



Competition Round Up - January 2026: Lanarkshire players excel across a busy weekend

By Lanarkshire Badminton

It was busy start to 2026 with a variety of competitions taking place during the most recent weekend - 10th & 11th January. Lanarkshire players excelled on a variety of different levels and locations.



2026 Babolat Dunfermline Gold Championships

At the Dunfermline Open, Lanarkshire senior players excelled, winning the majority of events and also runners-up:

- Men's Singles - Danny Robson
- Ladies Singles - Sophie Ford
- Ladies Doubles - Sophie Ford and Kirsten Berry
- Mixed Doubles - Toni Wood with her partner Callum Smith
- Men's Double Runners Up - Danny Robson and Robert Dunn
- Mixed Doubles Runners Up - Ella Haime and her partner Callum Flockhart

Fantastic efforts from all the players, well done and great preparation for the next Senior County Team match coming up soon. Full report from the event available [here](#).



2026 Lanarkshire Junior Singles League

On Saturday we hosted our third Lanarkshire Junior Singles of the season hosted at Alistair McCoist Complex in East Kilbride. We had a total of 33 entries which saw a healthy entry from Lanarkshire players with 2nd, 3rd and 4th place in Division 1 going to Lanarkshire players namely Rory Mitchell, Andrew Crighton and Matthew Craig. Gracia Mak finished at the top of Division 2.

Well done to all the competitors and thanks to our volunteer team led by Frank Turnbull on the desk, check out the group winners below:

Winner of Group A - Badri Chellaboina

Winner of Group B - Gracia Mak

Winner of Group C - Finlay Brennan

Results available [here](#).

2025 Junior Inter Area

Round off 2025, Lanarkshire's Junior County Team competed in the SSBU Junior Inter Area team event at Penicuik Leisure Centre, finishing in 4th place.

The team were up against strong opposition which included Lothian, Glasgow, West and Highland. Lanarkshire managed to edge the win 6-5 over West which included a tight opening win in the Mixed Double rubber, winning 25-23. It was tough test for the team who were unable to take a rubber from Lothian, although manage to pick a couple of wins against Glasgow and Highland.



Well done to the players who represented Lanarkshire and for their efforts throughout the event.

Results available [here](#).



EBA Bronze

Lanarkshire's Carla Louise MacKenzie took Silver in the Mixed Doubles event with partner Ryan McCuaig at the EBA Bronze competition on Saturday. The Bronze competitions are mid-level EBA events for solid club players looking for competitive, well-matched games.

Well done to all competitors, to view results, click [here](#).



2026 Masters County Challenge

Run by Badminton England, the Masters County Challenge took place over the weekend, and huge congratulations to all four Scottish teams who travelled south to compete against the very best of English masters badminton. A fantastic effort from everyone involved!

Scottish representation included:

- Glasgow & North Strathclyde - 2 teams
- East of Scotland - 1 team
- West of Scotland - 1 team

The event highlighted the strength, depth, and growing standard of Scottish masters badminton, with strong performances across the board against tough opposition.

In Wolverhampton Lanarkshires's Jill Smith and Sam Johnson were in winning teams who were both promoted to Premier Division.

This was a great competitive outing and ideal preparation ahead of the Scottish International Masters, taking place in Glasgow from 16-18 January

Full results can be viewed [here](#).



➤ **SSBU Age Group 2011 & 2008**

On Saturday, SSBU hosted their Age Group 2011 & 2008 Singles & Doubles event which attracted 46 entries from across Scotland to compete at Wishaw Sports Centre.

There was some Lanarkshire success across both sets of age groups:

- Elona Kennedy - Runner-up in the 2008 Ladies Singles playing above her age group
- Chris Agnew - Quarter finalist in the 2011 Boys Singles
- Tin Chin Lai - Quarter finalist in the 2011 Girls Singles

Full results can be viewed [here](#).