

SUSSEX 1 V. ESSEX 2.

Sunday 25th October 2009 at Portslade Community College.

Following a sound victory against Hampshire 2 at home at the start of the season, the Essex 2nd team was keen to start their away campaign off with a win.

Our men's singles players, Daniel Plant and Rohan Kapoor, were both on good form successfully winning their matches in straight sets. Emma Skingsley, playing at top singles, performed superbly to beat Steph Pound in three close sets. Sue Crompton had a similarly close game against Bryony Morris, only just missing out 20-22 in the final set.

The men's doubles matches were always going to be tough. Our top doubles pair of Chris Dakin and Mark Law played particularly well to win both their games in three sets. Their first match against Will Hilton-Jackson and Colin Dow gave spectators a treat with Chris and Mark snatching a 23-21 victory in the final end. The second men's pair of Lee Scott and Ben Barber had a disappointing weekend losing both their games. As a result of splitting the men's doubles matches, the score was 5-3.

The 2nd team prides itself on having a strong selection of ladies to choose from. Even though the team was down two of their usual players, we were able to call on the very successful veterans pairing of Viv Gillard and Sue Crompton. Both pairs of Karina Bryant and Nicola Waller and Viv and Sue had straight forward wins over the Sussex 2nd pair. Karina and Nicola also claimed a victory in straight sets against the Sussex 1st pair of Steph Pound and Karen Arscott, although the second set went to the wire: 22-20. Viv and Sue played well but just missed out in the third end to the same pair. The score following the level doubles was 8-4.

In order to gain full points in the match, the team required a 10-5 win, therefore, was keen to win at least two of the mixed doubles matches. First to go on court was third pair Lee and Emma, who fought bravely but lost out 23-25 in the second end. Second pair Chris and Karina got one back by winning their match comfortably in straight sets. With the score poised at 9-5, the final match of the day between first mixed pairs Daniel and Viv and Will Hilton-Jackson and Karen Arscott went on court. It proved to be a close match with the serve going back and forth throughout. Daniel and Viv picked up the pace in the third set and came out on top 21-16.

FINAL SCORE: 10 – 5 to ESSEX 2nds

Many thanks to all the players – everyone contributed to a great result.

Karina Bryant

Team Captain (in Lynne Swan's absence)

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Division ..1..... Section ..C..... played on ..25./10/2009



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

Men's Singles	home players	scores	away players	winner
1 Will Hilton-Jackson	13	21	1 Daniel Plant	E
	13	21		
2 Mark Burtenshaw	15	21	2 Rohan Kapoor	E
	12	21		

Women's Singles	home players	scores	away players	winner
1 Steph Pound	21	15	1 Emma Skingsley	E
	16	21		
2 Bryony Morris	21	13	2 Sue Crompton	S
	18	21		

Men's Doubles	Home players	1 Mark Law	2 Lee Scott
		1 Chris Dakin	2 Ben Barber
1 Will Hilton-Jackson	14	21	21
	21	13	21
1 Colin Dow	21	23	
	won by		won by
	E		S
2 Chris Spice	21	19	21
	15	21	21
	17	21	
2 Mark Burtenshaw	won by		won by
	E		S

Women's Doubles	Home players	1 Karina Bryant	2 Viv Gillard
		1 Nicola Waller	2 Sue Crompton
1 Steph Pound	14	21	15
	20	22	21
1 Karen Arscott			21
	won by		won by
	E		S
2 Bryony Morris	12	21	12
	9	21	18
2 Filly Boyce	won by		won by
	E		E

Mixed Doubles home		scores			away players		winner
1 Will Hilton-Jackson		21/15	18/21	16/21	Daniel Plant		E
1 Karen Arscott					Viv Gillard		
2 Colin Dow		12/21	15/21		Chris Dakin		E
2 Bryony Morris					Karina Bryant		
3 Chris Spice		21/14	25/23		Lee Scott		S
3 Filly Boyce					Emma Skingsley		

TIE WON BY

Essex 2

SCORE

5 10