

BRITISH INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

ESSEX VS YORKSHIRE

Essex welcomed Yorkshire to Chelmsford Social Club and ended the weekend well and truly beaten, as only a solid performance by the Ladies 'A' team savaged any pride from the weekend.

Saturday started with both Essex 'B' teams on the wrong end of a drubbing, in fact from the moment that Keith Flint set Yorkshire on their way with a 3-0 win and averaging 31.98 in doing it there was only ever going to be one winner.

It was not until the fifteenth set that Hockley's James Allison (24.78) gave Essex their first point on the board. Cressings Rob Turner (23.74) also managed a win as Yorkshire romped to a 16-2 overnight lead.

The Sunday started as the Saturday had finished with Yorkshire in charge. Despite ton plus finishes from both Eddie Gosling and the promoted James Allison, Yorkshire won the first two sets. As if that wasn't enough Yorkshire then turned the heat up as Harwich's Scott Lawrie (24.95) was beaten by Scott Waites (34.95) and then Springfield's James Noone (26.39) was beaten by Garry Thompson (31.86).

Essex Ladies 'A' finally got the ball rolling as Viv Dundon (22.56) overcame Dee Bateman (22.28) 3-1, Amanda Dodd (16.70) and Sheila Busby (19.05) aided by as maximum followed suit. When Harwich's Adrian Genery (27.25) won the first match in the second batch of mens 'A' games Essex had won four sets on the trot but it didn't last as Yorkshire continued to punish missed doubles. Springfield's Darren Peetoom (29.47) aided by a 121 checkout picked up another Essex win. The Ladies resumed their match with Sue Waterman (21.25) going 2-0 ahead against Karen Lawman (22.43) but the Yorkshire lass managed to recover and help the visitors square the match.

With only Hockley's John McFall (28.12), who overcame Tony Hull (26.08) in an entertaining match that included three maximums, recording an Essex win in the final set of matches it left the overall scoreline Essex 8 Yorkshire 28.