

# BRITISH INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS PREMIER DIVISION

## LANCASHIRE vs ESSEX

Essex's latest Premier BICC fixture against Lancashire in Wigan was a game of missed opportunities and missed doubles as Essex were unlucky to be on the end of such a heavy defeat.

The **Ladies 'B'** gave their all but lost 2-4; Lynn Kelly won the 2<sup>nd</sup> set 3-1; Charlotte Halls came back from 2-nil down to draw level but just couldn't see out the 5<sup>th</sup> leg, Wendy Reader (17.15) was lady of the match.

The **Men's 'B'** were well matched with Lancashire, however Essex's finishing power deserted them at crucial times, losing out in three sets on the 7<sup>th</sup> leg; four sets in the 6<sup>th</sup> leg and 3-legs with a 27 plus average. Winning only 2-sets in the game, Liam Pender winning 4-2 and man of the match Shaun Walsh (25.62) winning 4-1.

The **Ladies 'A'** stay top of the table with a superb 4-2 victory; Braintree's Amanda Dodd (21.47) got the team off to a great start and claiming the lady of the match award; Rayleigh's Sue Condon won 3-2, before Donna Gleed lost out to world champion, Lisa Ashton. Clacton's Viv Dundon took the next set 3-1 which was following by a superb Stacey Ellis (21.28) triumph. Sue Baker lost out 3-2 in the final set.

The **Men's 'A'** lost the first 3-sets 4-3, Phil Halls in the opening set came from three down to level it but couldn't claim the 7<sup>th</sup> leg; Wayne Gleed and Rhys Hayden were the others losing out; Rhys the unluckiest loser against world champion Steve Bunting. Springfield's Darren Peetoom (30.24) got Essex's first point on the scoreboard; Shaun Lovett was another to lose out 4-3; with Colchester's Eddie Gosling (28.23) continuing his rich vein of form with a 4-0 victory; Phil Brewster lost out 4-3; Springfield's Alan Collin won 4-2 before Brentwood's Steve Johnson (31.81) claimed another man of the match award with a 4-0 win. Saffron Walden's Wayne Bloomfield won the final set 4-3 for a 7-5 loss.

The 26-13 defeat sees Essex drop to 5<sup>th</sup> place 4-points behind our next opponents, Cambridgeshire at Chelmsford.