



Competition Round Up – February 2026: Lanarkshire players in action at Midlands Events, Ayrshire Silver and British Student Championships

By Lanarkshire Badminton

With it being Valentine's weekend, you would think there would not be much activity happening on the competition front. However, players were in action across the country, with the Dundee Bronze, U15/19 Midlands Junior, Ayrshire Silver, and BUCS Individual Championships all taking place.

U15/U19 Victor Midland Junior Gold

The first medals were awarded on Sun morning, with Mixed played as a round-robin pool. Lanarkshire's Chris Agnew got to the U15 Boys' Doubles final, narrowly lost a thrilling final 22-20, 21-17 with partner Kavin Raman. In the U19 Boys Doubles, this was won by Lanarkshire's Alfie Martin and partner Lewis Smith. Before this, the boys faced off against each other in the U19 Mixed Doubles final, with partners Qing Yang Xiao and Deepti Vijayakumar respectively. Smith & Vijayakumar took the title 21-17, 21-13. For full round up and results from the event, click [here](#).

Dundee Bronze - February 2026

It was a busy weekend for Midland Badminton Group who also held their Dundee Bronze event. An impressive 75 entries across this doubles event which included Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. The competition was held at the Dundee International Sports Complex (DISC).

Lanarkshire's Carla Louise Mackenzie took Silver and was runner-up with partner Rebecca Bissett in the Women's Doubles event. Well done to both players.

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

2026 BUCS Badminton Individual Championships

With 649 entries across 5 disciplines, the BUCS Individual Championships is the flagship British student competition on the tournament calendar. Badminton is part of a multi-sport event, encouraging a strong team spirit and bond between athletes within colleges and universities across a variety of sports.

Lanarkshire's Toni Woods teamed up with Scottish National Men's Singles champion Callum Smith, flying the flag for UWS in the Mixed Doubles. The pair had been in good form after a semi-final finish at the Scottish Nationals with a 3 set thriller against no.1 seeds and eventual winners Alex Dunn & Julie MacPherson. In Sheffield, the duo battled hard, progressing all the way to the semi-finals in Mixed Doubles. They then faced no.1 seeds Susanna Ogden & Yue Chern Chua of Loughborough University. Unfortunately, due to a combination of cramp, dizziness and feeling faint, Smith had to withdraw halfway through the second set. Despite this, not a bad way to kick off your debut partnership at BUCS, coming home with a Bronze!

Toni also had a good run in the Female Doubles with fellow UWS athlete and Scottish National Squad player Brooke Stalker. The pair progressed to the Quarter Finals, losing unfortunately in 3 sets to the no.2 seeds.

It was a BUCS debut for Glasgow University's Lanna Campbell. Campbell partnered Sasmit Patil in the Mixed Doubles, who had a convincing opening win moving them into the Qualification Round of 64. They then faced Lucy Walker & Tom Nightingale (Nottingham Trent). After a very close and intense match Campbell & Patil were beaten 22-20, 22-20! In the level doubles Campbell then teamed up with Scottish National Squad player Ishbel McCallister. An impressive opening victories seen the pair make to the Round of 32 in the main draw. It was another close match with opponents edging the win 23-21 to take the win. Well done Lanna on what can be deemed as a successful debut at BUCS!

Lanarkshire's Sophie Ford (Strathclyde University) and Ella Haime (Glasgow Caledonian) also in action. Sophie was looking to build on the success at the recent Scottish National Championships with partner Scottish National Women's Singles champion Rachel Sugden. The pair managed to advance to the Quarter Finals in the Female Doubles. Facing no.1 seeds Jessica Allen and Abbie Smith of Derby University was always going to be a tough match. However, Ford & Sugden put in a strong performance but narrowly losing out in 3 sets, 22-20, 17-21 & 21-15. Ford also partnered with Finlay Sheriff in the Mixed Doubles, battling their way through qualifying but coming up short in Round of 32. Nottingham's Lucy Dodd & Luke Salway (no. 3/4 seeds) ended up winning 21-12, 21-12. Great effort Sophie and well done at the weekend.

Lanarkshire's Ella Haime was making the most of the weekend by competing in three disciplines. Fellow Scot and Edinburgh University player Eilidh McAllister, with McAllister edging the win 21-19, 21-14 in a tight contest. In the Female Doubles, Haime teamed up with Keryn Swan with the pair advancing through qualification to the Round of 32. Although they gave maximum effort,

opponents Katherine Arksey & Lucy Dodd of Nottingham University took the win. In the Mixed Doubles, it was a Round 16 finish for Haime and partner Josh Taylor. An opening win set up a Last 16 contest against opponents No.2 seeds from Nottingham University's Jacob Weekes & Chloe Dennis. Unfortunately Haime & Taylor came up short losing out 21-14, 21-11.

Well done to all the athletes competing. For full results from the event, click [here](#).

Ayrshire Silver - February 2026

Last but not least, Ayrshire Badminton Club (ABC) held their Ayrshire Silver event at the Grange Academy in Kilmarnock. There were 41 entries across 5 events. Congratulations to Lanarkshire pairing Stephen Hendry and Daniel Johnson on winning the Men's Doubles event. It was certainly no easy route to the final however the pair seem to gel well beating second seeds in their third group match, 21-8, 21-15. In the final, Hendry & Johnson were sharp out the blocks taking the opening set 21-8 against opponents Salim Ben Boudinar and Duncan Grant. The second set was much closer (21-19) however the momentum was in their favour with Hendry and Johnson taking the win to clinch Gold. Well done to both players!

Lanarkshire's Alan Martin teamed up once again with Matthew Brown. Despite some close matches, they were unable to progress from the group stages however, both players seem to complement each other well on court with Alan's composure and experience blended with Matthew's attacking style and directness.

Finally, it was great to see young Lanarkshire player Elona Kennedy competing in the Women's Doubles with partner Layla Shaw. Elona at age 14 also competed in the Women's Singles, putting up a strong fight against players far older and experienced than herself. You should be proud of your performances Elona - well done!

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