

Lothian Group Successes

During the 10/11 season, Lothian players, from juniors through to our veterans, once more enjoyed many successes.

During the season, the following players all won National titles at different levels.

Junior National Champions:

U11 Girls' Singles – Lily Farnood

U17 Girls' Doubles – Megan Richardson and Hannah Laing

U19 Boy's Singles – Matthew Carder

U19 Girls' Doubles – Megan Richardson and Hannah Laing

U19 Mixed Doubles – Matthew Carder & Rebekka Findlay (Erskine)

U23 Men's Singles – Gordon Hoggan

U23 Men's Doubles – Michael Campbell & Patrick MacHugh (Kinross)



Matthew Carder

Senior National Champions:

Ladies Doubles – Emma Mason and Jillie Cooper

Mixed doubles – Paul van Rietvelde and Imogen Bankier (Glasgow)

Scottish Schools Champions:

U14 Girls' Singles – Julie Macpherson

U16 Girls' Singles – Hannah Wade

U16 Boys' Doubles – Euan Cameron and Fraser Whillans

U16 Girls' Doubles – Julie and Heather Macpherson

U16 Mixed Doubles – Euan Cameron and Anna Devine

U19 Boys' Singles – Matthew Carder

U19 Girls' Singles – Megan Richardson

U19 Girls' Doubles – Megan Richardson & Hannah Laing



Hannah Laing & Megan Richardson

Veteran National Champions:

Over 45 Men's Doubles – Ross Gladwin & Steve Thomson (Stonehaven)

Over 50 Men's Singles – Ross Gladwin

Over 50 Men's Doubles – Colin Campbell & Colin Ross (Aberdeen)

Over 50 Mixed Doubles – Christine Black & Dan Travers (Perth)

Over 55 Men's Doubles – Ian Campbell & Ashley Sharp (Kilmarnock)

Over 55 Mixed Doubles – Christine Black & Leon Douglas (Glasgow)

Over 60 Men's Doubles – Colin Hepburn & Alistair Davidson (Inverness)

Scottish Masters Champions:

Over 45 Men's Doubles – Ross Gladwin & Steve Thomson (Stonehaven)

Over 50 Mixed Doubles – Ross Gladwin & Jill Greig

Over 55 Women's Doubles – Alison Barclay & Margaret Robertson

Over 55 Mixed Doubles – Christine Black & Leon Douglas (Glasgow)

We also were delighted to see many of our players awarded international honours during the season:

Under 15 Home Countries

Quadrangular – Alistair Gordon and Julie MacPherson

Under 17 UK School Games –

Megan Richardson & Hannah Laing

Under 19 Northumberland

International – Michael Campbell,

Craig Pollock, Matthew Carder,

Megan Richardson & Hannah Laing

Under 19 European Junior

Championships - Michael Campbell,

Craig Pollock, Matthew Carder,

Megan Richardson & Hannah Laing



Scotland's European Junior team

Senior Internationals (European Championships and Commonwealth Games) –Paul van Rietvelde, Jillie Cooper & Emma Mason.

Robert McCoig Veterans International – Colin Campbell, Ross Gladwin, Ian Campbell & Margaret Robertson

Matthew Carder got the season off to an excellent start for Lothian Juniors, capturing two titles at the U19 Junior Nationals, winning the singles and the mixed doubles with Rebecca Findlay. Hannah Laing and Megan Richardson won the U19 girls' doubles, a feat they were to repeat later in the year in the U17 Nationals. Lothian Juniors were then to form the nucleus of the U19 junior international team, both at the Northumberland International tournament, where Scotland lifted the team title, defeating England in the process and at an individual level, Michael Campbell partnered by Caitlin Pringle, captured the mixed title. The Lothian Juniors who featured in this event also went on to represent Scotland at the European Junior Championships in Helsinki. At the end of the season, there was also a double success for Julie MacPherson at the York U14 open, winning both the singles and the girl's doubles with Gemma Wright.



Michael Campbell & Caitlin Pringle

At senior level, Lothian players enjoyed a lot of success on the Scottish circuit. Gordon Hoggan won the singles at Dunfermline and Glasgow. Lindsay Campbell and Peter Hockey had an outstanding season, winning the mixed doubles at the Dunfermline, East and Glasgow championships. Duncan Leith and Megan Richardson upset the seedings to win their first senior title. Duncan and Peter also won the men's doubles at the West with a memorable win over Lothian legend Robert Blair and Keith Turnbull along the way. Thomas Bethell also marked a return to the competitive scene by winning the East Championships with Keith Turnbull



Lindsay Campbell & Peter Hockey

Lothian players performed with great credit on the European circuit throughout the season. At the Bulgarian International Championships, Martin Campbell and Angus Gilmour reached the final of the men's doubles and then went on to reach the semi finals of the Welsh and Portuguese International Championships. These results helped Martin and Angus to qualify for the World Championships at Wembley at the end of the season. At the Scottish



Martin Campbell & Angus Gilmour

International Championships, Paul van Rietvelde and Robert Blair reached the semi finals, defeating Martin and Angus along the way in the quarter finals. Robert Blair who announced his intention to play for Scotland again during the course of the season, had some outstanding results, most notably winning the mixed doubles with Gabby White (England) at the German Open Grand Prix and reaching the semi finals of the mixed doubles at the Malaysian Open Super Series.

In the Scottish National Championships, Emma Mason and Jillie Cooper teamed up to win the ladies doubles while Paul van Rietvelde won his first senior national title, partnering Imogen Bankier (Glasgow). Martin Campbell reached two finals, with Angus Gilmour in the men's doubles and with Jillie in the mixed.



Emma Mason



Paul, Emma and Jillie were all part of the Scottish team which performed so creditably at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi and in the European Championships in Amsterdam.

Paul van Rietvelde & Jillie Cooper

BADMINTONScotland president Christine Black produced a truly outstanding performance at the European Senior Championships, winning 3 gold medals by taking the 55+ ladies singles, 50+ ladies doubles with Christine Crossley (England) and the 50+ mixed doubles with Jesper Helledie (Denmark). Even more remarkably, Christine achieved this without dropping a set throughout the tournament. There was further Lothian success to report in the 50+ ladies doubles as Margaret Robertson also won a bronze medal with her partner Ulla Roinela (Finland).



Christine Black

In the Inter County Championship, Lothian retained its position in Division 1A but unfortunately, we were unable to get out our first team as frequently as we would have liked and hence did not manage to achieve promotion. On a positive note, our 2nd team won all its games and achieved promotion from Division to 5. In the Scottish Inter Group, again Lothian were unable to field its strongest team and again came fourth.

We wish all our players the best of luck for the forthcoming season and look forward to their continued success.