



## Tough weekend in Milton Keynes for Lanarkshire Senior County Team

By Lanarkshire Badminton

Well done to the Lanarkshire Senior County Team, who were in action over the weekend in Milton Keynes as part of the Badminton England Senior County Championships Premiership.

It was an impressive yet nervy 6-5 win for Lanarkshire in the opening fixture against Buckinghamshire on Saturday morning. Despite being slow out of the blocks after being 3-0 down, Toni Woods pulled back a win in the second Women's Singles rubber, edging the third set 21-19! It was neck-and-neck with Buckinghamshire leading 5-2 coming into the last four rubbers. However, Lanarkshire's Kirsten Berry and Holly Newall kept the tie alive with an action-packed three-set thriller, narrowly taking the third set 24-22! From here, Lanarkshire managed to take the final 3 rubbers to secure the match.

Heading into Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, Lanarkshire's next opponents were Hertfordshire and Surrey. The team gave it their all, although they came up short and eventually lost 7-4 against Hertfordshire. Sunday's tie against Surrey was an example of the high standard of play on display and the tight margins between all the teams in the league. Lanarkshire's Matthew Waring had an epic singles battle against Olympian Toby Pentty, managing to clinch the match in 3 sets. Initially, Pentty took the opening set 21-16; however, Waring dug deep and was able to deliver a solid performance, taking the next two sets 21-16, 21-14. Wins for Evan Kenny & Zheng Wei Wong in the Men's Doubles, along with wins in the next set of rubbers, kept Lanarkshire on track and level with their opponents. Lanarkshire's Toni Woods & Jack MacGregor gave everything

however Surrey's mixed pairing of Luke Griffiths and Georgina Bland clinched the win in a close encounter, over 3 sets to clinch the match for Surrey.

This leaves the team positioned mid-table in 6th place, heading into the final weekend in March. Well done to all the players for putting in a shift and producing excellent levels of performance!

A huge shoutout to the full team, which includes Holly Newall, Toni Woods, Brooke Stalker, Kirsten Berry, Sophie Ford, Ella Haime, Matthew Waring, Zheng Wei Wong, Jack MacGregor, Jack Riddell, Danny Robson and Evan Kenny.

For full results from the weekend:

<https://be.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/team.aspx?id=689C9514-F06F-4AB6-A907-1ED3A0AF599F&team=75>