



ESRA County Chair Report July 2026 AGM

Essex Open Doubles

The Essex Open Racketball/Squash57 Doubles Championships 2026 were held at The Woodford Wells Club on Sunday 22nd March. Entries were consolidated into an opening pool phase that fed into a monrad OPEN 'A' and a pool Open 'B'.

Results:

- Open 'B': a very close event and once the scores had been verified, Graham Appleby (Maidstone) and Mark Banfield (Bewi) were confirmed as winners Woodford Wells' David Morse & Simon Shipgood a single point behind.
- Open 'A': was equally competitive with many matches going the distance. The standout winners were Broxbourne's Amber Marshall & Ted Jeal (Broxbourne) with Woodford Wells' Zoe Fennell & Patrick Osborn runners up.



Action videos from the day can be found in the YouTube playlist here:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQqNxkx4Ojit9nTYPIL20X99g9IX11X52>

A big thank you again goes to all those who helped in the build-up and on the day and the competitors for their sportsmanship throughout. Finally thank you to our main sponsors:



Essex Open Singles

Essex Squash57 Open Singles Championships
(@ the Woodford Wells Club on 26th April 2026)

Once again, The Woodford Wells Club played host to the annual Essex Open Racketball/Squash57 Singles Championships—and once again, it delivered a fantastic day of competition, with players travelling from across the country to take part.

O60: Fresh from starring in last weekend's Essex inter-county fixtures, Pascual Dibattista (Kingswood) looked set for another title run. However, he was narrowly denied by the ever-dominant John Cordeaux (Stamford), a multiple National and British Open champion. Both finalists impressed in their semi-finals, overcoming David Morse (Woodford Wells) and Chris Burton (Woking) respectively, before Cordeaux edged a tight final to take the crown.

O50: The semi-finals were dominated by players emerging from Pool A. Phil Hall (Woking) and Adrian Ledbury (Oakleigh Park) both advanced at the expense of Stacy Thickbroom (Kingswood) and Marc Thornley (Woodford Wells). In a repeat of their earlier pool encounter, Hall once again got the better of Ledbury in the final, producing a consistent performance to secure the title.

O40: Despite being the smallest draw of the day, the O40 event still delivered quality action. Chris Gant (Harwich) came out on top, with John Waller (Dover) finishing as a well-deserved runner-up.

Open ('B'): The largest and arguably most competitive draw of the day featured a series of gripping contests. One standout match saw Nick Moore (Dover) push Phil Hall to a deciding game in their pool



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clash. In the semi-finals, Dan Carvosso (Kingswood) and Stuart Tyler (Dover) fell to Hall and Chris Peer (Southbank) respectively. The final proved a fitting climax to the day, as Peer pushed Hall—playing his remarkable 11th match—to the limit in one of the longest matches of the tournament. In the end, Hall's endurance and form saw him emerge as the last man standing, capping off an outstanding day for the Woking player.



Videos of some of the matches can be found in the YouTube video playlist here:

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A huge thank you to everyone who helped out in the build-up and on the day including our lead sponsor



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