

# Leinster Yonex Autumn Open 2023

Spectators in attendance at Leinster's Terenure Badminton Centre, and online, were treated to a superb display of badminton in all five events today.

There were so many stand-out performances that it is difficult to know where to begin.

Saying that, David Walsh, gave a statement of his intent for the new season by winning the Triple - a feat of skill and endurance that is very rarely achieved at a senior level. Walsh won the mixed with partner Chloe McGrane, who was delighted to win her first senior title and showed true metal with the quality of her serving and front court play. Jack O'Brien & Lucy Fox fought back valiantly in the second set with the intention of pushing the match to a third set, but just fell short. However, they were well deserving of their silver.



Jennie King and Dijia Ma won the women's doubles final - beating Ciara Dwyer and Ruth Kilkenny in straight sets. In fact, the winning pair did not drop a set throughout their tournament. Some of the younger players went out strong against this experienced pair, however, that experience and fighting spirit saw Jennie & Dijia win in style.

The men's doubles final lived up to its pre-match hype. David and Adam McAllister once again met Scott Guildea & Vincent Pontanosa. A highly skilled, fast paced and competitive doubles match kept the spectators on the edge of their seats. You could regularly hear the universal inhalation of breath as spectators were treated to impossible shots, impossibly returned. David & Adam won in three sets and for anyone who missed it, this is one that is well worth watching back to get one of the finest displays of men's doubles that you are likely to come across in Ireland.



Siofra Flynn continued to show her incredible talent as a singles player, beating Lucy Fox in the final. Both players had come out of tight three-set semi-finals against Laura Comer and Michelle Shochan. It is hugely encouraging to see the quality of women's singles continue to grow and we know that the future is bright for this event and these young players.

As fatigue set in due to a very heavy weekend of matches, Walsh had to draw on all of his remaining resources and experience as he pitted himself against one of the younger players to watch - Dylan Noble. Dylan fought hard and played well, but ultimately, David's experience got him over the line. Conor Doyle presented the Chick Doyle trophy to David and remembered back fondly to the era of some of the Irish Greats - including Chick Doyle.

A phenomenal result by David to take all three titles.

Leinster Badminton and President, David Murphy, would like to extend their thanks to Aoife Lennon, the tournament organiser for running the event so professionally. Thanks go to Referees, Aengus Sheeran and Muriel Moles; and also to all of the umpires who volunteer their time and skill to help players get the best of themselves. Thanks also go to the staff at Terenure Badminton Centre and the many volunteers who work tirelessly in the background to make our events run so well. Philip McKeown continues to be one of our most valued volunteers - and the quality of our live streaming is the envy of many in Europe.



Thanks go to our sponsor, Yonex, official supplier to Leinster Badminton.

Last but not least, thank you to all the players who entered and competed in the Leinster Yonex Autumn Open. The tournament had a massive entry of 108 players, and this size of entry has not been seen in many, many years. We look forward to seeing you all back at the Leinster Yonex Open Championship which will be played 28-29th October.