

Ryan Clunie Selected for UK School Games badminton squad



ABERDEENSHIRE Badminton player Ryan Clunie has been selected for the Scotland Squad for the UK School Games.

A Scottish Schools U16 doubles titles holder, Ryan has also triumphed in singles and doubles at the U17 North East restricted tournament.

A fifth year pupil at Westhill Academy, Ryan will also train with the Scottish Elite Squad in Larbert in August and will join up with the national Under 19 squad in Glasgow.

Ryan has progressed through the badminton development pathway in the Shire as a member of the performance squad. He also plays with Westhill Badminton Club and North East Junior Badminton Club.

The UK School Games is a multi-sport event for the UK's elite young athletes of school age. Each of the 9 sports are combined into a 4-day games environment designed to replicate the feel of major events such as the Olympic Games. (www.ukschoolgames.com)

Scotland's badminton players brought back silver and 3 bronze medals from last years UK School Games in Coventry and this years squad will hope to emulate and perhaps even surpass that feat.

The Scotland team for the UK School Games in Bath/Bristol 2008 was selected on 6 June 2008.

The full Scotland squad

Boys: Craig Morrison (Motherwell), Michael Campbell (Edinburgh), Patrick MacHugh (Kinross), Craig Pollock (Longniddry), Ryan Clunie (Westhill, Aberdeenshire), Stuart Sineath (Shetland), Matthew Carder (South Queensferry), Gregor McVean (Mauchline, Ayrshire).

Girls: Kirsty Gilmour (Bothwell), Kirsty McGlynn (Greenock), Emma Gallacher (Wishaw), Fiona Archibald (Larkhall), Emma Cook (Mauchline), Shereen Spittal (Mauchline), Caitlin Pringle (Clarkston), Robyn Glen (Erskine).

The Scottish selection criteria was:

The top ranked player/pair in the nominated UKSG Scotland qualifying events for season 2007/2008 in each event (4 boys & 4 girls) will be selected by the selectors to represent Scotland in the 2008 UKSG together with 4 boys & 4 girls being selected on results under the junior selectors' discretion."

Scotland selection tournaments for 2008 will be: Age group Nationals (U17, U19), East of Scotland (U17, U19), West of Scotland (U17, U19), Midland (U17, U19), North of Scotland (U17, U19).

England

Boys: Steven Cappleman, Sam Dobson, Jack Kinmond, Jamie Kilgariff, Tom Stanford, Ryan McCarthy, Tim Stranks, James Scott.

Girls: Sophie Brown, Emily Westwood, Josie Latimer, Lauren Bromley, Piya Sachdeva, Anna Shown

Wales

Boys: Dan Van Hooijdonk, Daniel Font, Oliver Gwilt, Robert John, Sam Gorrel

Girls: Sarah Thomas, Stephanie Marti Jones, Hannah Killick, Alice Palmer, Georgia Hughes, Jordan Hart, Luoise Breen.

Northern Ireland

Boys: Ruaraidh Sim, Stuart Lightbody, Andrew McConnell, Graeme McCarter, Brice Bailie, Joe Murphy, Ciaran Chambers, Mathew Getty.

Girls: Sinead Chambers, Ruth Roddis, Caroline Black, Kirsty Walker, Rachael Orr, Laura Shannon.