

## Double Title for Stonehaven Youngster

### U13 Glasgow Championships, Sep 2009

Mark Leith, Stonehaven, made his mark on the national badminton circuit this week at the U13 Glasgow Championships where he excelled. Along with Matthew Duguid (10) and Jack Murray (10), also Stonehaven, they travelled to the Cockburn Centre, Glasgow to compete. Matthew and Jack both showed great courage and determination in the singles event, Matthew securing a place in the A knock out losing to first seed, Alex Dunn, in the quarter finals. They teamed up in the doubles and played well considering it was their first outing together. Mark however exceeded all expectations, disposing of 1<sup>st</sup> seed, and doubles partner, Alex Dunn, in the semi final, 21-18, 21-16, then securing a similar result over 2<sup>nd</sup> seeded Callum McMillan in the final, 21-17, 21-19, making this his first singles title at a national level. His success in the singles only mirrored his earlier victory in the doubles event with partner, Alex Dunn, where they treated the spectators to a nail biting 3 set final coming out eventual winners over 1<sup>st</sup> seeds Struan Ross and Andrew Thomson, 21-19, 26-28, 21-17. This double title win for Mark proves that the coaching and encouragement received from his Aberdeenshire performance squad coaches, his school coach at Mackie Academy and his family has given him the perfect start to the new season.



Mark Leith



Jack Murray, Mark Leith & Matthew Duguid