



Leinster Senior Report – AGM 2026

Leinster Senior Team Report 2026

The Leinster Senior Team competed in the Championship division of Badminton England Senior County Competition for the third season in a row. The standard of play was very high, and the team gave some excellent performances over the 3 weekends.

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

Some of the opponents for Leinster this season included English national XD champions and 2025 All-England QFs Greg and Jenny Mairs, the English WD #1 and 2026 Polish Open winner, and the English U19 National champions (both WD and XD).

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 Derby which again clashed with the Swedish Open, the Leinster U19 open, UK Masters and DDLC Cup finals and SCC3 in Nottingham that clashed with the Polish Open and Irish National Graded Finals.

Some of our more experienced players were unavailable this season due to injury, retirement and exams – we wish them well and look forward to having some of them back next season.

Unfortunately, after a total of 99 matches, the team was relegated by just two points and will play in Division 1 next season.

Squad training sessions was one of the things that came out of the end-of-season player feedback process. We'll look to facilitate this, possibly in conjunction with Grade A.

Many thanks to the players and 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 new sponsors Victor for their support of Leinster Badminton.

SCC1 Leicester Nov 8th -9th 2025



Back: Pranav Erukattil, Vincent Pontanosa, Erwin Guan, Conor Bradley, Adam McAllister

Front: Roisin McKenna, Chloe McGrane, Laua Heery, Kate Frost, Orla Flynn,



Laura after a tough game against Jenny Mairs who plays for Cheshire

SCC2 Derby Jan 17-18



Back: Fidha Mariyam Antony, Sorcha Flynn, Kate Frost, Karen Nelson, Orlaith Evans

Front: Nguyen Quang Long, Robbie Frost, Erwin Guan, Dharan Kumar Rajulapati, Pranav Erukattil



SCC3 Nottingham Mar 21-22



Back: Conor Bradley, Robbie Frost, Pranav Erukattil, Dharan Kumar Rajulapati, Nguyen Quang Long

Front: Hannah Shochan, Ashleigh Coyne, Sorcha Flynn, Orla Flynn, Fidha Mariyam Antony



All done for the 2025-2026 season!



Leinster Senior Tournaments

- The first senior tournament of the year was the [Leinster Autumn Open](#) in early September. 142 players entered and there was a 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 Roisin McKenna and Brian O'Mahony won a great 3-setter against Paige Woods and Karl McLoughlin.
- The [Leinster Open Championships](#) in November saw 107 entries with more amazing matches being played. The pick of the finals being men's singles which saw both players suffer muscle cramps in an exhausting MS final in which Dharan Kumar Rajulapati beat Pranav Erukattil 22-20 in the third set.
- The most noticeable thing at both events was the low entry in WS, 14 in the Autumn Open and only 6 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, many thanks to all the volunteers who co-ordinate, plan and support these events – the umpires, referees and IT support, alongside the bar staff in Baldoyle and Terenure keeping everyone fed and caffeinated.

Many thanks too 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 Mar 28th in Lisburn Rackets Club.

Leinster fielded a strong Grade-A team, beating Ulster and Munster 5-4.

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

Leinster Grade A Inter Provincial Winners 2026



Back: Rasa Norvaisaite, Karen Nelson, Yen Tong Yip, Caoimhe McKeown, Leah Auld, Irene Elsa Alexander

Front: Conor Bradley, Daniel Staunton, Dharan Kumar Rajulapati, Robbie Frost, Soon Wei Er

Reclining: Nguyen Quang Long



Premier

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

Masters

Tournaments

The Leinster Masters Open in Nov 2025 saw a very strong entry with 179 players across the 45 events in one of the first events held on the fantastic new courts in Baldoyle.

Inter Provincials

Leinster and Ulster fielded teams in the 40+, 50+ and 60+ interprovincial sections.

Leinster won the 50+ category with Ulster taking the 40+ and 60+ honours.

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

International

Internationally, Sian Williams and Pam Peard won their 3rd BWF World Senior championship in Sept 2025 taking home the WD 60+ world title beating Sandra Kroon and Jeannette van der Werff 21–17, 24–22.