

Badminton Women's Bucs:

Round 1: Edinburgh vs Dundee

What are your team's goals for this year's Bucs Campaign?

Well we compete in both the Scottish University Championships and the British University Championships so ideally we would like to get 1st or 2nd in the Scottish one and maybe top 10 in the British one.

Do you think you have what it takes at the moment to achieve this?

Yes I think this is achievable, based on the friendly matches we have played so far this year. We certainly have a stronger team this year than past years.

What do you think of your chances against today's opposition?

We would hope to win, should be easy.

Have you got any specific strategies planned on how you are going to defeat the opposition?

Since we have played this team before we know their strengths and weaknesses and so have mixed up our players to have our better players matched with weaker ones in doubles games etc.

Where did you place last year in the BUCS competition?

It has changed since last year in that we played in leagues. We were in the top league but lost to Leeds who ended up winning overall. We were the winners from Scotland though.

Have you implemented any changes since last year to better your chances for this year?

We have tried to all individually do extra training by booking courts, coming along early to practices and doing extra fitness training as we only have an hour and a half competition team training time. We also have lots of new players which has been a great boost for the team.

Who would you say is your biggest competition and why?

It is Strathclyde who we are playing next. They have a lot of national players, some of which have taken years out to play Badminton but last time we played them we played really well so hopefully we can repeat that.

How many teams are there in total?

We have 1 main ladies team and then another 2 regional teams. There are also 3 men's teams, again one main and two which only compete in the Lothian area. Then there are 3 mixed teams which also compete in Lothian.

How do you think today went?

I'm pleased. Today went well. We won 5-3 so we are through to the next round.