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University Games Lodz

My first European trip abroad for a few years and it is was a trip to the country my girlfriend Monika was already working in at the Polish tennis Open.

I had no issues with my flight and landed on in the afternoon which allowed me a few hours to spend with Monika. She picked me up in a sponsors car which was very plush and I got the guided tour of the venue. This was a shared space with Legia Warsaw who had played a friendly against the great Glasgow Celtic 2 nights before!

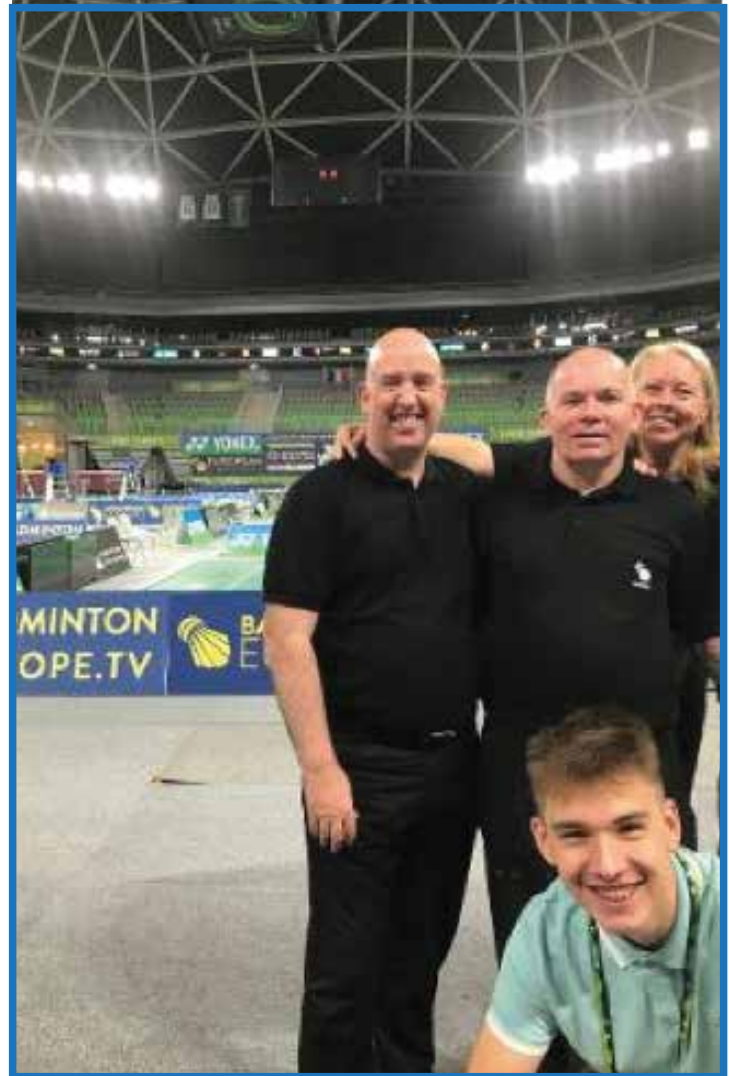


Onto the tournament and I eventually got the tournament transport 3 hours later than expected, with a 1.5h drive to the venue I was getting a little tired. We were staying at a new build student accommodation which was very good. I met a couple of umpires and referee before retiring to my bed as we had an early start as usual.

I done 61 matches which was quite a challenge finishing the tournament off with the Mens Singles final which was an honour.

European Seniors and BE assessment

A week at home and then off to Slovenia Ljubljana which was a planes trains and automobiles trip



It started off with a 7 hour drive to Luton for an overnight stay at one of our Greeneking Inns. I eventually met up with an English and Welsh Umpire who were on the same flight. I got there and transport was very well organised and the views of the Austrian Alps were breathtaking.

I was sharing with my bestie Seamus Halpin for the entire week which was an absolute blast. As well as this Seamus helped me loads with my studying for assessment. Unfortunately, I was a little short with my 80% target and didn't manage to regain my BE. I was really upset with this as I felt I had done enough to pass. Again I finished the week with a ladies 40+ final and a Mens 35+ final as a service judge.

I am now looking forward to the BS season ahead and to working with any new and also older Court officials.

Barry

Nantes International Challenge 2022

I was excited to have been selected to umpire at this event as it was my first event abroad since the Dutch Jnr International in 2020 which was just before all the Covid restrictions were beginning to kick in. Seems a very long time ago now. I did the Welsh International in Dec 21 but don't really classify that as abroad.

