

BRITISH INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

GLAMORGAN vs. ESSEX

Essex's visit to the Penydarren Social Club in Merthyr Tydfil was an unlucky weekend for Essex with missed doubles and Glamorgan finishing well, meant a 14-22 loss.

Ladies 'B': Braintree's Carol Pinfold (20.59) got Essex back on track after losing the opening set; however Essex lost the next three-sets before Chelmsford's Wendy Reader (21.33) made it 2-4 with a lady of the match performance.

With five debutants in this game and 4-2 down, going into the **Men's 'B'** was going to be difficult, but the 'B' is a tough bunch of lads and started well. Basildon Q-Ball's Ritchie Edhouse (27.14), on his debut, took the man of the match award with Southend's Jamie Robinson (26.29) following up to level the overall scores. Essex lost the next 4-sets which included debuts by Walton's Darren O'Neill (24.55) and Brentwood's John Costigan (24.46), before taking the next 4-sets with wins from Colchester's Eddie Gosling, Riverside's Sam Lepley, Walton's Bryan Margerison (26.65), another debutant and Orsett's Michael McCombe. Springfield's Alan Collins lost out in a close match and Romford's debutant 16-year-old Shaun Lovett (24.63) lost the final set leaving Essex 8-10 overnight.

The **Ladies 'A'** did not have their normal start with Clacton's Viv Dundon (20.54) winning 3-1 being their only victor; I'm sure that will make them more determined next month, as they won't want to relinquish their title. It's also worth noting that this weekend was Maureen Smee's 100th game as the Ladies Manager.

The **Men's 'A'** with much to do to save the weekend gave it their all; Southend's Mick Peel (29.50) took the opening set with a man of the match winning performance; Basildon's Phil Halls (28.13) and Craig Vickers both lost out. Brentwood's Steve Johnson (29.04) won four straight and Springfield's Phil Brewster was also victorious; Essex needed all remaining sets for a draw, but it wasn't to be as Orsett's Liam Pender (25.00) and Springfield's James Allison (26.09) both lost out; James losing to David Neads (29.04), Glamorgan's man of the match. Riverside's and Essex's most capped player, Barry Adlam (27.79), won his 100th 'A' game in style, and this was followed by captain Darren Peetoom (29.47) 4-0 triumph. Unfortunately that was the last of the Essex wins, as the 'A' went down 5-7.

A big thank you to all the Glamorgan squad for making Essex welcome and apart from the result, a great weekend