

2010 East Lothian U14 Junior Championships
Meadowmill Sports Centre, Tranent
10 April 2010

The 13th East Lothian under 14 (1966) Junior Championships took place at the Meadowmill Sports Centre, Tranent on Saturday 10 April 2010. Five Athletes travelled south from the North East to compete in the event. Mathew Duguid, Cameron Pyper, Mark Leith, Sean Leith and Jacob Reynolds all from Stonehaven made up the Aberdeenshire compliment.

In the first round of the singles main event both Mathew and Cameron were unfortunate in their singles draw to come up against experienced players, both eventually losing despite putting up strong performances, in particular Mathew who was playing 2 years above his age group. They both then transferred into the B Boys event where Cameron reached the quarter final, losing out to Alexander Gough after a tremendous close game which could easily have gone either way. In the other half of the draw Mathew saw off a couple of older players to reach the semi final. Again Mathew impressed with his determination and skill eventually succumbing after a very closely fought game with Gavin McQuarrie who went on to win the B final. Considering both players lack of experience at this level they did extremely well, Cameron narrowly missing out on a place in the semi finals and Mathew reaching the semi final, an achievement both players should be proud of.

This left Mark, Sean and Jacob in the main event. Sean and Jacob had a comfortable run to the semi finals; Mark however, came up against an old adversary Callun McMillan, Mark running out a deserved victor in 3 sets, to reach the last 4. Mark then went on to play Jacob for a place in the final but Jacob proved too strong with a convincing win in 2 sets. Meanwhile in the other half of the draw, Sean came up against Euan Watson, a tremendous game developed with both players showing great skill and determination however after winning the first game Sean was unable to overcome a determined opponent eventually losing the next two games to Euan in what was a close and highly skilled encounter. The final between Jacob Reynolds and Euan Watson proved to be an equally close game with Euan taking the first game and Jacob fighting back to take the second. Both players were determined to take the title, however, Euan ran out the winner in the 3rd set with both players displaying tactical acumen and skill.

In the level doubles Mathew played with Cameron, Mark teamed up with his brother Sean, and Jacob played with Robert Clark (Glasgow School of Sport). Once again Mathew and Cameron lost out to a more experienced partnership in the first round. They transferred into the B event where they again beat older players in the quarter finals to progress to the semi finals where they narrowly missed out on a place in the final, again a tremendous effort against older boys.

However in the first and same half of the level doubles draw both pairings, Mark with Sean and Jacob with Robert, reached the semi finals without dropping a set only to meet each other in the semi final. A closely fought game ensued as both pairings gave a superb display of skill with exciting rallies as they played for a coveted place in the finals with Jacob and Robert running out eventual winners in 2 sets. In the final, Jacob and Robert came up against Russell Hume and Fraser Wright of East Lothian. After winning the first game easily Jacob and Roberts's opponents fought back strongly in the second resulting in a very close and nail biting game. Although this could easily have gone either way, Jacob and Robert eventually took the game to win the match and championship in two sets.



Jacob Reynolds