

## Grampian Badminton Success in Copenhagen

Seventeen members of the Grampian Regional Performance Squad, pictured above, accompanied by 5 coaches travelled to Copenhagen last weekend to compete in this years International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA) Badminton Festival from 9 to 12 April. 220 athletes converged on the DGI Byen facility for what proved to be a fantastic display of skill, determination, stamina and teamwork over the 3 days of competition. The Grampian team certainly made their presence felt throughout the age groups with some superb results. Although the youngest entry was U15 the team consisted of one player at U12, five at U13, two at U14 and six at U15 in the U15 competition, with one U16 and one U17 in the U17 section and one U19 in the U19 event. The players battled against teams from Iceland, Denmark and the Czech Republic on court while making many new friends off court. The U15 event was won by Grampians Sean Leith still aged 13, which is a superb achievement given the quality of the field. Another 3 golds, 4 silvers and 3 bronze medals completed the full haul of achievements for the team. Joan Prieur, badminton development officer, accompanied the team as team manager / coach. She said "the Grampian team were a credit to themselves and great ambassadors for the sport of badminton and Scotland. They performed well on court and were enriched by the off court experiences. Aberdeenshire and Moray Councils recognise that being part of this type of sports and multi cultural trip opens up many opportunities for the players to grow as they compete, make new friends and encounter new situations." The full team results are as follows: U15 A – Boys Singles, Tier 1 – Winner Sean Leith (U13) (Gold), 6<sup>th</sup> Craig Buchanan (U15), 9<sup>th</sup> Scott Duncan (U14). Tier 2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jamie Duncan (U15) (Bronze), 5<sup>th</sup> Jacob Reynolds (U13), 7<sup>th</sup> Douglas Adamson (U15), 8<sup>th</sup> Mark Leith (U12). Tier 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Josh Halliday (U14) (Silver), 5<sup>th</sup> Scott Murray (U15), 6<sup>th</sup> Jamie Blackburn (U15), 8<sup>th</sup> Cameron Napier (U13), 9<sup>th</sup> Jack Tregellas (U13). U15A Boys Doubles, Tier 2 – Winners Sean Leith & Jacob Reynolds (Gold), 2<sup>nd</sup> Douglas Adamson & Jamie Duncan (Silver). Tier 3 – Winners Craig Buchanan & Scott Murray (Gold), 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Duncan & Josh Halliday (Silver), 4<sup>th</sup> Jamie Blackburn & Mark Leith, 5<sup>th</sup> Jack Tregellas & Cameron Napier. U15 A – Girls Singles, Tier 2 – Winner Fiona Craigen (U13) (Gold). Tier 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> Georgina Addison (U15). U15 A – Girls Doubles, Tier 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fiona Craigen & Georgina Addison (Bronze). U17 A – Boys Singles, Tier 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ross MacFarlane (U17) (Bronze). U17 A - Boys Doubles, Tier 3 – 4<sup>th</sup> Craig Blackburn (U16) & Ross MacFarlane. U19 A – Mens Singles, Tier 2 – 5<sup>th</sup> Kevin Adamson (U19) and U19 A Mens Doubles, Tier 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Adamson & Thomas Moberg Jørgensen (Denmark) (Silver).

