



Winning Streak continues for Lanarkshire County Team at Badminton England's Senior County Championships

By Lanarkshire Badminton

Last weekend it was a long trip down to the East Midlands for our Lanarkshire Senior County Team who played their 3rd & 4th fixtures as part of the Badminton England Senior County Championships – Division 1 North. The team were hoping to continue their winning form heading into these fixtures aiming for strong performances to keep Lanarkshire in poll position at the top end of the league table.

De Montfort University Leicester was battleground where the team had the opportunity to showcase their new team kit provided by sponsors e.surv chartered surveyors. The team comprised of some accomplished team members such as Robert Dunn & Kirsten Berry both Team Managers and joined by Holly Newall, Sophie Ford, Jennifer Lafferty, Rachel Wedlock, Jack MacGregor, Daniel Johnson and Pratyush Singh.

It was Avon 2 who Lanarkshire faced in the opening fixture of the day taking the match 7-4 in a tightly contested set of games. After going 2-0 down it was Lanarkshire's MacGregor who put the first point on the board with a win in the Men's Singles 3 beating Avon's Sid Halder 21-15, 21-17. Following on from this, Newall of Lanarkshire (Scotland Uber Cup Bronze Medallist in 2020) used her experience to

take the Women's Singles 2 comfortably 21-9, 21-8. Next up was the dynamic duo of Dunn & MacGregor who had epic three setter against The Weekes' winning 21-17, 17-21, 21-19. After Johnson & Singh being unable to overcome their opposition in the Men's Doubles 2, this had the score at 4-3 in Avon's favour. However it was then a clean sweep for Lanarkshire who took the 4 remaining rubbers in Women's & Mixed Doubles disciplines with the help of Lanarkshire's leader Berry and Lafferty, Wedlock and Ford.

It was again positive outcome for the second match against Leicestershire with another 7-4 win. Lanarkshire's Men Singles players Johnson and Singh had close encounters in their matches but were unable to get Lanarkshire off to a winning start. However Ford produced an impressive display in the Women's Singles 1 beating Grace Sherwin 21-3, 21-8 which made the overall score level at 2-2 to Leicestershire. Lafferty & Wedlock were locked in a mighty three setter despite taking the 2nd set 21-8 they were overcome in the closest of margins 21-17 in the third set by Leicestershire's Stevenson & Hault. With the score at 5-4 in Lanarkshire's favour, the team were dependant on the experience and reliability of the Mixed Doubles pairings which arguably are one the team's strongest disciplines. This was demonstrated with wins for Berry & Dunn 21-14, 21-15 and Lafferty & MacGregor 21-12, 21-5.

A big thank you to our Team Managers Kirsten Berry & Robert Dunn for organising & arranging on the lead up to the day and managing the team on the day. Also our thanks go to team our team who gave their all and did Lanarkshire proud, putting them into 2nd place in the League with 31 points only 2 points behind Gloucestershire with 33 points.

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