

BRITISH INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS PREMIER DIVISION

LINCOLNSHIRE Vs ESSEX

The Trip to Gainsborough confirmed the end of Essex's 27 years in the BICC Premier division, as the squad faced a Lincolnshire team who were to finish 3rd.

The **Ladies 'B'** lost 4-2 with Braintree's Rebecca Farmer (16.61) winning the opening set and the lady of the match award; Canvey's Steph Hewson won the other set; this result meant that they finish 10th with 18-points.

The **Men's 'B'**, who had only a year previous lifted the title, lost out 7-5 with Joe Russell (Springfield) on his senior debut claiming the man of the match award with a 4-3 win (25.56 average). Also winning were Chelmsford's Matt Garrett (25.29), Brentwood's Tommy Wilson (24.97), Colchester's Eddie Gosling (23.11) and Springfield's Jamie Peetoom; the Men finished 6th with 52-points.

Going into Sunday 11-7 down, the **Ladies 'A'** won the opening set from Kelvedon's Lynn Kelly (18.29) 3-2, with team-mate Stacey Ellis (21.78) winning the 5th set 3-0 and the lady of the match award, her 7th of the season; the ladies finishing 10th with 14-points.

The **Men's 'A'** found themselves five sets down before Brightlingsea's Tony Osborne (24.79) stopped the rot winning the sixth-set 4-2. Promoted from the Saturday's match, Tommy Wilson (23.54) won 4-2; Clacton's Wayne Bloomfield (29.16) won 4-2, and finally winning 4-1 and claiming the man of the match award was Brentwood's Steve Johnson (31.14); leaving the men in 8th position with 53-points.

Overall a 26-13 defeat and finishing rock bottom with 138-points and 23-points away from safety.