

## U13 International Triangular

Stonehaven was well represented when a Scotland select U13 badminton team enjoyed a friendly match against an Ulster select and the English team Forza at the National Badminton Academy, Scotstoun on Saturday. Both Ireland and England brought top players but neither team was a match for the talented Scottish athletes. Sean Leith and Jacob Reynolds, both Aberdeenshire Performance Squad players and pupils of Mackie Academy proved they are up there with the nation's best. The 14 strong team of 6 girls and 8 boys rose to the challenge admirably. The Ulster team, despite putting up a good show, with many games going to 3 sets, were unable to rattle the Scots, taking the spoils in only 1 match. The encounter with England however was a much closer affair. Scotland were down 6 – 2 after the boys singles, again some matches going to 3 sets, this time the Scots not so lucky. The girls turned things around winning 5 out of their 6 singles games to even the score at 7 all. The boy's doubles matches were shared at 2 each, whilst the Scots girls won 2 out of the 3 girl's doubles, edging Scotland into the lead, 11 – 10. Due to time constraints only one mixed match was concluded, the Scots victors once again, winning the match 12 – 10 overall. This was a great opportunity for these young athletes to experience the international arena and they proved they were more than worthy of the challenge.



Photo, from left to right: Back row: Jill O'Neil, Hannah Morrison, Sophie Morrison, Kirstie Baird, Robert Clark, Andrew Mawbey, Alistair Gordon, Adam Hall, Callum MacMillan, Jamie Neill Front row: Julie Macpherson, Struan Ross, Tammi Gibson, Holly Newall, **Sean Leith, Jacob Reynolds.**