



## Round Up: Lanarkshire U13/17 Junior Open, Caithness success and Scottish Disability Nationals

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### 2026 Lanarkshire U13/17 Junior Open

Lanarkshire Badminton Group hosted the U13 & U17 Lanarkshire Junior Championships at the SCRBC this weekend. A very strong entry of 88 players ensured a lot of badminton accumulating to approximately 220 matches. The quality was strong involving 11 hours of play on Saturday where there was not an empty court until around 7.45pm.

On Sunday the mixed doubles, semis and finals took place. 3 players challenged the organisers as they were in all 3 finals, namely Nathan, Flo and Araav. Every final in the U 17 age group went to a deciding set.

Nathan Lou won the treble in the U 17 age group partnered by Calum Tsang and Layla Shaw. After a challenging afternoon Nathan finished on top, ready for a rest by 6pm on Sunday! In the U17 girls singles was won by Emily Jobson, beating Flo Kirkpatrick 19/21, 21/15, 21/11. In the U17 girls doubles was won by Flo Kirkpatrick and Shreya Vargheese 21/15, 14/21, 21/19.

In the U13 age James Huang won both singles and boys doubles with Arab Sinha. Hanvika Mannem (8yrs) won the girls singles and Ella Lou and Aristarchus Murkute won the girls doubles. Ella went on to win her second title in the mixed doubles with partner Samantha Prakash.

Thanks to everyone who assisted in the cafe, selling clothing, working on the table and to Frank Turnbull who spent many hours perfecting Tournament Software. Thanks to everyone, especially the players who gave the hall a real buzz and the officials who just made the finals that bit more special and the cafe customers.

Full results available [here](#).



### **2026 Scottish Disability National Championships**

The Scottish Disability National Championships continue to go from strength to strength, showcasing fantastic competition, inclusive opportunities and the incredible spirit of disability badminton across Scotland. A huge well done to all players, volunteers and organisers who made the event such a success! Well done to all the participants and shoutout to the Lanarkshire players on their success:

Diane Gillan won triple Gold, Div.1 LD WS, LD WD and LD XD.

Emily O'Connell won Silver, Div.2 LD WS, Div.3 LD XD

Hazel Irvine won Silver, Div.2 LD WD and Gold, Div.3 LD XD

Derek Tomkinson won Gold, Div.2 LD MD

Mark Richardson won Silver, Div.3 LD MD

For results and full report from event from Badminton Scotland, click [here](#).





## 2026 Caithness Open

With over 70 people participating this year the 2026 Caithness Open was a success! There were players as far north as Shetland to Glasgow, Edinburgh, Inverness and the Western Isles to name just a few.

Lanarkshire's Ella Haime achieved the double which includes taking the Ladies Singles title and Ladies Doubles title with partner Shannon Leslie. Fantastic performance Ella, well done!

Fellow Strathavener Daniel Johnson was Runner Up in the Men's Singles. On the final presentation of the day was for the annual Marina Swanson Memorial Shield. Last year's recipients Shona Mackay and Lauren Gunn picked the worthy person to receive this year's award and both were unanimous in selecting Daniel Johnson. Well done Daniel on this receiving this award.

Well done to Highland Badminton Group for organising a great weekend. For full results, click [here](#).

