

Report from the Under 14's/16's Counties

Essex boys win Championship

8th March saw the first time that a joint Under 14s and Under 16s event was held. The previous format was changed as the number of teams in the individual Under 14's and Under 16's was dropping as counties didn't have the bowlers or funding to enter.

The new format consists of three games of 4 player teams, with a maximum of 2 players from the Under 16s section. This is followed by an Under 14's doubles series then an Under 16s doubles series.

Essex travelled to Nottingham with the following teams:-

Girls

Ashleigh Peperell
Ellanor Thurston
Hayley Claydon
Beth Varney
Courteney Kinsville-Smith

Boys

Liam Raybould
Alex Green
Brett Armer
Sam Rhodes
Andrew Clark

The team event started well with the girls actually beating the boys by 755-740. Both teams continued in this manner and both teams won the Bronze medal for this event.

The Under 14's doubles did not produce any medals, but the Under 16's boys pairing of Liam Raybould and Alex Green produced a magnificent series of 1274 to take second place and silver medals.

Most of the Essex supporters and bowlers were then totally surprised when Essex was announced as the overall Boys Champions, based on the total pinfall for the day. This shows the consistency of the bowling.

A special mention must go to Alex Green for his high game of 267 and an average over 6 games of 216.