

# Bank of Scotland International Badminton Championships Sunday 22 November 2009

**A day to remember!**



**Fiona Craigen and Samantha with Susan Eglestaff**

North East players travelled to the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow to be part of the biggest International Badminton event in Scotland. They watched some of the world's leading badminton stars and 'rocked the hall' as they supporting Susan Eglestaff on her way to winning her first Ladies Singles Title at the event. (full report below)

Joan Prieur, Aberdeenshire's Badminton Development Officer in conjunction with *BADMINTONscotland* arranged for the players to take part in the day's events.

- Return coach travel to Kelvin Hall Glasgow
- Entry to finals
- On court 1 hour coaching session
- Opportunity to meet international competitors and do some autograph hunting!
- Chance to win fantastic prizes for most creative & vocal supporters
- Fun games and competitions

Joan said "It was a fantastic opportunity for the players. They were able to witness some of the World's best badminton players in action which inspired them to great efforts during their coaching sessions with *BADMINTONscotland* coaches during the course of the afternoon. Autographs were collected on a great variety of items from shoes, bags, rackets, and T shirts. A great day was had by coaches and players alike".

## **Egelstaff's long wait ends as she lifts the women's singles title at the Bank of Scotland International Championships**

Susan Egelstaff's dreams came true this afternoon as she lifted the women's singles title at the Bank of Scotland International Championships in her home city of Glasgow.

The 27-year-old Commonwealth Games bronze medallist defeated two-time winner Ella Diehl of Russia 21-18 21-10 in the battle of the top two seeds.

Egelstaff trailed 12-9 in the opening game but turned it round to lead 17-14. Diehl took four points in a row to go ahead again 18-17 but Egelstaff mastered her notorious hometown nerves to win the game with a four-point burst. In the second game she opened up a 7-3 lead and never looked back.

Egelstaff said: "I feel great. This is my best performance of the tournament. In fact, the best performance of my career. Ella Diehl is a world-class player and has a higher ranking.

"I got really nervy at the end trying to close it out but I have played enough matches now to handle it."

But there was disappointment for Emma Mason as she and defending champion Mariana Agathangelou lost their **women's doubles** final against top seeds Valeria Sorokina and Nina Vislova of Russia 21-16 21-16. It was the third time the Russian pair had won the title.

But the Edinburgh-born Glasgow based player at least had the consolation of receiving the Robert McCoig Memorial Award from **BADMINTONscotland** Patron HRH The Earl of Wessex, KG, KCVO, for the most meritorious performance in the Championships.

Emma said: "I am disappointed because we couldn't play at the same level as we did yesterday in the quarter-finals and semi-finals but for the tournament I have got to be happy. We beat the No 15 pair in the world.

About the Robert McCoig Trophy she said: "It's great to win the trophy after a long comeback, having snapped my Achilles a year and a half ago. To be rewarded on home soil is great.

The **men's singles** title went to Germany's top seed Marc Zwiebler, who defeated fourth seed Peter Mikkelsen of Denmark 21-15 15-21 21-16.

The **men's doubles** title went to Denmark's third seeds Mads Conrad-Petersen and Mads Pieler Kolding, who edged past England's fourth seeds Robin Middleton and Chris Langridge 19-21 26-24 21-11.

In the **mixed doubles** Sorokina was bidding for her second title of the day. The 2006 winner and Alexander Nikolaenko won 21-11 21-16 against seventh seeds Raj and Renuga Veeran, the seventh seeds from Australia.

### **FINAL RESULTS**

#### **Women's doubles:**

(1) Valeria Sorokina & Nina Vislova (Rus) bt Mariana Agathangelou (Eng) & Emma Mason (Sco) 21-16 21-16 (33 mins)

**Men's singles:**

(1) Marc Zwiebler (Ger) bt (4) Peter Mikkelsen (Den) 21-15 15-21 21-16 (47 mins)

**Men's doubles:**

(3) Mads Conrad-Petersen & Mads Piler-Kolding (Den) bt (4) Robin Middleton & Chris Langridge (Eng) 19-21 26-24 21-11 (62mins)

**Mixed doubles:**

(4) Alexander Nikolaenko & Valeria Sorokina (Rus) bt (7) Raj & Renuga Veeran (Aus) 21-11 21-16 (23 mins)

**Women's singles:**

(2) Susan Egelstaff (Sco) bt (1) Ella Diehl (Rus) 21-18 21-10 (37 mins)

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