

## **Three North East players named in Scottish line up as Travers leads the Scots against England as Yonex International Championships attracts record entry**

SCOTLAND has named a strong team for the annual Robert McCoig International Veterans' match with England, which immediately precedes the Yonex Scottish International Veterans Championships later this month.

World veterans champion Dan Travers, a triple medallist at Punta Umbria in Spain last year as he recaptured his singles title, heads the Scotland line-up although regular mixed doubles partner Christine Black is unavailable for the match and the tournament which follows immediately afterwards on the weekend of January 22-24.

Scotland will be bidding to make up for last year's narrow 14-9 defeat by England at Ribby Hall in Lancashire in the 11th time the McCoig Trophy has been contested. Scotland won the Over 40 and the Over 60s categories last year, but it was not enough to come out on top overall. At least they had the satisfaction of producing their best overall scoreline despite suffering defeat.

The Robert McCoig match takes place at the **sportscotland** National Training Centre, Inverclyde, Largs on Friday, January 22 with play due to begin at 1.30pm.

Then at 6pm the Yonex Scottish International gets under way and the event this year has attracted a record 204 entries, with players travelling from all over Scotland and beyond to compete. The largest foreign contingent comes from Scandinavia, with Denmark, Sweden and Norway all well represented. There is also a strong Irish entry as well as the usual excellent support from England.

With the first day of the tournament featuring matches in both the McCoig Trophy and the Yonex Scottish International, it promises to be a hectic start for some of the Scotland and England players.

### **SCOTLAND'S McCoig Trophy squad:**

#### **40+**

Men's Singles	Alan McMillan
Women's Singles	Anne Robertson
Men's Doubles	Alan McMillan & Paul Hume
Women's Doubles	Anne Robertson & Aileen Travers
Mixed Doubles	Paul Hume & Aileen Travers

#### **45+**

Men's Singles	Ross Gladwin
Women's Singles	Anne Wood

Men's Doubles  
Women's Doubles  
Mixed Doubles

Steve Thomson NE & Ross Gladwin  
Jill Smith & Lynn Robb  
Steve Thomson NE & Jill Smith

**50+**

Men's Singles  
Women's Singles  
Men's Doubles  
Women's Doubles  
Mixed Doubles

Dan Travers  
Diana Koleva  
Dan Travers & Leon Douglas  
Diana Koleva & Anne Wood  
Colin Ross NE & Robin Martin NE

**55+**

Men's Singles  
Women's Singles  
Men's Doubles  
Women's Doubles  
Mixed Doubles

Leon Douglas  
Margaret Robertson  
Ian Campbell & Ashley Sharp  
Linda Smith & Margaret Robertson  
Ashley Sharp & Loraine Bennett

**60+**

Men's Singles  
Women's Singles  
Men's Doubles  
Women's Doubles  
Mixed Doubles

Ian Smith  
Betty Trainor  
Peter Barr & Charlie Ellis  
Margaret Gibson & Betty Trainor  
Ian Smith & Margaret Emery