

Midlothian U10
Saturday 15th May 2010

Penicuik sports centre was the venue for the recent Midlothian U10 badminton tournament. Three youngsters from Stonehaven made the journey south to participate. Catriona Holley, Dunnottar, and Maria Leith and Josh McKay, both Mill O' Forest represented the North East. Catriona and Josh both played well in the group stage to qualify for a place in the main A event. Josh progressed to the last 16 where he met Lothian's Ewan Laing. A great game developed with both boys matching each other point for point. Despite the difference in age and stature Josh was never deterred fighting for every shot. In the end Ewan won the match 21-19. Catriona was fortunate to progress to the semi-final stage where she faced eventual winner, Lothian's Lily Farnood. Despite a spirited performance Lily proved too strong on the day. In the B event Maria comfortably saw off the challenges of Caroline Dunn and Olivia Gray to win the B event. In the doubles Maria and Catriona paired up whilst Josh partnered John Wilson on the day. Josh and John gelled well to make it to the final of the B event only losing out by the narrowest of margins, 21-19, to Northumberland's Ashraf Alam and Anthony Lai. Since there was only a small entry in the girl's event each pair played each other. Maria and Catriona complimented each other well finishing in a deserved 3rd place overall and were awarded the B event honours. Badminton development officer, Joan Prieur commented, "it is great to see these children being given the opportunity to take part in these events and doing so well at something they enjoy."



Maria Leith, Catriona Holley & Josh McKay