Lennie Holmes (22.47) and Simon Monk (21.85) won to give the 'B' team 7-sets and the win; Steve Woodside and Michael McCombe failed to win the final two sets; therefore, giving Essex a 10-8 lead going into Sunday's 'A' match.

In the **Ladies 'A'**, Chelmsford's Sue Baker (20.40) won the opening set and the lady of the match award; Wendy Reader lost the 2<sup>nd</sup>-set prior to Donna Gleed (19.03) winning 3-0. Pauline Donat lost out 3-2 after fighting back from 2-0 down; Karen Breen could not find a double; however, Kelvedon's Stacey Ellis (17.89) won the final set to earn a draw.

The **Men's 'A'** could relax, as Essex had enough points and were safe, and won the opening two-sets. Darren Peetoom (29.36) won 4-2 and Phil Halls (24.74) won 4-0; Jamie Peetoom played superb losing out 4-3 against Cheshire's Mick Haynes (29.25); Steve Haggerty (24.99) got Essex back on track winning 4-3; Paul Marsh lost out 4-1 before Phil Brewster (26.54) won 4-1. Steve Johnson lost out 4-3 in a tight contest against Tony Richardson (27.42), before Essex's Player of the Season Andrew Kateley (28.87) won 4-2. Wayne Bloomfield (30.83) won 4-0; but Essex lost the next two-sets with Wayne Gleed and John Costigan both going down 4-1. Essex left the best to last, as Daniel Day (31.12) won 4-2 and claimed the man of the match award and gave the 'A' team a well deserved 7-5 win.

The weekend result was a 23-16 win for Essex and finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the overall table.