



## Round Up: 2024 Lanarkshire U13/17 Junior Open

By Lanarkshire Badminton

At the weekend we had 78 players compete in the 2024 Lanarkshire Under 13/17 Junior Open at the Ally McCoist Complex in East Kilbride. There were 5 events across both age groups categories: Boys Singles, Girls Singles, Boys Doubles, Girls Doubles and Mixed Doubles. It was the singles event that kicked off the weekend, followed by level doubles and Sunday saw the Mixed doubles take place. There some intense rallies and exchanges with a high standard of play on show all weekend.

One of the star performers of the weekend was Lewis Smith who took home a treble of U17 titles. It was by no means an easy route to victory certainly for Smith who was pushed all the way. In the singles event, after taking the opening set 21-9, opponent Alfie Martin battled hard however Smith managed to maintain his composure and secure the second set 21-18 to take the U17 Boys Singles title. Smith & Martin teamed up for the U17 Boys Doubles progressing to meet Max McCabe and Luke Parkinson in the final. Despite a valiant effort from McCabe & Parkinson duo, pulling back the second set it was Smith & Martin who took the 3rd set 21-16. In the U17 Mixed Doubles final, Parkinson and partner Ingrid Wang were quickest out the blocks taking the opening set against Smith and partner Deepti Vijayakumar 22-20. However, there was a shift in momentum with Smith & Vijayakumar winning the next two sets 21-9, 21-18 to secure the title. It was successful weekend for Jaagruti Mannem who clinched gold in two events. The first was in the U17 Girl's Singles final against Shona Brown 21-12, 21-12 and then teaming up with Ingrid Wang taking the U17 Girl's Doubles title. The U17 Boy's Singles event included a consolation round which produced a great spectacle with Kieran Tsang beating Ben Ross in a tight three setter – 21-13, 19-21 & 22-20.





The U13 event was equally as exciting with lots of close matches and excellent play. The partnership of Emily Jobson and Akshara Chavan proved to be a successful one as they won the U13 Girl's Doubles title. Either side of this, they compete on the opposite sides of the net. Firstly against one another in the U13 Girl's Singles event in which Jobson edged the win over Chavan 21-16, 22-20. The once again faced off in the U13 Mixed Doubles final. After a lengthy three set encounter, Chavan and partner Divyam Goyal took the match 19-21, 21-17, 21-15 despite a tough test Jobson and partner Yingfan Wang.

Although Wang was runner-up in this event, he managed to outmanoeuvre Goyal in the U13 Boy's Singles winning 21-10, 21-9. This was followed by victory in the U13 Boy's Doubles with partner Yiming Oscar Feng. The Wang & Feng combination worked well and were able to produce the win in another tight three setter against Goyal and partner Atharv Sharma 21-11, 12-21, 21-13. In the U13 Boy's Singles consolation final, it was a steady performance from Kavin Raman who won 21-16, 21-17 against Sheldon Gao.

Pam Casey, our Child Wellbeing & Protection Officer and volunteer on the day: *"I enjoyed managing to catch some of the action. Good sportsmanship and effort displayed by all the competitors over the weekend. We have actually received positive feedback from parents on the venue which is pleasing."*



Frank Turnbull, Tournament Convenor and lead tournament organiser added: *"There were quite players who got into the finals of all three events with Lewis Smith winning all three at under 17 – well done to Lewis. Overall I would say the event was a success, we had 82 players entered and played almost 200 matches and all the players seem to enjoy the event."*

Thank you to everyone who purchased from our pop up used clothing & equipment shop and to everyone who donated to this. The funds generated will help us continue to operate and function as a group.

Of course big thank you to our volunteer team of Frank Turnbull, Pam Casey, Euan Murray, Hugh Ainsley and Linda Turnbull. We would like to wish Pam a safe trip as she heads to Australia to visit family.

To view all the results from the weekend click [here](#)



