

Report from the Under 18's Counties

Essex boys win Championship



The weekend of 4th and 5th July saw the 12 qualifying boys and girls teams descend on Nottingham to fight out the Under 18s Championships for 2009.

This year both the Essex girls and boys qualified for the final and we were fortunate enough to bring the same teams to Nottingham as had done so well at Newbury earlier in the year. These teams were:-

Girls

Louise Raybould
Sarah Martin
Gemma Pratt
Ashleigh Peperell
Ellanor Thurston
Coral Smith
Stephanie Warren

Boys

Matt Forsyth
Ed Kingham
Lee Waterman
Dan Rixon
Liam Raybould
Miles Corney
Grant Rayment

The final took place over both days with the teams playing each other once, so 5 games were bowled on Saturday and 6 on Sunday. Scoring was based on pinfall with 100 pins bonus for beating the opposition.

Both teams started with excellent games, the girls putting in an 899 and the boys a 995. The conditions were tough as this year the organisers decided to put both girls and boys upstairs, so every lane was used and it was one of the hottest days of the year. The girls flagged a bit in the heat but the boys managed to keep putting in good games.

Sunday morning started slowly with the boys dropping to 2nd after the first game. However they dug in deep and regained first place, managing to beat Berkshire boys to the title in the final game with Yorkshire coming third. The girls finished 9th despite having a final good game, with Kent girls taking the title and Yorkshire runners-up. The full results should shortly be available on the NAYBC website.

