

Scottish Schools Badminton Union
U14 Age Group Singles
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In the recent SSBU U14 age group singles event at Wishaw, the starting positions were decided from the previous singles event with the 3 players from Aberdeenshire representing the North East, Sean Leith, Jacob Reynolds and Mark Leith started 1, 2, 3. With the first matches crucial in this type of event the pressure was on all 3 to retain their positions. This task was achieved with Sean disposing of Fraser Wright, Jacob beating Andrew Milton and Mark overcoming Jake Thomas. This then confirmed at least a top four place for all, joined by Euan Watson to complete the pool. Jacob and Mark were first to meet, and as expected treated the spectators to a great display of skill and determination. The first game started evenly matched until Jacob managed to gain advantage, winning the first set 21 – 15. Jacob's strength and determination in the second gained him an early advantage and although Mark put in an admirable effort, Jacob was too strong, taking the second 21 -11. Sean met Euan Watson in his first match and was taken to task eventually taking the first set 25 – 23 after a very hard fought encounter. He managed to take control of the 2nd game winning it 21 -14. Jacob then went on to play Euan and although this was another hard fought affair Jacob was always in control, winning 21 – 15, 21 – 16. Brothers Sean and Mark then faced one another and with everything to play for yet another great match ensued. In both sets Mark took an early lead but Sean's determination saw him hold on and take the match 21 – 17, 21 – 19. Mark then played Euan which promised to be a close tie. The first set did not disappoint, Mark coming back from 17 – 10 down to win 22 – 20. Euan seemed to tire in the second and Mark capitalised on this taking the set 21 -11. Once again this meant the title would be decided on the result of the head to head between Jacob and Sean. Throughout the game both players showed their skill playing a tremendous variety of shots providing great entertainment for the spectators. It was to be Jacob's day as he continued his winning run to overcome Sean to take the honours and lift the title winning 21 – 19, 21 – 17. A fantastic result for Jacob and for the North East, retaining their domination of the age group, once again finishing 1, 2, 3.



Winner – Jacob Reynolds