

**SSBU National Primary Quaich
Wishaw Sport Centre
Saturday 27 February 2010**

The North East was once again well represented at the National finals of the Scottish Schools Badminton Union Primary Quaich event. Of the 9 teams competing the North East had 2 schools involved, Mill O' Forest, Stonehaven and Milltimber, who were winners and runners up of the local qualifying event in January. The other teams involved were West End, Moray district, St. Andrews, Argyll & Bute, Mauchline, Ayrshire, Longniddry, East Lothian, Castleton, Glasgow, Bruntsfield, Edinburgh & Cumbernauld. This year's event saw all teams play each other to find the countries finest primary team. With many of the players being very young and quite inexperienced the team selection for each encounter would prove crucial. Both local teams proved they were worthy of their place in the finals and showed great composure and determination in all of their matches. The head to head between them had been evenly contested so far this season with one win each, both results 3 – 2. This match was again a very close fought affair, the result once again 3 – 2 in favour of Mill O' Forest. Milltimber then went on to beat a very experienced Longniddry team, 3 – 2, a feat Mill O' Forest were unable to match, going down 3 – 2 to the Lothian side. Milltimber were unlucky to lose to Mauchline and West End, giving them 5 wins out of 8. Mill O' Forest managed to conquer West End 3 – 2 but were unlucky against Longniddry and Mauchline losing 3 – 2 and 4 – 1. With Mauchline winning all their matches they lifted the title however with Mill O' Forest and Longniddry both winning 6 of their 8 matches, 2nd place had to be decided on a count back of games won. Disappointingly Mill O' Forest were nudged into 3rd place, with Milltimber a very close 4th. Joan Prieur, badminton development officer, commented "it was a great achievement to secure 2 places in the final, however to have both schools in the top 4 in the country is fantastic, the children, coaches and supporters should all be very proud of their efforts."



Mill O'Forest and Milltimber Primaries