

PRESS RELEASE Bank of Scotland Badminton Junior National

Campbells seeded to shine at Bank of Scotland Junior Nationals

THE Campbell brothers are the danger men as the seedings for the Bank of Scotland National Junior Badminton Championships were announced today.

There is a bumper entry for the three age groups in action at Edinburgh's Meadowbank Sports Centre on April 18 and 19 with a total of 195 players competing in the event.

In the Under 23 age group Commonwealth Youth Games bronze medallist Martin Campbell (Edinburgh) is bidding for two titles, having been named second seed in the singles behind Gordon Hoggan (Dunfermline) while taking top spot in the doubles with partner Angus Gilmour (Troon) ahead of defending champions Peter Hockey (Edinburgh) and Duncan Leith (Kirkliston).

Campbell and Gilmour are already Bank of Scotland Under 19 champions while Campbell is the under 19 singles champion.

Campbell's brother Michael (also Edinburgh) is bidding for **Under 17** success and is second seed in the singles behind Motherwell's Craig Morrison and top seed in the doubles with defending champion Craig Pollock (Longniddry).

In the women's events Alison Marr (Kilmacollm) is seeded to retain her **Under 23** women's singles title and is also favourite to retain her doubles crown with Erskine's Victoria Wan. Alison is also second seed with Peter Hockey in the mixed behind Paul Van Rietvelde (Longniddry) and Gillian Sloan (Glasgow).

Kirsty Gilmour (Bothwell) is a big danger in the **Under 17** events where she is top seed in the singles and girls' doubles, with Kirsty McGlynn (Greenock) and in the mixed where she is joint third seed with Michael Campbell. Morrison and Emma Gallagher (Wishaw) are the top mixed doubles seeds.

In the Under 13 championships number 1 seed Adam Hall (Mauchline) is out to retain his singles title. Hall is also top seed with Alistair Gordon (Edinburgh) in the boys' doubles and in the mixed with Sophie Morrison (Motherwell).

The Morrison family could dominate the girls' events as twins Hannah and Sophie, younger sisters of Under 17 star Craig, are the top two seeds in the singles and are top seeds and defending champions in the doubles. Hannah is also second seed behind Sophie in the mixed where she partners Sean Leith of Stonehaven. In fact, Sean is second seed in all three events; singles, doubles, with Struan Ross (North Kessock), and mixed.

Another player to watch out for at Under 13 level is Julie MacPherson. She is joint third seed in the singles, second seed in the doubles with Fiona Craigen (Stonehaven) and third seed in the mixed with Alistair Gordon (Edinburgh) as she looks to better sister Heather's efforts last year in winning the Under 13 singles and mixed doubles titles.

BADMINTONscotland Chief Executive Anne Smillie, who is this week in Milan watching Scotland's young prospects in action at the European Junior Championships, said today: "It is marvellous to see such quality talent emerging

through our junior ranks and I am particularly keen to watch those players in action who are stepping up to a higher age group. I want to see the progress they are making as they represent Scotland's future."

Sarah Cran, Head of Sponsorship for Bank of Scotland, said: "It's great to see such a high entry level for the forthcoming Bank of Scotland National Junior Championship. These players represent the future of Badminton in Scotland and it will be interesting to see how they progress over the next few years. Looking forward to 2012 and 2014, tournament's like these are key to their development."

A full list of seeds is shown below

**BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL JUNIOR BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS
U13/17/23
MEADOWBANK SPORTS CENTRE, EDINBURGH – 18-19 APRIL 2009**

U13 Boys' Singles: Holder – Adam Hall (Mauchline)

1. Adam Hall (Mauchline)
 2. **Sean Leith (Stonehaven)**
- 3/4. Alistair Gordon (Edinburgh); Andrew Mawbey (Longniddry)
5/8. **Jacob Reynolds (Stonehaven)**; Alex Dunn (Motherwell); Struan Ross (North Kessock); John Clifford (Wishaw)

U13 Girls' Singles: Holder – Heather MacPherson (Edinburgh)

1. Hannah Morrison (Motherwell)
 2. Sophie Morrison (Motherwell)
- 3/4. Julie MacPherson (Edinburgh); **Fiona Craigen (Stonehaven)**

U13 Boys' Doubles: Holders – James Milton (Mauchline)/Josh Neil (Prestwick)

