



East of Scotland Lanarkshire Success

By Lanarkshire Badminton

There was quite a bit of Lanarkshire success at the weekend when players competed at the 2024 East of Scotland Championships. The event was ran by Lothian Badminton Group and there were 108 entries in total. It took place at the impressive state of the art Meadowbank Sports Centre which re-opened in July 2022 costing £47 million. The facility recognises the legacy and heritage of the old Meadowbank which played host to 1986 Commonwealth Games – where we witnessed the success of Scotland's first Gold medal in badminton with Dan Travers & Billy Gilliland winning the Men's Doubles.

It was an awesome effort from the Lanarkshire players who competed and some excellent performances. Toni Woods & Holly Newall, seeded no.2 won the Women's Doubles title with a convincing win in the final. In the same event, Lanarkshire Senior County teammate Jennifer Lafferty with partner Emma Donald reached the Semi Final of Women's Doubles, coming up short against Woods & Newall who managed to edge past them. Woods partnered up with Ayrshire's Evan Kenny who reached the semi-final of the Mixed Doubles. Despite being a newly formed partnership, Woods & Kenny put in a series of convincing performances including beating 3/4 seeds Katrina Chan & Angus Meldrum 21-16, 21-18. Unfortunately, the pair had to retire in the semi-final. In the singles events, Sophie Ford and Matthew Waring reached the semi finals in the Men's and Women's events respectively. Ford put in some solid performances on route to the semi final and was involved in a 3 set battle with Vibha Raman, Raman winning 21-17, 18-21, 21-17. Waring pushed James Robertson all the way with his opponent narrowly winning first set 25-23 and then Robertson took second set 21-10.

Special mention to Lanarkshire's Alfie Martin who at 13 years old reached the Quarter Finals with partner Lewis Smith in the Men's Doubles - fantastic achievement!

Well done to all the competitors, especially the winners and thanks to the Lothian Badminton Group for organising what looks like a top weekend!

Full results from can be found [here](#)

The Lothian Badminton Group reflected on the weekend:

“That’s the Yonex East of Scotland championships over for another year. There has been some brilliant badminton over the course of the weekend culminating in some excellent finals today at Meadowbank Sports Centre. Pick of the finals was the men’s doubles which could have gone either way before Ganesh Balaji and Zach Wong finally edged it. Particular congratulations to Zach who was a double winner after winning the mixed with Jun Cheah. Many thanks to our sponsors Yonex and Gannon Sports for their support.”