

BRITISH INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS PREMIER DIVISION

ESSEX vs WARWICKSHIRE

Warwickshire were the visitors to Chelmsford Social Club, and yet again a wonderful weekend of darts was forth coming in our last match of the season.

The **Ladies 'B'** battled out a 3-3 draw with wins from Chelmsford's Julie Vickers, Kelvedon's Amanda Dodd (22.68), claiming the match award, and team-mate Lynn Kelly (19.03) the victor's.

The **Men's 'B'** completed the season un-beaten with a superb 8-4 win; Brightlingsea's Tony Osborne (30.12) lay claim to the man of the match in the open set, followed by wins from Shaun Walsh and Rayleigh Rascals Micky Peel; but Essex lost the next 3-sets to be all-square at the halfway stage. Wayne Bloomfield (26.44) stopped the rot and Brightlingsea's Joe Twinn (25.10) pulled Essex 2-ahead. Springfield's Phil Brewster lost-out 4-3 on his 75th appearance for the county; however that was the only set-back as Essex rattled off the final 3-sets with wins from Andrew Kateley (27.09), Southend's Paul Marsh (29.91) and Springfield's Robbie Turner.

The **Ladies 'A'** put aside their disappointing season with a great 4-2 victory. Donna Gleed (20.68) won her 3rd consecutive match award, followed by Southend's Sue Waterman (17.44) winning 3-1. Kelvedon's Stacey Ellis drew Trina Gulliver and lost out 3-1, but played well; Wendy Reader won her first 'A' match with 3-1 triumph and Steph Hewson (18.79) secured the win with a 3-0 victory.

The **Men's 'A'** up and down season ended with a 7-5 win; Southend's Paul Barham lost the first set 4-2, Darren O'Neill (25.36) secured himself another win in the 'A', and with wins from Wayne Gleed (28.14), Scott Lawrie (26.19) and Southend's Stephen Hardy (28.13) gave Essex a healthy 4-2 lead at the halfway mark. Darren Peetoom fought-out a 4-3 win followed by Steve Johnson (29.91) winning 4-0. It was left to Phil Halls (25.40) to win the match with a 4-3 win in the final set of the weekend.

This gave Essex a 25-14 victory and will have to wait till May 31st to find out final league positions.