



Leinster Senior Report – AGM 2025

Leinster Senior Team Report 2025

The Leinster Senior Team competed in the Championship division of Badminton England Senior County Competition for the second season in a row. The standard of play was very high, and the team gave some excellent performances over the 3 weekends. Leinster finished in 3rd place overall, narrowly missing promotion to the premiership.

Competing in the SCC is a great opportunity for Leinster players to test themselves against some of the best players in the UK and provides a great pathway for our junior players as they transition to senior badminton.

Being a Badminton England competition, the tournament dates are set independently of our own calendar which meant several clashes for our players with events at home and abroad. Most notably SCC2 at Birmingham which clashed with the Swedish Open, the Munster U19 open, UK Masters and DDL Cup finals and SCC3 in Nottingham that clashed with the Polish Open and French League matches.

Many thanks to the Leinster Senior committees for all their efforts this season; to Betty and Barry in the office for all their work behind the scenes; to the Leinster Executive for their continued support of this important player pathway and finally to our sponsors Yonex for their continued support of Leinster Badminton.

SCC1 Newcastle Nov 8-10



Back: Adam McAllister, Sean Laureta, David Walsh, Erwin Guan, Dharan Kumar Rajulapati

Front: Sara Boyle, Orla Flynn, Chloe McGrane, Neasa Flynn, Laura Heery

SCC2 Birmingham Jan 17-19



Back: David Walsh, Sean Laureta, Adam McAllister, Erwin Guan, Conor Bradley

Front: Kate Frost, Sara Boyle, Neasa Flynn, Roisin McKenna

SCC3 Nottingham Mar 21-23



Back: Erwin Guan, Sean Laureta, Adam McAllister, Vincent Pontanosa, David Walsh

Front: Chloe McGrane, Laura Heery, Kate Frost, Roisin McKenna, Neasa Flynn

Leinster Senior Tournaments

- The first senior tournament of the year was the Leinster Yonex Autumn Open in early September. Great standard of badminton across the weekend with a wide range of players making semifinals and finals. The pick of the finals was the mixed doubles where Iskander Zainuddin and Jennie King came back from losing the first game 25-27 to win in 3 against Seng Zoe Yeoh and Siofra Flynn.
- The Leinster Open in November saw more amazing matches being played with the pick of the finals being men's singles which went against seeding with Adam McAllister beating Jack O'Brien in a tight two game match.
- The most noticeable thing at both events was the low entry in WS, 11 in the Autumn Open and only 4 in the Leinster Open – this was partly related to international events but keeping girls playing as they move out of juvenile events is definitely something that we need to work on within Leinster.
- As ever, thanks to all the volunteers who co-ordinate, plan and support these events – the umpires, referees and IT support, alongside the bar staff in Terenure keeping everyone fed and caffeinated.

Many thanks to Leinster Tournament Organizer Aoife Lennon for all her hard work over the season.



Interprovincial Competition

Grade A

The [Grade A Interprovincials](#) took place on Sat. Apr 5th in the SETU Arena, Waterford.

Leinster fielded a strong Grade-A team, winning the Interprovincials, beating Munster 6-3

The Players selected for the Leinster Grade A Interpro Team 2025 were:

- Ladies: Leah Auld, Ashleigh Coyne, Laura Heery, Leonie Ward
- Men: Conor Bradley, Alan Doyle, Robbie Frost, Dharan Rajulapati, Cathal Whelan

Many thanks to the Grade A team manager David Murphy and his selection committee.

Premier

Unfortunately, not enough premier players were available to play so no premier Interprovincial event took place.

Masters

With growing numbers of players in recent masters events, in addition to the 40+ and 50+ categories, a new 60+ category was added to the master's interprovincial event this season.

Many thanks to Breda Connolly and her fellow Leinster Masters selectors Fran Walsh, Seamus Halpin, Joe Wright and Georgina Ward.