

Report from the Ladies Captain Helen Parish – Winter 2024

A fantastic effort from the Essex Ladies this weekend at Winter County Cup.

With 6 out of 8 players still eligible to play 16U events, this young team held their own against some very strong counties to retain their position in Division 2 once again.

Day 1 saw a 5-4 win over Hampshire IOW, with four of these five wins coming from our girls outlasting their opponents in long three-set battles.

Day 2 was a tale of two halves in a 5-4 loss to Cheshire; our team getting the better of them in singles going 4-2 up, but Cheshire showing their doubles experience to turn the scoreline around.

It was a tough Day 3 against division champions Avon, with the match decided 5-1 against Essex from the singles.

Nonetheless everybody in our team gave their very best of their ability in each match over the three days, and there is much to be positive about as we head into 2025 with a promotion from Summer County Cup and staying in our Winter County Cup division.

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this year a great one to build upon for the Essex Ladies.

Helen Parish