

BRITISH INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS PREMIER DIVISION

CESHIRE vs ESSEX

Essex travelled to Northwich looking to bounce back from the loss against Yorkshire prior to Christmas.

The **Ladies 'B'** won 4-2 with Sue Waterman (Southend) winning 3-0 to claim the lady of the match award with a 20.04 average; Carol Pinfold (Kelvedon) won 3-1; plus Chelmsford's Wendy Reader and Pauline Donat, both winning 3-1, giving the girl's a well-deserved victory.

The **Men's 'B's'** match was a nip and tuck affair; Wayne Gleed (Springfield) won the opening set 4-2, Tony Osborne (Brightlingsea) pulled Essex level in the 4th set. A man of the match performance from Craig Vickers (26.47) pulled Essex ahead, with Paul Marsh then extending the lead. Cheshire pulled the scores level before Essex took control and won the last four sets with wins from George Cressey (Southend), Gavin Payne (Brightlingsea), Michael McCombe (Tilbury) and Liam Pender (Tilbury) for an 8-4 win.

The **Ladies 'A'** drew 3-3 with victories from Sue Baker (Chelmsford), Donna Gleed (Southend) and Kelvedon's Stacey Ellis (22.10), who took the lady of the match award.

The **Men's 'A'** soon found themselves 3-sets down before Colchester's Eddie Gosling (28.23) man of the match performance in the fourth set on his 175th appearance for Essex. Darren O'Neill (Brightlingsea) won his first 'A' team game next set; however, Cheshire won 5 of the last 7-sets to beat Essex 8-4. Alan Collins (Springfield) won the ninth set 4-0 and it was left to skipper Darren Peetoom to win the final set to give Essex a 19-17 victory.