

## Thomas Myers - one to watch

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Thomas certainly is 'one to watch'. On 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023, he did what no Scottish male player has done since Peter Nicol in 1992, namely win an age group event at the British Junior Closed championships. Thomas, seeded no 1, managed to win all six matches without dropping a game. Our girls have been more successful, Georgia Adderley winning the girls U17 in 2017, and the girls U19 in 2018 and 2019.



*2023 British Junior Squash champs - Thomas on the podium with the U13 trophy*

**squash** ProAir British Junior Championships 2023 - Boys U13  
26 - 29 October 2023

Rank	Player	Opponent	Score	Rank	Player	Opponent	Score
1	Thomas Myers	James Smith	3-0	16	James Smith	Thomas Myers	0-3
2	James Smith	Thomas Myers	0-3	17	Thomas Myers	James Smith	3-0
3	Thomas Myers	James Smith	3-0	18	James Smith	Thomas Myers	0-3
4	James Smith	Thomas Myers	0-3	19	Thomas Myers	James Smith	3-0
5	Thomas Myers	James Smith	3-0	20	James Smith	Thomas Myers	0-3
6	James Smith	Thomas Myers	0-3	21	Thomas Myers	James Smith	3-0
7	Thomas Myers	James Smith	3-0	22	James Smith	Thomas Myers	0-3
8	James Smith	Thomas Myers	0-3	23	Thomas Myers	James Smith	3-0
9	Thomas Myers	James Smith	3-0	24	James Smith	Thomas Myers	0-3
10	James Smith	Thomas Myers	0-3	25	Thomas Myers	James Smith	3-0
11	Thomas Myers	James Smith	3-0	26	James Smith	Thomas Myers	0-3
12	James Smith	Thomas Myers	0-3	27	Thomas Myers	James Smith	3-0
13	Thomas Myers	James Smith	3-0	28	James Smith	Thomas Myers	0-3
14	James Smith	Thomas Myers	0-3	29	Thomas Myers	James Smith	3-0
15	Thomas Myers	James Smith	3-0	30	James Smith	Thomas Myers	0-3

*2023 British Open U13 draw - Thomas Myers wins all five rounds*



*2023 British Junior Squash champs - Thomas wins a good point*

Ross McHoul (Thomas's coach) reported on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 - Thomas won the British Junior Championships in Sheffield at weekend. First male winner since 1992! He was seeded 1 and didn't drop a single game all weekend. Further information at <https://britishjuniorchampionships.com/2023-day-four/>

**Edinburgh Sports Club (ESC)** has for decades been producing top class junior squash players, and Thomas Myers is one of the latest juniors to follow that trend. His father Dave has penned a biography of Thomas's competitive years, and that has been augmented with some input from club sources.

Thomas has always had a passion for ball sports from an early age. Originally, he devoted his time to tennis and football before picking up a squash racket at the age of 8. Thomas has always loved competing, and several Big Shot events over the years has provided the perfect introduction to match play. These are graded junior events which meant often playing other juniors much older than him.

Thomas's first competition win came at the Bridge of Allan Junior Gold, the week before covid lockdown in March 2020, where he won the U11 title. Competitions in 2020/2021 were limited due to lockdown restrictions although Thomas did finally win his first Big Shots event in May 2022 after many attempts. In September 2022, Thomas helped his team win the U13 Junior inter-regionals team championships and the following year, he would help them retain the title.



U13 titles at the Inverness Gold in October 2022 and our very own ESC 50/50 in November 2022 (winners' photo on right) followed before he became U13

Scottish Junior Champion in February 2023. He was selected to play number 1 for Scotland in the 5 nations championship in April 2023, his first international cap. He won 2 matches and lost 2, narrowly losing a five-set thriller to the England number



1. His first success on English soil came in June 2023 when he won the 'Manchester Silver U13 Junior event.'

The 2023/24 season got off to a great start, picking up both the U13 and U15 East Junior closed titles.

Thomas was part of the 2023 World junior Championships fundraiser at the Club on 12th May 2023, as reported at the time...

"The evening was introduced by Scottish Squash President Paul Macari, then Sky Sports News' Dave Fulton ran proceedings as World No.55 Stewart went on to beat his teenage opponent 11-8, 11-7, 11-8, all under the watchful eye of match referee Thomas Myers, the Scottish under 13 champion".



Thomas's plans for the next year include a couple of big tournaments coming up as he approaches his 13th birthday, thereby moving up an age group. The British Junior Closed, held in Sheffield during October and the US Open, held in Philadelphia in December will provide international challenges at the U13 level. A number of Scottish Gold events throughout the year, the Scottish Junior Nationals in February and competing for a place in the Scottish U15 team to play in the 5 nations and Euro teams will be goals for the season.

Dave joined ESC in 2017, with Thomas joining a year later. Thomas has taken part in club events including the Summer teams, ESC box leagues and ESC adult graded events. We wish Thomas all the best for the coming season, and will be sure to follow and report on his progress.