

Lothian Group Successes

Once again, the 09/10 season was one in which Lothian players enjoyed high levels of success both at home and abroad, from our junior players right through the ranks to our more 'mature' players competing in the veteran events.

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

Junior National Champions:

U11 Boys' Doubles - Calum Atterbury & Glen Lewington

U11 Girls' Singles – Shona Whillans

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U13 Girls' Singles – Julie MacPherson

U13 Girls' Doubles – Julie MacPherson & Sarah Findlay (Erskine)

U13 Mixed Doubles – Julie MacPherson & Struan Ross



U17 Boy's Singles – Matthew Carder

U17 Boys' Doubles – Matthew Carder & Gregor McVean (Mauchline)

U17 Mixed Doubles – Matthew Carder & Rebekka Findlay (Erskine)

U19 Mixed Doubles – Paul van Rietvelde & Gillian Sloan (Glasgow)

U23 Men's Singles – Gordon Hoggan

U23 Men's Doubles – Martin Campbell & Angus Gilmour (Troon)

Senior National Champions:

Ladies Doubles – Emma Mason and Imogen Bankier (Glasgow)

Scottish Schools Champions:

U16 Girls' Doubles – Hannah Laing & Megan Richardson

U19 Boys' Singles – Matthew Carder

U19 Boys' Doubles – Edward Cogliano & Rajan Bhopal

Veteran National Champions:

Over 45 Ladies' Doubles – Christine Black & Anne Wood (Shetland)

Over 50 Men's Singles – Colin Campbell

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

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

Scottish Masters Champions:

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

Over 50 Men's Singles – Colin Campbell

Over 55 Men's Doubles – Colin Hepburn & Huw John (Wales)

Over 60 Men's Doubles – Colin Hepburn & Huw John (Wales)

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

Under 15 Home Countries Quadrangular – Fraser Whillans & Heather MacPherson

Under 17 UK School Games – Matthew Carder, Edward Cogliano

Under 17 European Championships – Matthew Carder, Edward Cogliano

Under 19 Northumberland International – Michael Campbell & Matthew Carder

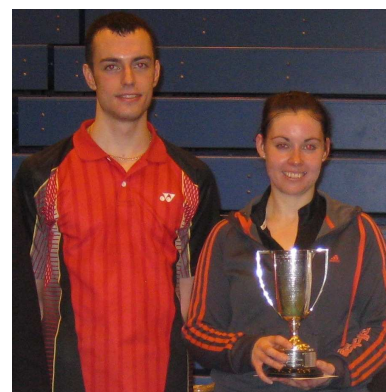
Senior Internationals (Thomas & Uber Cups) – Martin Campbell, Paul van Rietvelde, Jillie Cooper & Emma Mason.

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



Many of our junior players also recorded further successes in the various Scottish junior tournament events with Matthew Carder and Julie McPherson, in particular, starring at the Junior National Championships, winning all 3 events in their respective age groups. Matthew also performed exceptionally at the European U17 Championships, reaching the quarter finals of singles.

At senior level, Lindsay Campbell had a memorable season, winning the ladies' doubles titles with Victoria Wan (Glasgow) at the Dunfermline and Glasgow Championships and winning the mixed with fellow Lothian player Gordon Hoggan, at the East Championships. Lindsay's all round consistency of performance in all 3 disciplines was rewarded by achieving end of season national rankings of 2 in the Ladies and Mixed doubles and 4 at singles. Paul van Rietvelde also won his first senior title, winning the men's doubles with Watson Briggs (Glasgow). While the seasons started promisingly for Peter Hockey and Duncan Leith by reaching the final of the West Championships, the Achilles injury sustained by Peter at the Welsh Open Championships meant that they weren't able to build on this. We wish Peter a speed recovery and look forward to seeing him fully fit again next season.



It was wonderful to see two of Lothian's most promising young players, Martin Campbell and Paul van Rietvelde being awarded with their first caps in the Thomas Cup in Warsaw. Jillie Cooper and Emma Mason also gained further caps in the Uber

Cup event in Poland and helped the Scottish team reach the quarter finals. Martin and Paul along with Jillie and Emma also performed with great credit throughout the season on the European circuit.



In the Scottish National Championships, Emma Mason, now fully recovered from injury, won the Scottish National ladies doubles with Imogen Bankier (Glasgow). Paul van Rietvelde reached two finals, with Watson Briggs in the men's doubles and with Jillie in the mixed.

BADMINTONScotland president Christine Black produced another outstanding performance at the BWF World Seniors, winning a silver medal in the 50+ mixed doubles with Dan Travers and winning bronze medals in the 50+ singles in the 50+ ladies doubles with Marjan Ridder (Holland).

In the Inter County Championship, having gained promotion back to Division 1A the previous year, we were very unfortunate not to win Division 1A, finishing 2nd only on games difference. In the Scottish Inter Group, although there were many close matches, Lothian were only able to finish fourth but it was good to see Megan Richardson making her debut for the senior team and performing so well.

The outlook for the forthcoming season is already looking promising with Megan Richardson and Hannah Laing having been selected to represent Scotland at the UK School Games and hot off the press, Emma Mason, Jillie Cooper and Paul van Rietvelde being selected to represent Scotland in the forthcoming Commonwealth Games in Delhi.

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