Match report (Women’s badminton): Liverpool Hope University 1st team 2-6 University of Liverpool 2nd team

Liverpool Hope University certainly gave University of Liverpool a game but, unfortunately, the opposition was just too strong. Despite coming into this fixture on the back of a good win vs Salford University, winning 6-2, playing top of the league University of Liverpool would always prove to be a difficult task.

However, this should not take away the outstanding performance of Aine who kept up her impressive record of single wins this season. Achieving victory with a dominant score line 21-12 twice against her University of Liverpool opponent in the first round (LHU Player 1 vs UoL Player 2). The second round (LHU Player 1 vs UoL Player 1) needed a deciding game. Nevertheless, Aine responded with a fine two wins out of three with score lines of 21-14 and 21-15. Winning her two games with astonishing rallies, impeccable serving meant Aine can certainly be proud of her performance.

Aine reflected with pride claiming it was “a very good performance”, demonstrating the needed self-belief to be a top badminton player.

This is not ignoring the effort of the rest of the team, who indeed showed fighting spirit against the best team in the league. For instance, Jess and Maria stayed in their first round (LHU Doubles 2 vs UoL Doubles 1) well, only losing 17-21 and 14-21 - there is no disgrace losing to those score lines. They also took their next doubles round (LHU Doubles 2 vs UoL Doubles 2) to the last game, losing it by only 5 points 16-21.

Overall, Hope should take great credit from their fighting spirit to take this team on and this should spread belief around the team going into next season.