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Editorial

As the business end of the 2009-10 Season approaches, we can already congratulate **Writtle** on retaining their Essex Chess League Championship, secured with a match to spare. [Read more...](#)

Success also, for the County in the **SCCU U185 Jamboree** where Essex came out ahead of a four-man field.

Finally, the County **Open** team came through their Preliminary round qualifier against Greater Manchester, winning 11½-4½.

The Open team therefore joins the County's **U180**, **U160** and **U100** teams in the national stages of the ECF County Championship. Four qualifiers out of six teams is counted as a rich season!

Essex win SCCU U185 Jamboree

By John Philpott

Essex has won this year's SCCU U185 Jamboree, played 21st March, at Wallington.

Hertfordshire led for most of the afternoon, but Jeff Goldberg and John White won the last two games to finish, John's critically against an opponent from Herts, to enable us to outstrip them by ½ a Game Point.

Team scores:

1 **Essex** 6½/10; 2 Herts 6; 3 Middx 3½; 4 Surrey 3.

Full details: <http://www.sccu.ndo.co.uk/cmc.htm>

Play through four Essex wins: [HERE](#)

ECF County Championship

ECF Preliminary Round, Played 17th April 2010, at Syston

| Essex | v | Gtr Manchester |
|------------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Lawrence Trent 223 (W) | ½-½ | David Hulmes 211 (B) |
| David Sands 212 | 1-0 | Richard Beach 197 |
| Jonathan Rogers 202 | 0-1 | Andy Reeve 188 |
| Andrew Lewis 207 | 1-0 | Harry Lamb 188 |
| John Hodgson 193 | 1-0 | James Murphy 172 |
| Tim Hebbes 186 | ½-½ | Tom Vout 178 |
| Ivan Myall 185 | 1-0 | Mitchell Burke 162 |
| Ivor Smith 185 | 0-1 | Adam Tyton 175 |
| Jeff Goldberg 183 | 1-0 | James Wei 160 |
| Kevin White 183 | 0-1 | Mick Norris 165 |
| John White 179 | 1-0 | Steven Jones 143 |
| Larry Marden 178 | 1-0 | Jonathan Lonsdale 157 |
| Philip Gregory 177 | ½-½ | Alan Beresford 159 |
| John Moore 173 | 1-0 | David Pardoe 151 |
| David Millward 172 | 1-0 | Nathan Gittens 134 |
| Ian Hunnab 167 | 1-0 | Ian Lamb 127 |
| | 11½-4½ | |

Essex reach the starting line

Having qualified for the ECF County Championship in third spot from the Southern Counties competition, the Essex Open team had to contest a Preliminary Round match against Greater Manchester. The match was played in the neutral venue of Syston, Leicestershire on Saturday 17th April.

Essex came through this "starter for 10" against Greater Manchester, to go into the main ECF Counties' Championship draw.

On arrival at Syston, Essex found their opponents below full strength and, after some early hiccups, came through with an 11½-4½ victory.

Link to: [GAMES](#)

Play through each of Essex's 10 wins.

In the quarter-final Essex will meet Norfolk.