

## **Essex 2<sup>nd</sup> Team – ICC Division 2C.**

As the end of the season crept closer, Essex 2nds were at the top of their division two table with three matches left to play. On 10 February, it was important for the team to secure at least a 10-5 victory against Bucks 3rds to achieve maximum points and hang on to a strong chance of winning the division. At the start of the season, Essex had beaten Bucks at home 15-0, but expected stronger opposition at the away match.

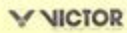
The match began with Ben Barber and Lee Scott taking one a piece in the men's singles with Lee winning his match in style 27-25 in the second set against Bucks' Mark Downie. In the ladies singles, Sue Crompton, playing at number one, missed out in a hard fought game to one of Bucks' top juniors, Toni Blake, the 21-13, 21-15 scores not giving the game justice. Unfortunately, Essex were without another regular singles player, so the rest of the ladies in the team discussed who was going to have the pleasure of playing second singles! As both Lynne Swan and Viv Gillard had each played a game of singles for the team in the past few seasons, it was only fair that Karina Bryant gave it a go. Even though she hadn't ventured onto a competitive singles court for Essex since her teens, it seemed that the body still remembered (although rather painfully) how to get round a singles court. Karina managed to win her game convincingly in straight sets, but was quite emphatic about the fact that this did not mean she should be picked to play singles again!

Going into the level doubles at 2-games all, the ladies doubles pairings of Karina and Lynne; and Viv and Sue won all their games in straight sets. In the men's doubles, the scratch pairing of Ian Smith and Daniel Chipperfield understandably took some time getting used to each other losing out in a very close game (22-20, 21-19) to Bucks' first pairing of Thomas McVey and Bruce Halliwell. It all came together in the second game, which they won comfortably in straight sets. The regular pairing of Danny Munro and Lee Scott were in fine form to take both their games in straight sets giving the team a welcome 9-3 lead going into the mixed doubles.

With only one game required out of the three to be played (in order to achieve maximum points), the three mixed doubles pairings of Karina Bryant and Ian Smith; Lynne Swan and Daniel Chipperfield; and Viv Gillard and Ben Barber all won their games in straight sets. Final score - a very satisfactory 12-3.

Karina Bryant (Acting Team Manager)

The match score sheet is attached.



ICC REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULT SHEET 2007/8

Division 2 Section C played on 10, 2, 2008

at WYCOMBE BADMINTON CENTRE between (home team) BUCKS 3 and (away team) ESSEX 2

Players' affiliation numbers should be listed on the Player Affiliation Form sent to the Events Co-ordinator. For new/additional players who were not listed, please enter the affiliation number in the shaded box below his/her name.

Men's Singles	home players	scores	away players	winner
1	TUOMAS MEVEY	12 21 21 11 21 11	1 BEN BARBER	B
2	MARK DOWNIE	9 21 25 24	2 LEE SCOTT	E

Women's Singles	home players	scores	away players	winner
1	TONI BLAKE	21 13 21 15	1 SUE CROMPTON	B
2	VANESSA HOLLIS	13 21 15 21	2 KARINA BRYANT	E

Men's Doubles Home players	1 IAN SMITH		2 LEE SCOTT	
	1 DANIEL CHIPPERFIELD		2 DANIEL MUNRO	
1	TUOMAS MEVEY	22 20 21 19	16 21 9 21	
1	KEVIN MUIRHEAD	won by B	won by E	
2	MARK DOWNIE	16 21 20 22	5 21 18 21	
2	SIMON ASHENDEN	won by E	won by E	

Women's Doubles Home players	1 KARINA BRYANT		2 SUE CROMPTON	
	1 LYNNE SWAN		2 VIV GILLARD	
1	ALAINA MORGAN	17 21 11 21	15 21 6 21	
1	VANESSA HOLLIS	won by E	won by E	
2	TONI BLAKE	14 21 10 21	17 21 8 21	
2	NATHALIE TIPPING	won by E	won by E	

Mixed Doubles home	scores	away players	winner
1 ERICA HULLIBELL	10-21 15-21	IAN SMITH	E
1 ALAINA MORGAN		KARINA BRYANT	
2 TUOMAS MEVEY	18-21 15-21	DANIEL CHIPPERFIELD	E
2 TONI BLAKE		LYNNE SWAN	
3 SIMON ASHENDEN	4-21 19-21	BEN BARBER	E
3 VANESSA HOLLIS		VIV GILLARD	

MATCH WON BY  
**ESSEX**

SCORE  
**3 12**

Signed (for home team)..... (for away team)..... Referee.....  
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