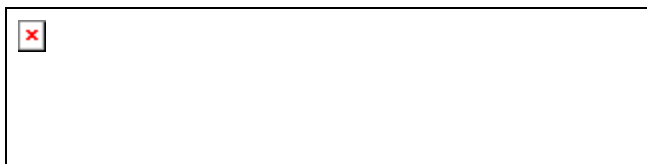


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Gilmour top seed as she chases another Bank of Scotland double

BOTHWELL'S Kirsty Gilmour was today named top seed for both the Under 23 ladies' singles and doubles at the Bank of Scotland National Junior Championships at Meadowbank Sports Centre in Edinburgh on April 24-25.

Gilmour, who retained her Under 17 singles title and took the mixed doubles title with Edinburgh's Michael Campbell last season, is seeded ahead of Larkhall's Fiona Archibald in the Under 23 singles.

The 16-year-old and Mauchline's Kirsten Geals are top seeds ahead of Glasgow's holders Lisa McMullen and Gillian Sloan in the doubles.

Geals is also top seed in the mixed with Dunfermline's Gordon Hoggan, who is also top singles seed and second seed in the doubles with Duncan Leith of Kirkliston behind Edinburgh's Martin Campbell and Troon's Angus Gilmour, the defending champions and two of Scotland's most promising young players in the male ranks.

In the Under 13s Motherwell's Alex Dunn and Edinburgh's Julie MacPherson are the No. 1 seeds in the singles. MacPherson is also top seed in the doubles with Erskine's Sarah Findlay and in the mixed with North Kessock's Struan Ross while Dunn is top seed in the boys' doubles with **Stonehaven's Mark Leith**.

South Queensferry's Matthew Carder and Stewart Ferns of Culbokie are seeded to meet in the Under 17 singles final and Carder is also top seed in the doubles with Mauchline's Gregor McVean. After success in singles and doubles at Under 13 level, Carder is looking to have an impact in the Under 17s.

Mauchline's Emma Cook and Glasgow's Caitlin Pringle, the defending champions in the doubles, are favourites to retain their title and Pringle is also No. 1 seed in the mixed with Lewis Gallacher of Kilmarnock.

A total of 172 players from all over Scotland will converge on Meadowbank to compete in the Championships. The Under 13 events have attracted a massive 70 entries while the Under 17s have almost as many with 67.

Anne Smillie, Chief Executive of **BADMINTONscotland**, said: "This will be a thrilling weekend of non-stop badminton with the three championships taking place simultaneously. I am particularly heartened by the continued high level of entry in the

Under 13 age group, especially as we have still to stage the Bank of Scotland Under 11 National Championships later in early June."

Susan Rice, Managing Director for Lloyds Banking Group Scotland, said: "The Bank of Scotland Junior Nationals are a fantastic spectacle which showcase the finest young Badminton talent in Scotland. It's great to see such a large entry for the Under 13 age group, a sign that the sport is continually growing and developing in Scotland."

The draw for the three age group Championships will be published on www.badmintonscotland.org.uk no later than Wednesday 21 April.

SEEDS

U13 Boys' Singles : Holder – Adam Hall (Mauchline)

1. Alex Dunn (Motherwell)
2. Callum MacMillan (Mauchline)
- 3/4. Mark Leith (Stonehaven); Struan Ross (North Kessock)
- 5/8. Matthew Crawshaw (Mauchline); Hamish Gorn (Dalgety Bay); Andrew Milton (Mauchline); Andrew Thomson (Lanark)

U13 Girls' Singles : Holder – Sophie Morrison (Motherwell)

1. Julie MacPherson (Edinburgh)
2. Tammi Gibson (Mauchline)
- 3/4. Sarah Findlay (Erskine); Holly Newall (Mauchline)

U13 Boys' Doubles : Holders – Adam Hall (Mauchline)/Alistair Gordon (Edinburgh)

1. Alex Dunn (Motherwell)/Mark Leith (Stonehaven)
2. Struan Ross (North Kessock)/Andrew Thomson (Lanark)
- 3/4. Matthew Crawshaw (Mauchline)/Andrew Milton (Mauchline); Hamish Gorn (Dalgety Bay)/Callum MacMillan (Mauchline)

