

Essex County League - 2009/2010

The 2009/2010 season saw probably the closest finish in Mens Division 1 for quite a few years. With only 2 matches remaining it was still a 3 way race between Frenford, Trinity and Five Lakers (who have had a very successful first season in the top division). Bizarrely it was last years defending champions, St Aidans-Leigh, who's performance would eventually decide the winners...despite the fact they were themselves battling to avoid relegation.

So going into the penultimate match, Trinity were top of the division by 1 point and needed St Aidans-Leigh to win their final 2 matches to stay there. Five Lakers hosted St-Aidans-Leigh knowing they needed a 6-3 or better win to go top....but it wasn't to be and the Chalkwell based team beat them 6-3 to deny Five Lakers what would have been a fantastic achievement. The final fixture saw St Aidans-Leigh host Frenford. The visiting team needed to win just 4 rubbers to edge above Trinity in the League and in the end won by a comfortable 7-2 margin to take the Division 1 title.

Mens Division 2 was equally as exciting, with 3 teams competing for promotion and just 2 points separating them at the end of the day. But there can be only 1 winner and Ramgarhia just edged the title over Chelmsford Casuals and will swap places with relegated Thurrock next season to compete in Division 1. On the down side Mens Division 2 saw a large number of games either conceded or played with incomplete teams. I know from experiences in my own club that this season it has been extremely difficult to find players committed to turning out regularly for teams. I can only hope this was minor glitch and next season won't see a repeat of this.

The Mixed, Combination divisions saw no surprises, with Leighway once again dominating these events and taking both comfortably. Congratulations to them for another impressive season. In the Ladies American Frenford managed to just grab the title by 1 point over Leighway 2nds, to earn the club a 2nd trophy for the season.

In summary this has been a relatively trouble free season. The scorecards website needed rebuilding at the start of the season which delayed registrations and the entering of scorecards, but seems to be working ok now. There are still several enhancements I'd like to add if I get time to simplify the process...i.e. for situations like conceded matches. Overall though I think most clubs find it a better process than posting match cards and waiting for very sporadic league tables to get circulated.

One thing I will definitely be doing over the summer is re-writing the County League rules. Mainly to include use of the website, but also to propose a couple of other potential changes. If anyone else has any proposals then I'd be happy to circulate those also. Enjoy your summer and hopefully see you all next season.

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Essex County League - 2009/2010 final tables

Mens 1

Team	Played	Rubbers For	Rubbers Against	Games For	Games Against	Points For	Points Against	League Points	Points Deducted
Frenford 1	10	55	35	121	85	3821	3480	31	
Trinity 1	10	53	37	114	85	3193	3363	28	(-2)
Five Lakers 1	10	46	44	112	99	3849	3472	26	
St Aidans-Leigh 1	10	39	50	90	118	3652	3831	21	(-1)
Leighway 1	10	36	54	85	121	3610	3801	20	
Thurrock 1	10	40	49	92	106	3334	3512	18	(-2)

Mens 2

Team	Played	Rubbers For	Rubbers Against	Games For	Games Against	Points For	Points Against	League Points	Points Deducted
Ramgarhia 1	12	63	45	139	110	4225	4203	35	(-1)
Chelmsford Casuals 1	12	61	47	135	109	4247	4128	34	(-2)
Redbridge 1	12	63	45	143	109	4536	4368	33	(-2)
Stanway 1	12	58	50	136	115	4503	4097	28	(-2)
Leyton Youth 1	12	59	49	134	116	4363	4284	24	(-5)
Epping 1	12	48	60	111	136	4318	4342	24	(-2)
St Aidans-Leigh 2	12	26	82	65	168	3436	4206	11	(-7)

Mixed 1

Team	Played	Rubbers For	Rubbers Against	Games For	Games Against	Points For	Points Against	League Points	Points Deducted
Leighway 1	8	67	5	135	15	3133	1732	32	
Leighway 2	8	35	37	73	84	2721	2845	20	
Frenford 1	7	30	33	64	69	1838	2040	15	(-2)
Chelmsford Casuals 1	7	23	40	54	84	2185	2636	13	(-1)
Epping 1	8	16	56	41	115	2180	2804	11	(-1)

Combination 1

Team	Played	Rubbers For	Rubbers Against	Games For	Games Against	Points For	Points Against	League Points	Points Deducted
Leighway 1	8	47	1	95	7	2122	1333	24	
Leighway 2	8	21	27	47	58	1754	1760	16	
St Aidans-Leigh 1	8	25	23	58	51	1988	1589	15	
Stanway 1	7	11	31	26	66	1139	1810	10	(-2)
Chelmsford Casuals 1	7	10	32	25	69	1341	1852	8	(-1)

Ladies American 1

Team	Played	Rubbers For	Rubbers Against	Games For	Games Against	Points For	Points Against	League Points	Points Deducted
Frenford 1	4	11	5	23	11	648	477	11	
Leighway 2	4	10	6	25	6	698	423	10	
Stanway 1	3	5	10	12	21	476	539	4	(-1)
Chelmsford Casuals 1	3	5	10	12	21	482	547	4	(-1)
Leighway 1	1	4	12	8	25	182	583	1	(-3)