

**North East Restricted Badminton Tournament**  
**20 / 21 February 2010**  
**Harlaw Academy**

The recent North East restricted badminton tournament attracted over 60 players in the three age groups, U13, U15 and U17. The spectators were treated to some fantastic action in all sections and it was refreshing to see players as young as 8 keen to be part of the local event. Harlaw Academy was the venue and the U13 event was concluded on Saturday. Some very close matches and fantastic spirit was a pleasure to be enjoyed by the supportive spectators. In both the girls and boys events the seeded players contested the finals but not before some tough pool games. The girls singles event saw a reversal of fortunes of recent encounters when Becky Flacherty, Banchory overcame Keira Dalton in the final. The two paired up to lift the doubles title in a close final match against Eilidh Craigen and Holly Thomson, both Stonehaven. The boys events also thrilled the audience with a close first set in the singles final with top seed Mark Leith narrowly taking the honours 21 – 19. He went on to lift the title in the second set. The doubles final was also a close affair with an all Stonehaven clash, Jack Murray & Rory Adamson against Matthew Duguid & Stuart Holley. The experience of the well practiced Duguid and Holley partnership was just too strong for the new pairing of Murray and Adamson however they put up a good fight with 2 very close sets. Sunday commenced with the U15 event which once again saw a great display of skill and determination from all players. The girls singles event was again an all Stonehaven affair as Fiona Craigen met Kirsty Thomson. Both girls were keen to take the title but on the day Kirsty overcame Fiona in a close 3 set match. The 2 paired up for the doubles event where they met sisters, Fiona & Katie Fleming, taking the title in 2 sets. In the boys event, Jacob Reynolds and Josh Halliday, both Stonehaven played well to earn their places in the singles final with Jacob running out a convincing & worthy winner. The doubles event saw Jacob & Josh pair up and once again play well to reach the final where they met brothers, Sean & Mark Leith. Another nail biting 3 set match followed with Sean and Mark finally taking the honours, Mark following in Becky & Kirsty's footsteps with the 3<sup>rd</sup> double of the weekend. Stonehaven continued strong in the U17 event where the singles was won by Scott Murray as he overcame Douglas Adamson in the boys event. Douglas managed to succeed against Scott in the doubles where he teamed up with Jamie Duncan to beat Scott Murray and Gary Beaton in the final. Badminton development officer Joan Prieur commented "it's great to see North East children of all ages supporting this tournament another good opportunity to compete locally. Thanks must go to the people who continue to organise and support these events. Well done to all who took part." Full results are available <http://www.aberdeenbadminton.co.uk>.



*North East Restricted 2010 – U13 Doubles Finalists*