U13 Girls' Doubles : Holders – Hannah Morrison (Motherwell)/Sophie Morrison (Motherwell)

1. Sarah Findlay (Erskine)/Julie MacPherson (Edinburgh)
2. Tammi Gibson (Mauchline)/Holly Newall (Mauchline)

U13 Mixed Doubles : Holders – Adam Hall (Mauchline)/Sophie Morrison (Motherwell)

1. Struan Ross (North Kessock)/Julie MacPherson (Edinburgh)
2. Mark Leith (Stonehaven)/Abbie Moran (Bathgate)
- 3/4. Callum MacMillan (Mauchline)/Tammi Gibson (Mauchline); Andrew Milton (Mauchline)/Lauren Dyce (Mauchline)

U17 Boys' Singles : Holder – Patrick MacHugh (Kinross)

1. Matthew Carder (South Queensferry)
2. Stewart Ferns (Culbokie)
- 3/4. Lewis Gallacher (Kilmarnock); Peter Walker (Dundee)
- 5/8. Usman Asif (Glasgow); Edward Cogliano (Edinburgh); Calvin Percival (Greenock); Ben Torrance (Prestwick)

U17 Girls' Singles : Holder – Kirsty Gilmour (Bothwell)

1. Rebekka Findlay (Erskine)
2. Emma Gallacher (Wishaw)
- 3/4. Caitlin Pringle (Glasgow); Shereen Spittal (Mauchline)

U17 Boys' Doubles : Holders – Michael Campbell (Edinburgh)/Craig Pollock (Longniddry)

1. Matthew Carder (South Queensferry)/Gregor McVean (Mauchline)
2. Usman Asif (Glasgow)/Peter Walker (Dundee)
- 3/4. Neil Atterbury (Edinburgh)/Rajan Bhopal (Edinburgh); Lewis Gallacher (Kilmarnock)/Ben Torrance (Prestwick)

U17 Girl's Doubles : Holders – Emma Cook (Mauchline)/Caitlin Pringle (Glasgow)

1. Emma Cook (Mauchline)/Caitlin Pringle (Glasgow)
2. Hannah Laing (Haddington)/Megan Richardson (Haddington)

U17 Mixed Doubles : Holders - Michael Campbell (Edinburgh)/Kirsty Gilmour (Bothwell)

1. Lewis Gallacher (Kilmarnock)/Caitlin Pringle (Glasgow)
2. Edward Cogliano (Edinburgh)/Megan Richardson (Haddington);
- 3/4. Calvin Percival (Greenock)/Emma Cook (Mauchline); Peter Walker (Dundee)/Shereen Spittal (Mauchline)

U23 Boys' Singles : Holder – Kenneth Young (Lanark)

1. Gordon Hoggan (Dunfermline)
2. Stephen McPhail (Glasgow)
- 3/4. Michael Campbell (Edinburgh); Steven Stewart (Bonhill)

U23 Girls' Singles : Holder – Alison Marr (Kilmacolm)

1. Kirsty Gilmour (Bothwell)
2. Fiona Archibald (Larkhall)

U23 Boys' Doubles : Holders – Martin Campbell (Edinburgh)/Angus Gilmour (Troon)

1. Martin Campbell (Edinburgh)/Angus Gilmour (Troon)
2. Gordon Hoggan (Dunfermline)/Duncan Leith (Kirkliston)

U23 Girl's Doubles : Holders – Lisa McMullen (Glasgow)/Gillian Sloan (Glasgow)

1. Kirsten Geals (Mauchline)/Kirsty Gilmour (Bothwell)
2. Lisa McMullen (Glasgow)/Gillian Sloan (Glasgow)

U23 Mixed Doubles : Holders - Peter Hockey (Edinburgh)/Alison Marr (Kilmacolm)

1. Gordon Hoggan (Dunfermline)/Kirsten Geals (Mauchline)
2. Patrick MacHugh (Kinross)/Eilidh Ballantyne (Renfrew)

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