

# BRITISH INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS PREMIER DIVISION

## ESSEX Vs CHESHIRE

Although unbeaten this season, the **Ladies 'B'** got their first win, a 4-2 victory with Wendy Reader claiming the lady of the match, winning 3-0 with a 18.79 average. Nicky Mynard (16.89) got the team off to a great start winning the opening set; then Carol Pinfold (17.04) and Lynn Kelly (17.68) on her 150<sup>th</sup> appearance sealed the win.

The **Men's 'B'** extend their unbeaten run to 17 games with a 10-2 triumph, this despite losing the opening set. The next four-sets were won with 4-2 wins from Shaun Walsh (25.14) and Wayne Bloomfield (27.55); 4-3 victories from Tony Osborne and Micky Peel (27.11); Cheshire pulled a game back, but Essex just bulldozed their way through winning the last six-sets dropping only 4-legs. Man of the Match was Chelmsford's Andrew Kateley (28.63) winning 4-0; as did Scott Lawrie (24.74) and Robbie Turner (27.83); Dave Solly on his returned to the team won 4-2 and Michael McCombe (26.26) and Lennie Holmes wrapped up with 4-1 wins.

14-4 going into Sunday's match, and the **Ladies 'A'** won 5-1 giving Essex the weekend bonus points before the Men could take to the stage. Sue Baker (22.32) lay claimed to the match award in the opening set; Sue Waterman (18.69), Donna Gleed (22.10), Lauren Bloomfield (20.49) and Steph Hewson (19.03) all recorded victories, Stacey Ellis being the unlucky loser being beaten 3-1 by former world champion Anastasia Dobromyslova (28.81).

The **Men's 'A'** won the opening two sets from Brentwood's Steve Johnson (30.48) and Springfield's Craig Vickers (26.37); Darren Peetoom (31.45) pulled Essex level in set six and claimed the man of the match award. Southend's Paul Marsh (28.10) and Springfield's Wayne Gleed (24.69) was Essex only other winners as they lost out 7-5.

The overall result was a 27-12 victory that cements Essex's 4<sup>th</sup> position in the table.