

Success for young Stonehaven badminton star at Bank of Scotland Championships

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The U11 Bank of Scotland National Junior Championships ended in a great run for a Stonehaven star on Saturday 17 May as he reached the national finals.

There was a bumper entry to this years championships which were held at the National Badminton Academy in Scotstoun, Glasgow and a marathon lay ahead for all participants hoping to be crowned champions. In the boys singles there were no less than 10 qualifying groups and 6 in the girls before a place in the quarters was awarded to the winner.

Mark Leith, from Stonehaven, performed exceedingly well in the singles tournament topping his qualifying group by winning all of his four group stage matches. That meant he progressed to the knockout stage and faced Ayrshire's David Moffatt, who he beat 21-19 to reach the quarter finals. However, there his run ended as he was defeated by eventual finalist Callum MacMillan (Mauchline), going down 21-11.

Karen Tighe, Bank of Scotland's Deputy Head of Sponsorship, said "It is very encouraging to see such a high turnout at the Bank of Scotland National U11 Championships. These tournaments help engage young people with an interest in Badminton and allow them to compete against other young players from across the country, both vitally important factors when developing the next generation of Badminton talent."



Mark Leith