

BRITISH INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS
PREMIER DIVISION

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE vs ESSEX

Essex travelled to Burton Latimer in January to record a 23-16 win.

The **Ladies 'B'** got a long-awaited win, winning 4-2 with Steph Hewson (20.31) winning 3-0 and the match award, plus wins from Dawn Kennedy (15.87), Carol Pinfold (15.82) on her return to the team after a three year break, and Kerry Rudd (16.71) who won for the first time.

The **Men's 'B'** started well with Bradley Halls (26.47) laying claim to the match award from the off; this was followed by wins from Danny McIntyre (24.75) 4-2; Allan Mathieson (25.59) 4-2; Simon Monk (24.46) 4-3; Wayne Gleed (26.24) 4-1; Michael Hancocks (21.87) 4-2 and Alan Collins (24.74) 4-0. This gave Essex an 11-7 over-night leading going into Sunday's matches.

The **Ladies 'A'** started off well with Chelmsford's Pauline Donat (22.43) winning 3-0 and the match award, and Kelvedon's Stacey Ellis (21.02) won the 3rd set 3-2, however Essex only won one more leg as Wendy Collins Lynn Kelly, Karen Breen and Donna Gleed suffered losses.

The **Men's 'A'** lost the opening two sets before Tilbury's Richie Howson (26.77) won 4-2; Steve Johnson (25.42) 4-2 and Joe Russell (23.42) 4-1 kept Essex level after 6-sets. Jamie Peetoom (24.74) won 4-2 before Essex rounded off a 7-5 win by winning the final 3-sets from Craig Vickers (24.46) 4-2; Phil Brewster (24.75) 4-3 and man of the match Phil Halls (29.47) winning 4-0.