

Glasgow School of Sport U11

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Five local youngsters made the journey to Bellahouston Academy to compete in the Glasgow School of Sport U11 badminton tournament. Catriona Holley, Arduthie, and Josh McKay, David Blacklaw, Sam Muir and Scott Waddell all Mill O' Forest made up the Stonehaven representation. All players competed well in the pool stages, with Scott and David both winning 2 out of 3 games and Catriona, Josh and Sam all winning one. These results earned Scott, David and Catriona places in the A event, while Josh and Sam would continue in the B event. Again some great matches ensued with all players showing some fantastic skill and great ability but most importantly all games were played in good spirits. David was unlucky to meet 3/4 seed Matthew Grimley in the first round of the knock out stage but played well to take 12 points from the game. Scott fared better meeting 5/8 seed Andrew Doland who he managed to overcome 21-13. His quarter final tie was against the other 3/4 seed Glen Lewington who managed to justify his seeding winning the match 21-11. Catriona's journey also ended in the quarter final where she met 3/4 seed Eloise Morris losing out 21-8. The B event was also very entertaining with some nail biting encounters. Sam was desperately unlucky to lose out 22-20 in the quarter final to Calvin Mcgrory after a tense and well matched battle. Calvin then faced Josh in the semi-final where another superb match ensued. The game was another close affair with Josh finally taking the honours 21-18. A well deserved final place for Josh is a fantastic achievement, given that he is still only 8. Unfortunately his opponent, James Laing, proved just too strong on the day but Josh never gave up only losing 21-15. The doubles event saw the four boy's pair up while Catriona partnered Laura Fitzpatrick. Despite only pairing up on the day Catriona and Laura played well winning one game and only losing 2 others 21-15 and 21-14. The boys event was a very close fought affair, David and Scott were one of 3 pairs to win one out of 3 games in their pool, but they managed to qualify for the A event since they had scored most points. Josh and Sam were unfortunate to miss out on a place in the A event knock out only losing 21-19 and 21-14. David and Scott met 3/4 seeds Andrew Dolan and Ciar Pringles in the quarter final and put on a splendid performance, almost causing upset when they nearly won the tie only losing out 21-19 in the end. Josh and Sam showed tremendous composure coupled with skill and determination and made it all the way to beat James Laing and Andrew Robertson in the B event final 21-19, a superb result. Joan Prieur, badminton development officer said "these are very good results from some of the younger players from Aberdeenshire Development Squads. They are part of a crop of promising athletes who are achieving good results in competitions across the country in various the age groups. Their willingness to travel to play against the best is helping develop their abilities and the players should be complimented on their achievements."



David Blacklaw Josh Mackay Sam Muir Scott Waddell



Catriona Holley