

**Yonex East of Scotland Championships U13, U15, U17 & U19
Meadowbank Sports Centre, Edinburgh**

The recent Yonex East of Scotland badminton championships attracted 194 entrants, not only from Scotland but also England and a strong contingent from Ireland. The North East however, once again brought home 2 titles. Mark Leith, U13, won the boys doubles title with partner Alex Dunn (Motherwell) and Rachel MacLeod won the U17 girls doubles title with partner Anna Kay (Ayrshire). These victories at such a highly competitive and prestigious event prove that the local area has talent to match the rest of the nation. Mark also featured in the singles semi-final and the mixed doubles final where he was unlucky in both to lose out to Irish players on both occasion. He got his victory against them in the doubles however. Other players also competing in the tournament from the North East were Fiona Craigen, Kirsty Thomson, Samantha Holden, Matthew Duguid, Jacob Reynolds, Calum Hay, Scott Duncan and Sean Leith. Between them they achieved 5 quarter final places and 2 semi-final places, a great performance from all concerned. Joan Prieur, Badminton Development officer attended the 2 day event accompanied by coaches Angela Bell and Stine Strandfelt and said "all of the North East players have competed well with some personal best performances being achieved at a very high standard. Their hard work is now being realised in their results and play. They can be extremely proud of their performances."

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Mark Leith and Rachel MacLeod