

BRITISH INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS PREMIER DIVISION

LANCASHIRE Vs ESSEX

Essex travelled to Wigan for the second premier fixture against early leaders Lancashire.

The **Ladies 'B'** didn't fare well, losing the opening 3-sets before Leanne Peetoom won 3-2 (15.01) this being the only victory, going down 5-1.

The **Men's 'B'** had four-debutants in a much-changed team; Alan Collins, John Costigan, with a 156 checkout and debutant Jakob Kelly all lost out 4-1 and Matthew Barnard lost 4-2; Steve Woodside was beaten 4-3; this was followed by 4-0 defeats by Bryan Margerison and Simon Monk. Having lost the game, Danny McIntyre (20.56), Matthew Garrett (26.85) and man of the match Mike Hancocks (28.07) gave Essex some much needed points, but that was it as Mark Chapman and Eddie Gosling both lost the final 2-sets. This was the B's heaviest defeat since December 2013.

The **Ladies 'A'** lost out 4-2 with Springfield's Donna Gleed (25.91) and Clacton's Karen Breen (16.01) the victors; Stacey Ellis was unlucky to lose out 3-2 and Chelmsford's trio of Pauline Donat, Sue Baker and Wendy Reader all suffering 3-1 defeats.

The **Men's 'A'** were soundly beaten 8-4; Darren Peetoom and Wayne Bloomfield lost the opening sets; Jamie Peetoom (24.57), Paul Marsh (24.21) and man of the match Andrew Kateley (29.47) got Essex in front, but Robbie Turner and Phil Halls lost out 4-1 & 4-2 respectively; Tilbury's Wayne Gleed (23.77) battled out a 4-3 win; but Steve Johnson, Craig Vickers, Tony Osborne and Phil Brewster all lost out. An overall 29-10 defeat leaving Essex 10th in the table and a home fixture against 2nd place Glamorgan next.