



A Cracking Schools Quaich Competition with Holy Cross & Lanark coming out on top!

By Lanarkshire Badminton

It was the chance for secondary schools across Lanarkshire to compete against each other for a chance to be champions of Lanarkshire. Throughout the event, the pupils marvelled at the sheer history attached to these events when observing the victory shields which had winners engraved dating back to 1969.

The event comprised of 2 sections: Junior (S1-S2) and Senior (S3-S6) which included pupils from Holy Cross High School in Hamilton, Lanark Grammar School and Carluke High School. The format involved 5 rubbers which provided pupils the chance to test their skills against one another in both singles, level doubles and mixed doubles.



In the Junior Event it was contest between two of Clydesdales Schools – Lanark & Carluke which had some very close matches throughout however it was the experience of Lanark Grammar School’s team who manage to edge it over Carluke High School.

Callum Taylor, Active Schools SL Coordinator for Carluke High School cluster stated: *“The event has been great for the pupils to challenge themselves and they enjoyed competing against other school pupils as well as feeling part of team by representing their school.”*

In the Senior Event, it was regular Quaich competitors Holy Cross High School who took on the hosts Lanark Grammar School. After some great rallies and play on

court, including a Boys Singles match ending 21-18 which could have went either way it was Holy Cross High School who took the title.



Hugh Ainsley, who has been LASBA Area Organiser since 1990 & SSBU Convenor said: *‘It was great to have a quaiach competition again after three years without one and we look forward to a bigger and getting more teams involved in future years’*

Jill Smith, Group Convenor of the Lanarkshire Badminton Group and Director of Coaching at Badminton Academy Social Enterprise (BASE) added: *‘Not only was it great to see this competition back in action but equally good to see a quantity of Base players making up some of the teams. Here’s hoping next year the amount of competing teams will continue to increase. Good luck in the next stages Lanarkshire’*

Thanks to Hugh, SL Active Schools, Lanark Grammar School for hosting and of course to all the schools – pupils & staff who came along to the event to make it happen!

Just a reminder that the SSBU Secondary & Primary Championships are coming up soon where pupils have another opportunity to represent their school. For more information see below:

- [SSBU Secondary School Championships \(11th & 12th March\)](#)
- [SSBU Primary School Championships \(6th May\)](#)

