

Badminton Men's Bucs:

Round 1: Edinburgh vs Newcastle

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 in the Scottish one and maybe top 5 in the British one. There are a lot of English teams which are really hard to beat.

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

It is early days but we certainly have a well-rounded team this year which I think makes us a higher standard than before.

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

We are not sure as we haven't played them before. Our team is strong so we should be able to compete against any team that comes to Edinburgh.

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

We don't tend to implement any strategies as such as that isn't the nature of university Badminton. I think it is important however for our 1st men's team to beat their 2nd men's teams cause then we know we are at the right standard.

Where did you place last year in the BUCS competition?

In the Scottish University Championships we came joint second but we didn't get very far in Bucs as we lost to Northumbria quite early on.

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

Nothing significant structurally but 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 with different styles of playing which has been a great boost for the team.

Who would you say is your biggest competition and why?

Definitely Glasgow, they have a really strong team.

How many teams are there in total?

We have 1 main men's team and then another 2 regional teams. There are also 3 women'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.