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ACADEMY PLAYERS RETAIN TOP BADMINTON TITLE

Yeovil College Badminton Academy is celebrating this week after two of its students won the Somerset Colleges Mixed Doubles title for the second time.

Kirstie Allen (18), who is studying for a Foundation degree in Business at UCY, and Tom Green (18), completing a BND in IT Practitioners, are now the number one Somerset College's Mixed Doubles team after an exciting tournament held at Bridgwater College. They won all their matches, beating both Richard Huish College and Bridgwater College teams to gain the top spot.

Yeovil College FE Sports Coordinator Kath Purnell said of the matches "*Kirstie and Tom moved well across the court and both players put in some devastating finishing shots which made sure that their opponents were always chasing the game. They played really well and it shows in the final result.*"

Not to be outdone by their team mates, Dave Deane (18), a BND in IT Practitioners student, and Abi Taylor, studying for an AQA Baccalaureate, also put in fine performances which eventually gave them the runners up spot.

Kath Purnell said "*This is a great 1st and 2nd for the Yeovil College Badminton Academy players. Year on year Yeovil College continues to produce excellent sportsmen and women and it's fantastic to see them achieve so much. This is the second year our players have come out on top at the Somerset College's tournament and we have high hopes for the future.*"

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Photograph

Tom Green (18) of Wincanton and Kirstie Allen (18) of Yeovil with their winner's trophy. Fellow students Dave Dean of Templecombe and Abi Taylor of Yeovil (not pictured) gained second place.