

## Essex 3<sup>rd</sup> Team – ICC Division 5C

### Bedfordshire 2 v Essex 3 – 13/12/09

#### Guys:

Dave  
Basil  
Kaleem

#### Girls:

Alice  
Emma  
Charlotte  
Justine  
Adam

This was probably the most vital match the team would have played this season as neither team had lost a game and had won their matches convincingly. After bit of a hectic journey having to wait outside Justine's house for a few minutes while she hurried to gather her badminton equipment (had a late one the night before) and also hitting a major jam on the M25 where Dave and Justine agreed to go with the sat nav and come off the M25 and try to find an alternative route despite Adam and Emma ordering them to stay on the M25. Luckily and Obviously Dave and Justine were right and they shot off and arrived in no time where the rest of the motley crew awaited!!

The team were off to a great start after Dave and Basil both won their singles comfortable showing great pride in representing their county! Unfortunately Alice (carrying an injury) gave a great battle but in the end the rubber went to the opponents and Emma (Again having a late one the night before) managed to somehow overcome the alcoholic beverages she consumed and brought us another win!! Now onto the doubles ... Adam and Dave made their first match hard for themselves taking it to 3 but in the end performing well and getting another win and on the other court Basil and Kaleem (casual as you like) Strolled on and done their stuff winning Essex another rubber! The guy's second game each again both pairs strolled onto the court and gave it their all and both pairs won their second games each (Kaleem having to carry Basil a bit!!) convincingly and with no sign of anyone stopping Adam and Dave & Basil and Kaleem.

Right.... The girls... with 1 of our ladies carrying a bit of an injury, two others with minor hangovers... we had to count on Charlotte.... The first games were away with Alice and Emma ( who both looked like they were having far too much fun ) They unfortunately lost their first match in 3 and their second lost in 2 where they put on a great battle but just lost out at the end!! Justine and Charlotte played their first match well but again managed to just let it slip away... The ladies new that we had won 7 games and just needed 1 more match to win. So they both went on to play their next game with serious faces where both Justine and Charlotte played really well and won the game giving us the 8 games we needed to win overall.

The mixed I would rather not talk about as I think everyone would agree that no one played at their best and I think with the thought that we had already one we laid back a bit and they took advantage of that where all mixed games went the other way....

There is a lesson to be learned there –

1. IN BED BY 7 THE NIGHT BEFORE OUR COUNTY MATCHES!! (aimed mainly at Justine and Emma)
2. EVEN IF THE GAME IS WON WE NEED TO WIN BY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!

WELL PLAYED EVERYONE AND LETS GO WIN OUR NEXT MATCH!!!!!!

Dave Wenn