

ESSEX Under 14 BOYS versus ROCHFORD HUNDRED LESLIE WOOD TEAM

Result: Essex 8 – Rochford Hundred 4

Although this was a 'men against boys contest' we should not be too surprised that the boys came out on top. To qualify for the Leslie Wood team your handicap has to be higher than 7.4 whilst if you want to be selected for a County Boys team your handicap needs to be better than this.

Keith Mitchell, team manager, reports: -

Rochford Hundred Leslie Wood Team provided the opposition and their course for a hard fought match on Sunday 16 March. Faced with atrocious weather conditions with a fierce Northerly wind and icy rain both teams played some excellent golf that was impressive under the circumstances. Without doubt all players would rather have been inside watching the football on television but to everyone's credit all players saw their games through to the bitter end.

For the Essex boys the event was also a practice on the Rochford Hundred Course for an inter county match with Hertfordshire, but the weather conditions did make this somewhat irrelevant as conditions should be very different in May! The boys now have experience of the course at it's most difficult, but should have gained encouragement from the match by attaining an 8-4 victory over the home side.

Winning for the Essex Boys were Devon Dunmore (Thorpe Hall), Tom Kisby (Nazing), Owen Rivett (Canons Brook), Chris Payne (Harwich & Dovercourt), Tom Barker (Channels), Tobias Tay-Smith (Orsett), & Fred Harrington (Orsett). Partick Amoroso (Chigwell) and Marc Wingrove (Rivenhall Oaks) gained halves, with winning his last three holes to achieve this.

Winners for Rochford Hundred were Roy Nesbitt, Jack Rosen and Mark West, with halves for Mark Skinner and Ken Sims.

The Essex Boys would like to thank Rochford Hundred Leslie Wood team for the valuable experience that the match provided.