

# BRITISH INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS PREMIER DIVISION

## WARWICKSHIRE vs ESSEX

Our visit to Coventry didn't go to plan as Warwickshire extended their lead over Essex to 11-points.

It wasn't for the want of trying, the **Ladies 'B'** had chances to win their match; Nicky Mynard and Charlotte Halls both lost out 3-2 in very close contests. Stephanie Hewson won 3-0 and the returning Sharon Hawkins won 3-2 to claim the lady of the match award; however Essex lost the last two sets to lose out 4-2 and drop back to the bottom of the table.

The **Men's 'B'** are getting better and better each match; although Orsett's Liam Pender lost the opening set, Essex rattled off the next four-sets with 4-1 wins from Southend's Dave Solly (26.22), Paul Marsh and Stephen Hardy; and Riverside's Sam Lepley (26.15) a 4-3 victory. Southend's Micky Peel was unlucky to lose out 4-3 before Riverside's Barry Adlam (26.60) won 4-1 to keep Essex 4-sets in-front. Basildon's Craig Vickers again was unlucky to lose out 4-3; Springfield's Shaun Walsh (25.24) won the next set 4-3. Essex won the final two sets from Colchester's Lee Woods (26.72) and Orsett's Michael McCombe (27.45) who claimed the man of the match award; and pulled away from Warwickshire by 4-points in the table.

The **Ladies 'A'** lost top spot as they drew against a hard working Warwickshire team. Rayleigh's Sue Waterman (18.56) got Essex off to a great start, winning 3-0; Braintree's Amanda Dodd scored a 180 but lost out 3-2; Clacton's Viv Dundon (19.91) won 3-2, followed by a 3-2 victory from Rayleigh's Donna Gleed (20.83), claiming the match award with-it. Chelmsford's Wendy Reader on her 'A' Team debut lost out 3-1 to Warwickshire's Golden Girl, Trina Gulliver; and Stacey Ellis lost the final set 3-2.

The **Men's 'A'** had a bad day at the oche as they lost out 9-3 to a very strong Warwickshire team who are challenging Yorkshire for the 'A' title. Riverside's Rhys Hayden (28.15) gave Essex their first triumph followed by Brentwood's Steve Johnson (25.32) victory to draw Essex level at 2-2; however that was Essex's last victory until Springfield's Alan Collin (28.23) won the 11th-set and claim the man of the match award.

The 26-13 defeat keeps Essex lying in 4th place; Essex entertains Gwent in the final BICC game of the season at Chelmsford on May 31st / 1st June.