

## Masters Working Group Year-end Report 2023-2024

Masters Badminton in Leinster continues to go from strength to strength and has made a great recovery over the past year.

This season we had more players travel to the 3 provinces than ever before.

The Interprovincals were a great success with Leinster 040 and 050 retaining the shield. Well, done to all involved.

040 team had to work hard as some players had to drop out due to covid and injury. To those players get well soon.

Captain Georgina Ward pulled out all the stops and with the huge help from our Leinster Secretary Betty a team was restored and went on to win. Well done all.

050 team were pushed all the way by Ulster. Our 5th pair had to dig deep to snatch 6 matches to 5 victory.

All the players were fantastic on both teams and had great pride in playing for Leinster. Well, done to all and captain Willie Stevenson.

To all the masters players that travelled out of the country well done. Masters Badminton in Leinster and Ireland is firmly on the map.

The masters group would like to suggest that for next season a 060 team could be entered. This would give the players moving out of their age group a chance. Something to think about over the next year. Georgina Ward set up a programme for coaching for masters in Terenure and Baldoyle that was a great success this season. Watch this space and thank you Georgina for all your input and coming on board the masters group.

A huge thank you must go to Leinster Badmintons General Secretary for all the emailing back and forth and making sure everything is done around criteria for masters. Many thanks also to Liza O Rourke for as always looking after team Shirts and reminding us of dates throughout the season. As we look ahead to next season many thanks to the working group for all the work put into so carefully selecting players and your time is gratefully appreciated. Fran Walsh Joe Wright Seamus Halpin Georgina Ward Breda Connolly.

Yours in Sport

Masters Working Group.

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