

BRITISH INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS PREMIER DIVISION

ESSEX vs LANCASHIRE

Chelmsford Social Club hosted second verses third in this Inter Counties Premier Division fixture.

The **Ladies 'B'** lost out 2-4, with Wendy Reader (Chelmsford) and Southend's Steph Hewson the Essex winners; Steph was lady of the match with an 18.65 average.

The **Men's 'B'** battled out a hard fought draw with Southend's Stephen Hardy getting Essex off to a good start winning the first set. It wasn't until set five that Essex earned their next point with Basildon Q-Ball's Ritchie Edhouse on his return to the team claiming the man of the match with a 30.83 average; Tilbury's Liam Pender won the sixth-set to pull Essex level. Brightlingsea's Tony Osborne (25.52) won the 8th set 4-3; Walton's Scott Lawrie the 10th set 4-1 and Michael McCombe (Tilbury) gave Essex the draw in the 11th set.

The **Ladies 'A'** was a great game and advert for ladies darts; World champion, Lisa Ashton (22.49) got Lancashire off to a winning start against Chelmsford's Sue Baker; Southend's Donna Gleed (20.14) levelled the match; both the Kelvedon ladies, Lynn Kelly & Amanda Dodd were unlucky to lose out; Southend's Sue Waterman (20.82) back in the 'A' team took the 5th set and the lady of the match award; and Kelvedon's Stacey Ellis (19.25) remains unbeaten this season to give the ladies a superb drawn game.

The **Men's 'A'** didn't have the best of afternoon's losing out 3-9; Brentwood's Steve Johnson (27.29) and Riverside's Rhys Hayden (27.39) were the winners in the first six-sets. In the second half only Stephen Hardy (31.31) managed a victory and with the joint highest average in the Premier over the weekend.

With Lancashire winning 25-14; Essex drop to 4th place in the table, 2-point behind Cheshire and 3-points ahead of Warwickshire.