

Essex Senior County 3rd Team Report 2017

Following the disappointment of relegation last season the clear objective this season was to gain promotion back to Div 3 Central Division of the Senior County Championships.

As before Badminton England pre - set all the weekend dates and all the existing 3rd team players were notified and their confirmation of availability confirmed well in advance other than emergencies and injuries.

The first weekend of the 12th Nov 2016 started very well with two great wins over Suffolk 2 and Middlesex 5 (both 8-3 wins) with the squad now including a few new young faces.

The second weekend of the 28th January 2017 saw the start of some team changes however the team brushed aside Norfolk 3 (11- 0) and Cambridge (9 – 2)

At this stage we were top of the league hotly pursued by Sussex 3 by a small margin of points. This meant that in order to win the league and gain promotion the 3rd team had to win all 3 matches which were to be played over the weekend of 25th/ 26th March (26th being Mothers Day) Our penultimate matches were against Lincoln 2 & 3 which were won 8-3 and 10-1 respectively. With Sussex 3 in a similar position it inevitably came down to the match between us and Sussex but unfortunately it was not to be as the 3rd team lost 9-2.

Overall this was a great achievement by all the players who represented the County 3rds Team – thank you

Men – Lois Bowman, Miles McBain, Azhar Syed, Adam Sibley, Matt Allum, David Wenn, Ian Smith, Surej Salim, Rhys Myers and Ravi Patel

Ladies – Alicia Chu, Holly Smith, Chloe Yong, Emma Harris, Annualise McAlpine, Balpreet Charger

The Management and Coaches of the 3rd Team

John, Lee and Carl