



Round Up – Lanarkshire Junior League, Dunfermline Champs Junior Tournaments, and more

By Lanarkshire Badminton

The past weekend there was a busy one with competitions taking place across Scotland which included our Lanarkshire Junior Singles League, Dunfermline Championships, SSBU Age Group, Midlothian U14 and Glasgow Social Doubles.

Lanarkshire Junior Singles League

We returned to the Alistair McCoist Complex on Saturday to kick off the New Year with our second Lanarkshire Junior Singles League competition. The energy and enthusiasm levels were high with no sign of any sluggishness carried over from the festive period. There were a total of 34 entries across 5 events giving players lots of court time.

It was tight at the top of Group 1 with Tom Jacob winning the group narrowly over Peter Young, with Jacob winning 21-17 in their contest. It was a clean sweep for Alasdair Carson in Group 2 winning 6 out of 6 matches after an impressive display. Millar Mackay topped Group 3 winning 5 out of 6 matches, closely followed by brother Murray Mackay. In Group 4, Lucie Sneddon produced a consistent level of play by winning 100% of her matches despite a close match with Nicholas Allan edging the win 21-19. In Group 5, Mikey Reed on his debut competition won Group 5 – a great start to competitive badminton for Mikey – well done!

Pam Casey, one of Lanarkshire Badminton Group's volunteers reflected on the day:

"It was good to see new faces as well as our regular competitors. A mention to Murray and Miller McKay who travelled from Campbeltown to play and we're first and second in their group. Their coach also helped with court management and scoring. There was a larger Lanarkshire entry which has grown over the past few leagues and is looking very positive for the future of Lanarkshire Badminton".

Jill Smith, Group Convenor of LBG added:

"Great to see so many kids enter the Junior League on Saturday enjoying getting back playing badminton after the holidays. Particularly good to see such a variety of ages and abilities- just what this league is set out to cater for. Thanks to Frank for giving up so much of his time and to all the people who supported him".

Once again a thank you to our volunteer team of Pam Casey and Frank Turnbull who organised and made sure the event ran successfully as well as to the parents/guardians who helped out too.

We were also pleased to have our new pop-up banners were on display on Saturday which have been provided by one of our new sponsors Onyx Contract Services. We greatly appreciate their support and look forward to working with them going forward.

For full results from the event, click [here](#).

Elsewhere across the country

The second weekend of January and the new year was a busy one indeed with lots of players in action across the country. Lanarkshire's Chris Agnew competed in the **SSBU 2010 and 2007 Age Group** competition at Wishaw S.C on Saturday and then travelled up to **RSL Midlothian 2012 (U14)** which took place at The Penicuik Centre. On the Saturday it was a great effort from Chris in the singles and doubles events with partner Atharv Sharma. There many close matches and unlucky not to clinch a win, with opponents winning by a tight margin of 2 points over 5 matches. On the Sunday at Penicuik it was a more successful day for Agnew who was runner-up in the Boy's Singles progressing from the group stage through to the final from across 5 matches. Well done Chris!

Across the Forth Road Bridge from Penicuik, taking place was the **2024-25 Babolat Dunfermline Championships** in Dunfermline. There quite a few Lanarkshire players in action. Second seed Matthew Waring met number one seed Ciar Pringle in the final. Ciar has been on good form this season with 2024 Lanarkshire Open and 2024 West of Scotland Championships Men's Singles' titles under his belt. This was evident when both players met. Waring took the first set 23-21 in the tightest of sets and 21-15 in the second to take the title in Fife. Toni Woods and Holly Newall made it a treble of Grade A titles won this season adding to their collection by winning the Women's Doubles event. Toni teamed up with Evan Kenny in the Mixed Doubles event, advancing to the final after an epic 3 setter semi final win. However, they were beaten in the final finishing runners up – great effort overall. It was also semi-final finishes in Women's Doubles event for Ella Haime with partner Emma Donald and Lanna Campbell who partnered with Gemma Foulis.

Overall, looks like an excellent weekend of badminton and thanks to the volunteers who ran this event, great way to kick off the new year. For full results click [here](#).

Back down in the west, Badminton Scotland held a **Glasgow Social Doubles** event at the Sir Craig Reedie Badminton Centre. Looked like a fun weekend and well done to all those who took part. For full results, click [here](#).

