

BRITISH INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS PREMIER DIVISION

ESSEX vs GLAMORGAN

Chelmsford Social Club played host as Essex took on Glamorgan.

The **Ladies 'B'** drew 3-3 as all the games went with throw; debutant Tracy Newman (14.39) got off to a winning start with a 3-2 victory; Sharon Wakeling out lost 3-1 before Dawn Kennedy (19.25) recorded her first ever win with a lady of the match award performance. Nicky Bewick won 3-1 splitting two defeats by Leanne Peetoom and Sandra McElroy.

The **Men's 'B'** rattled off the first 4-sets with victories from Michael McCombe (24.70), Wayne Bloomfield (26.72), man of the match John Costigan (27.60) and Richie Howson (27.19). However, Glamorgan seemed to up their game as Essex suffered for the second game running a 7-set losing sequence with Matthew Garrett (1-4), Mike Hancocks (3-4), Alan Collins (1-4), Simon Monk (0-4), Mark Chapman (1-4) Bryan Margerison (2-4) and Steve Woodside (1-4) all losing before Joe Russell (24.48) won the final set, B's losing 5-7. Essex were still in the match by only being 10-8 down going into Sunday's fixture.

The **Ladies 'A'** drew 3-3, Donna Gleed lost the opening set 3-1; Sue Baker (17.13) won 3-2; Wendy Reader lost 3-1 which was then followed by wins from lady of the match Stacey Ellis (21.05) and Pauline Donat (18.52), before Karen Breen lost the final set 3-0.

The **Men's 'A'** started well with Canvey's Phil Halls (27.56) laying claim to the match award from the off. Wayne Gleed lost 4-2 followed by a hard fought 4-2 triumph from Daniel Day (23.35); Tony Osborne and Steve Johnson were beaten 4-2 & 4-1 respectively, but both games could so easily have been reversed if those elusive doubles had hit home; John Costigan (27.11) won his second game of the weekend; however, that was it, as Essex lost the final 6-sets from Paul Marsh (0-4), Phil Brewster (1-4), Jamie Peetoom (3-4), Darren Peetoom (3-4), Craig Vickers (1-4) and Andrew Kateley (2-4) giving Glamorgan a 9-3 victory.

An overall 25-14 defeat leaving Essex 10th in the table and an away fixture against West Midland on the first weekend of December.