

# BADMINTON



Adam Hall



Craig Robertson



Kirsty Gilmour jumps into action



Main photo: Gregor McVean ready to serve

## STAFF

Alan McIlvain was employed on a consultancy basis prior to becoming High Performance Badminton Coach in 2000. Alan led the programme through to 2006. After an interim post of Director GSOS, Alan secured a National Coach position in Belgium.

In April 2007 Craig Robertson was appointed as High Performance Coach and is now assisted by Assistant High Performance Coaches Iain Pringle and Lena Robertson (part time) as well as Performance Coaches Kenneth Young and Stephen McPhail, both former sports pupils.

The playing and coaching experience of the current coaches at National and International levels, with input from former coaches which include Rita Yuan Gao and Gordon Thomson, both International Players, has led to an increase in standards and performances throughout the badminton programme.

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

Pupils from 13 local authorities have participated in the badminton programme over the past decade. The programme has developed and the overall standard has risen year on year. A total of 33 National Titles and 31 Scottish Schools Titles have been won from Under 13 to Under 19 age groups.

10 pupils have achieved West of Scotland Institute of Sport status, more recently through BADMINTONScotland High Performance Squad.

## TRAINING CAMPS AND COMPETITION

A warm weather camp was held in 2002 at Club La Santa, Lanzarote. This ran through to 2006 with the first English Training Camp held in 2003. In 2004 a small group travelled to International Competition the 'Aros Cup' in Denmark and linked this into a joint training camp.

Since 2004 pupils have gained experience in competitions all over Europe as part of Glasgow School of Sport and National Teams.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Many of the badminton pupils have gone on to study at colleges and university in a broad range of subjects, with others gaining employment.

Kenneth Young continues to train full time while coaching at GSOS. Kenny recently signed a contract for La Chaux De Fonds Badminton Club to compete in the National League in Switzerland.

Stephen McPhail is also coaching within the GSOS programme and is involved with Satellite and National Junior Squads. Stephen is studying an HND in Sports Coaching at North Glasgow College and is hoping to become a full time Coach and Tutor.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

As the programme develops our aim is to have as many players in National Squads and teams at all age levels. This base would allow the programme to aim high and provide BADMINTONScotland with players for their Junior High Performance Squad that show potential to join Scottish Institute of Sport and win medals at major events in the future.



## INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

1998

1999

2000

2001

2002 (1)  
Debbie Bradley.

2003 (4)  
Greg Anderson, Cameron Barbour,  
Stephen McPhail, Sean O'Farrell.

2004 (4)  
Fraser Ballantyne, Kareena Marshall,  
Stephen McPhail, Kenny Young.

2005 (2)  
Lisa McMullen, Stephen McPhail.

2006 (5)  
Kirsty McGlynn, James McKay, Stephen McPhail,  
Lisa McMullen, Kenny Young.

2007 (6)  
Katie Hall, Kirsty Gilmour, Kirsty McGlynn,  
Lisa McMullen, Stephen McPhail,  
Steven Stewart.

2008 (7)  
Fiona Archibald, Kirsty Gilmour, Robyn Glen,  
Kaity Hall, Kirsty McGlynn, Gregor McVean,  
Steven Stewart.

2009 (2)  
Fiona Archibald, Gregor McVean.

## INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Aros Cup - Denmark		
Kenny Young	U19 Boys Doubles	2008
Kirsty Gilmour	U15 Girls Singles	2008
Adam Hall & Josh Neil	U13 Boys Doubles	2008
Kenny Young	U19 Boys Doubles	2007
Belgium International		
Kenny Young & Stephen McPhail	U19 Boys Doubles	2007
Olve Jot, Belgium		
Stephen McPhail	U15 Singles & Mixed Doubles	2005

## KEY EVENTS

1998

1999

- First Badminton pupils started in August (4 players)

2000

- Alan McIlvain appointed as HPC.
- LTPD plan created and implemented

2001

- Istvan Balyi facilitates seminar for coaches.

2002

- First Pupil to Join National Junior Squad.
- Training Camp in Club La Santa, Lanzarote
- 7 players in programme.

2003

- First S6 graduations.
- Training Camp in England.
- Korea's Lee Jae Bok visits as Consultant Coach.
- 13 players on the programme.

2004

- Iain Pringle appointed as AHPC.
- First Primary Schools Programme & talent squad.
- First British title won by school of sport pupil.
- 18 players on the programme.

2005

- Training Camp in Club La Santa.
- First International competition won by GSOS pupil.
- 26 players on the programme.

2006

- Training Camp in Club La Santa.
- Training Camp in England.
- 30 players on the programme.

2007

- Training Camp in England.
- 27 players on the programme.

2008

- 7 S5/6 Pupils Qualified as UKCC Coaches in Badminton.
- GSOS runs Under 12 Tournament.
- 26 players on the programme.

2009

- 10-Year Anniversary.
- Training Camp in England.
- First Under 11 Tournament organised.

## BRITISH CHAMPIONS

Kirsty Gilmour	U15 Girls Singles	2008
Stephen McPhail	U17 Boys Singles & Boys Doubles	2006
Kenny Young	U17 Boys Doubles	2006
Stephen McPhail	U15 Boys Singles & Boys Doubles	2004
Kenny Young	U15 Boys Doubles	2004