

**County Friendly
ESSEX versus ESSEX PROFESSIONALS
Frinton Golf Club – 7th April 2008**

Morning Round – Foursomes

ESSEX	Points	Score	Points	PROFESSIONALS
Steve McAnally & Adam Burwood	1	1 up	-	Mark Stokes & Brett Taylor
Jack Clarke & Tom Ogan	1	2 up	-	Roger Gray & Jonnie Fryatt
Martin Blake & Chris Cutchie	½	a/s	½	Andy Pestell & Gemma Scase
Matt Southgate & Joe Galbraith	½	a/s	½	Danny Heard & Matt Bannister
Jack Winer & Ross Spurgeon	-	2&1	1	Steve Cipa & Matt Stables
Total foursomes	3		2	

Afternoon Round - Singles

Jack Clarke (Chelmsford)	-	1 up	1	Jonnie Fryatt
Chris Cutchie (Colchester)	-	4&3	1	Mark Stokes
Tom Ogan (Braintree)	1	5&4	-	Brett Taylor
Adam Burwood (Harwich & D'Crnt)	½	a/s	½	Roger Gray
Steve McAnally (Orsett)	-	4&3	1	Andy Pestell
Joe Galbraith (Rochford 100)	1	5&4	-	Gemma Scase
Ross Spurgeon (West Essex)	½	a/s	½	Danny Heard
Matt Southgate (Thorpe Hall)	1	1 up	-	Steve Cipa
Jack Winer (Woolston Manor)	-	5&4	1	Matt Bannister
Martin Blake (Thorpe Hall)	½	a/s	½	Matt Stables
Total singles	4½		5½	
MATCH TOTAL	7½		7½	

The County Team travelled to Frinton not knowing whether or not the annual match against the professionals would be played. The previous day we awoke to a thick layer of snow and the day of the match there was a layer of snow. However, when we arrived at Frinton we found a clear course but biting conditions from a stiff northerly wind. This coupled with flurries of sleet and snow showers made it a thoroughly unpleasant day to play and spectator.

The match is always a close affair and this year proved no exception, with the amateurs sneaking a lead in the morning foursomes by 3 games to 2. The afternoon was very tight with the match going to the very last game before it was decided.

Outstanding performance of the day was from 19 year old Tom Ogan of Braintree who beat the very experienced professional Brett Taylor by 5 and 4. A similar margin of victory was achieved by Joe Galbraith who beat Gemma Scase the only lady playing professional playing in the side. Matt Southgate of Thorpe Hall had a very tight game before beating Steve Cipa on the last and half from Adam Burwood (Harwich & Dovercourt) against Roger Gray was decisive. When Ross Spurgeon of West Essex agreed to take a half when his playing partner Danny Heard had to retire at the 14th with a damaged wrist.

This left one match on the course and Martin Blake of Thorpe Hall who was 1 down playing the last got on the green for two to win the hole and halve the match.