1. Alistair Gordon (Edinburgh)/Adam Hall (Mauchline)
 2. **Sean Leith (Stonehaven)**/Struan Ross (North Kessock)
- 3/4. Alex Dunn (Motherwell)/**Mark Leith (Stonehaven)**; Callum MacMillan (Mauchline)/Jacob Reynolds (Stonehaven)

U13 Girls' Doubles: Holders – Hannah Morrison/Sophie Morrison (both Motherwell)

1. Hannah Morrison/Sophie Morrison (both Motherwell)
2. **Fiona Craigen (Stonehaven)**/Julie MacPherson (Edinburgh)

U13 Mixed Doubles: Holders – Josh Neil (Prestwick)/Heather MacPherson (Edinburgh)

1. Adam Hall (Mauchline)/Sophie Morrison (Motherwell)
 2. **Sean Leith (Stonehaven)**/Hannah Morrison (Motherwell)
- 3/4. Alistair Gordon/Julie MacPherson (both Edinburgh); Struan Ross (North Kessock)/Kirstie Baird (Lanark)

U17 Boys' Singles: Holder – Steven Stewart (Bonhill)

1. Craig Morrison (Motherwell)
 2. Michael Campbell (Edinburgh)
- 3/4. Patrick MacHugh (Kinross); Gregor McVean (Mauchline)
5/8. Scott Campbell (Glasgow); Lewis Gallacher (Kilmarnock); Craig Pollock (Longniddry); Stewart Ferns (Culbokie)

U17 Girls' Singles: Holder – Kirsty Gilmour (Bothwell)

1. Kirsty Gilmour (Bothwell)

2. Fiona Archibald (Larkhall)
- 3/4. Kirsty McGlynn (Greenock); Gail Woodburn (Mauchline)
- 5/8. Emma Cook (Mauchline); Shereen Spittal (Mauchline); Caitlin Pringle (Glasgow); Emma Gallagher (Wishaw)

U17 Boys' Doubles: Holders – Craig Pollock/Paul Van Rietvelde (both Longniddry)

1. Michael Campbell (Edinburgh)/Craig Pollock (Longniddry)
2. Patrick MacHugh (Kinross)/Craig Morrison (Motherwell)
- 3/4. Matthew Carder (South Queensferry)/Gregor McVean (Mauchline); Scott Campbell (Glasgow)/Lewis Gallacher (Kilmarnock)

U17 Girls' Doubles: Holders – Kirsten Geals/Kaity Hall (both Mauchline)

1. Kirsty Gilmour (Bothwell)/Kirsty McGlynn (Greenock)
2. Shereen Spittal/Gail Woodburn (both Mauchline)
- 3/4. Emma Cook (Mauchline)/Caitlin Pringle (Glasgow); Fiona Archibald (Larkhall)/Emma Gallagher (Wishaw)

U17 Mixed Doubles: Holders – Paul Van Rietvelde (Longniddry)/Gillian Sloan (Glasgow)

1. Craig Morrison (Motherwell)/Emma Gallacher (Wishaw)
2. Patrick MacHugh (Kinross)/Emma Cook (Mauchline)
- 3/4. Michael Campbell (Edinburgh)/Kirsty Gilmour (Bothwell); Gregor McVean (Mauchline)/Robyn Glen (Erskine)

U23 Boys' Singles: Holder – Steven McPhail (Glasgow)

1. Gordon Hoggan (Dunfermline)
2. Martin Campbell (Edinburgh)
- 3/4. Kenneth Young (Lanark); Steven McPhail (Glasgow)

U23 Girls' Singles: Holder – Alison Marr (Kilmacolm)

1. Alison Marr (Kilmacolm)
2. Kirsten Geals (Mauchline)

U23 Boys' Doubles: Holders – Peter Hockey (Edinburgh)/Duncan Leith (Kirkliston)

1. Martin Campbell (Edinburgh)/Angus Gilmour (Troon)
2. Peter Hockey (Edinburgh)/Duncan Leith (Kirkliston)

U23 Girls' Doubles: Holders – Alison Marr (Kilmacolm)/Victoria Wan (Erskine)

1. Alison Marr (Kilmacolm)/Victoria Wan (Erskine)
2. Kaity Hall (Mauchline)/Catriona Lawlor (Cumbernauld)

U23 Mixed Doubles: Holders - Martin Campbell (Edinburgh)/Catriona Lawlor (Cumbernauld)

1. Paul Van Rietvelde (Longniddry)/Gillian Sloan (Glasgow)
2. Peter Hockey (Edinburgh)/Alison Marr (Kilmacolm)