



## Junior Intermediate & Senior County Teams in action

By Lanarkshire Badminton

The weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November, Lanarkshire had both their Junior and Senior County Teams in action. Closer to home in Glasgow at the Badminton Scotland Sir Craig Reedie Badminton Centre, the junior team competed in the SSBU Intermediate Inter-Area event. This is aimed at players in S3-S4 age group with four males and four females making up the team. This included Chris Agnew, Sarah Douglas, Jamie Burns, Eevie Hardie, Simon Mannis, Flo Kirkpatrick, Aaron Moreno and Rose Macdonald.

The team fought hard however both Lothian and Glasgow proved to be too strong. In the final game Lanarkshire took on West, with West clinching the match 8-3. There were good wins from Flo and Eevie in the Girl's Singles rubbers and Flo teamed up with Rose Macdonald in the Girl's Doubles 1 to win in a close encounter 21-16, 21-17.

Our Group Convenor and Junior Team Manager Jill Smith reflected on the day:

*“A tough day at the Intermediate Inter Area today at Cockburn but although we came fourth, the attitude and effort from the kids was excellent. Being able to field a team is a big step forward so going in right direction and looking forward to the next one. It is great to have team opportunities like this for junior players. Well done to the winners Glasgow”*

Meanwhile, our Senior County Team were in action down in Newcastle in their opening set of fixtures in the Championship Division as part of the Badminton England Senior County Championships. Matches took place at the impressive Tyneside Badminton Centre which is a purpose built badminton facility in Slatyford, Newcastle.

In the opening match, Lanarkshire won 8-3 against ROI Leinster with Toni Woods winning all three of her rubbers, including two 3 set matches in the Women's Singles 2 and Women's Doubles 1 with Team Manager Kirsten Berry. In the afternoon, Lanarkshire faced Yorkshire 1. It was a strong start with Lanarkshire leading 4-0 taking all four of the singles rubbers. However Yorkshire produced a strong set of performances in the doubles taking the match 7-4.

On the Sunday, the team dusted themselves off and bounced back to winning ways beating Northumberland 7-4. Big thanks to the team for their efforts over the weekend, the full team included Kirsten Berry, Toni Woods, Katrina Chan, Jennifer Lafferty, Finlay Jack, Michael McGuire and Danny Robson.

Jill gave her thoughts on the weekend:

*“Senior county team have started this season in a positive fashion beating both RO Leinster and Northumberland. Lost to Yorkshire's First Team 7-4 . A good result for the first weekend of 3 in a very strong competitive environment. Good luck for the next encounters in January.”*

For the full results from both weekends, see below:

- [2024 SSBU Intermediate Inter-Area](#)
- [2024 Badminton England Senior County Championships](#)