

BRITISH INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS  
PREMIER DIVISION

ESSEX vs WARWICKSHIRE

Chelmsford Social Club hosted Warwickshire, and Essex's Men lost out as the Ladies got results.

The **Ladies 'B'** recorded their second victory of the season with a 4-2 win; Dawn Kenny (15.78) won 3-1, before Carol Pinfold and Steph Hewson lost out 3-1. Kerry Rudd (17.08) won 3-0 and claimed the lady of the match award, followed by hard fought 3-2 wins from Ann Farmer (16.28) and Tracey Newman (14.26).

The **Men's 'B'** won the opening set with Michael Pinnington (21.02) winning 4-1, then lost the next 5-sets before Michael Hancocks (26.44) got a point on the board. Bradley Halls (28.15) won 4-1 and claimed the match award, followed by a 4-1 triumph from John Costigan (25.99), but that was the last victory as Essex lost the final 3-sets going down 8-4. Essex was 10-8 down going into Sunday's fixture.

The **Ladies 'A'** fought hard to keep in-touch as Essex lost the opening 2-sets before Pauline Donat (20.33) won 3-2, this was quickly followed by a superb 3-0 winning performance from lady of the match Donna Gleed (25.91) and Stacey Ellis (21.17) won the final set to earn the draw.

The **Men's 'A'** was up against it against probably the strongest 'A' team in the premier this season and started well with Paul Marsh (29.34) laying claim to the match award from the start winning 4-3; Andrew Kateley (27.39) won 4-1 and Richie Howson (28.42) won 4-3. Essex then lost the next seven-sets in some awfully close fought contests, but that winning double was elusive. Darren Peetoom (27.29) winning 4-2 and Craig Vickers (28.16) winning 4-1 made the 7-5 defeat score-line more respectable.

Overall result of 16-23 leaving Essex 8-points above the relegation zone, with an away fixture to Hampshire coming next who happen to be on the same 108 points as us.