

BRITISH INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS PREMIER DIVISION

YORKSHIRE VS ESSEX

Essex travelled to the Glasshoughton Working Men's Club, only to be sent upstairs to a much smaller room, which wasn't ideal; however Yorkshire's Officials, very apologetic, made the best of the situation.

Wendy Reader (16.77) won the first set for Essex and Nicky Mynard (17.50) the fourth set, claiming the lady of the match award; the **Ladies 'B'** losing 4-2 in a poor match.

The **Men's 'B'** match started well with Darren O'Neill (23.11), very confident, winning 4-1, but missed doubles from Essex players gave Yorkshire the next six sets. Alan Collin (26.98) took the eighth set and the man of the match award with Sam Lepley (25.11) taking the eleventh set, Essex's only other victory as the 'B' team lost 9-3.

Sunday, with the match back in the main hall and Essex being 13-5 down had it all to do, the **Ladies 'A'** fought-out a well-deserved draw; Donna Gleed (19.69) won 3-2 in the opening set; Nicky Mynard promoted to the 'A' team was unlucky not to win the second set, having 6-darts to win 3-2; Viv Dundon (22.43) on her 200th appearance, won her 13th straight game, and also landed the lady of the match award; Stacey Ellis was unlucky to lose out 3-2 to Lorraine Farlam, before Sue Baker won the fifth set 3-1.

The quality within the **Men's 'A'** match was there for all to see as 17 maximums were scored in the 12 sets, unfortunately 14 came from Yorkshire. Captain Darren Peetoom (30.04) was Essex's man of the match winning the second set 4-3; it wasn't until the ninth set that Essex troubled the scoreboard again with 4-3 victory by Bryan Margerison (24.08) and Eddie Gosling (27.47) in the final set saw the 'A' team lose 9-3.

This was Essex's heaviest defeat in over 5-years and I'm sure they will bounce back against Cheshire in January.