European Invite for Aberdeenshire Rising Star

Aberdeenshire's Sean Leith has been invited as part of an eight strong team to travel to Belgium this weekend to compete in the prestigious Olve Jot open badminton tournament. Sean will join Sophie and Hannah Morrison (Lanarkshire), Lucy Nevin (Border's), Heather Macpherson, Tommy Reynolds and Fraser Whillans (Lothian) and Joshua Holder (Highland). All eight athletes are members of the U16 Scottish National Satellite squad and they will compete in all 3 disciplines, singles, doubles and mixed doubles, at the 3 day event. Competitors from all over Europe will converge on Antwerp to take part in this highly regarded European tournament. Although still only in the U14 age group Sean will compete in the U15 event and is looking forward to some very challenging encounters. In the doubles event he will partner Fraser Whillans and in the mixed he will team up with Lucy Nevin. These are both new partnerships which will be put to the test over the weekend. Sean is no stranger to the European arena having competed in Denmark last year with his local performance squad and on that occasion came home victorious, lifting the singles title.

Joan Prieur, badminton development officer commented "it is fantastic that Sean has been given this opportunity and it is well deserved after a prolonged period of very hard work and consistently good results. He has proven he is up there with the best in the country in his age group and we are delighted that his efforts have been recognised. We hope that this is the first of many invitations, not only for Sean, but for many of our up and coming players, and this invite should offer encouragement to all.