I was looking forward to going back to France as I haven't actually umpired there since my first tournament abroad as an umpire in 2006. That was a tournament called the Volant d'Or in Toulouse which sadly no longer takes place.

Not having flown since 2020 there was a bit of trepidation about the trip having been reading all the press coverage about flight problems but thankfully it all went smoothly with no hiccups.

This was the first time that the Nantes International has taken place so there was a steep learning curve for the organisers. Adeline Sargent was the Tournament Director but she has many years' experience as an Umpire and managed to keep things running smoothly assisted by the experience of the Court Officials who all had many years tournament experience and knew what should be done. It was, as always, good to catch up with people I hadn't seen for a few years, one of whom was Xavier Damany. Xavier assisted BSCO as an umpire a few years ago when he was studying at University over here. He had only recently started umpiring and his couple of years in Scotland was a good experience for him. And, it was also good to make some new acquaintances. Taking place at the end of June the temperatures were high but thankfully we had missed the real heatwave that hit the area the week before which would have made it unbearable not only for the players but everyone in the arena.



The tournament went well and there was always excitement in the hall when the French players were on court and especially Christo Popov who just lost in the MS Final. I umpired the MD semi final, France V Chinese Taipei, which proved to be a fraught and testing match which needed a bit of Umpire control during the match. The French lost 22-20 in the second and as you can imagine they were not happy. In the finals I was again involved in the MD with Chinese Taipei v Thailand as Service Judge. This was last match on court and closely contested over 72 mins with Taipei winning 21-16 in the 3rd end. Over the week I ended up doing 31 duties which was the most of anyone. We finished quite early on the Sunday and as there were 3 umpires not going home until the Monday we managed to get into Nantes and do a bit of sightseeing which was a bonus.

It was a busy weekend for Nantes and the surrounding area and unbeknown to me the Hellfest Rock Festival was also taking place. My sort of music. On the Wednesday night at the hotel some of us were sighting outside enjoying the fresh air and a beer. I could hear voices at the bar and it sounded like British accents so I went in for a nosey to discover that sitting at the bar with all the road crew was the band Thunder. To say I was gobsmacked would be an understatement. I first saw them when they opened the Monster of Rock festival at Donnington in 1990. I was too taken aback to ask for a picture with them but did have a good chat with them and again on the Thursday night after their gig. A totally unexpected bonus for me that one. The pic is of their set the festival but sadly I wasn't there. Looking forward now to the Dutch Open in October 2022.



BWF International Line Judge

Congratulations to Peter Chiu

Badminton Scotland Court Officials Group (BSCO) would like to congratulate Peter Chiu on his selection as a BWF International Line Judge for the 2023-2026 term.

Peter joins a special group of Line Judges whose role it is to officiate at the highest level of elite events our sport has to offer. Over the next four years Peter will travel the world attending events such as the Olympic Games, World Tour Finals and the World Championships. We will look forward to following him on his journey.



All England 2021

Peter joins Gary McLernon, BSCO's other BWF International Line Judge. Both started their Line Judge journey with a Line Judge training course. They then officiated at local, national and international events over a period of a number of years to attain their BWF selection. We wish both of them enjoyable travels and events in the future.

If you'd like to train as a Line Judge please contact Marisa Baird, Line Judge Coordinator (email: notrochmain@aol.com) for information on future courses and events.



All England 2021



Thomas & Uber Cup 2021



**Birmingham 2022
Commonwealth Games**

Line Judge Course

Congratulations New Line Judges



I thought the course was well organised and objectives clearly outlined. The judges running/helping out in the course were all very friendly and able to give clear constructive criticism throughout. It was great to hear about all their experiences during their line judging careers. Having players participate in the course aided with the training. Questions were always welcome.

I just need more time to practice judging now!

Eilidh Miller

NEXT LINE JUDGE COURSE 12th November at Sir Craig Reddie

If you'd like to train as a Line Judge please contact Marisa Baird, Line Judge Coordinator (email: notrochmain@aol.com) for information on future courses and events.

Thank you very much for leading the course yesterday. It was really good.

"The course was extremely well detailed and thorough, and introduced us to different match scenarios to let us practice which was a great confidence boost. The leaders were great and very encouraging!"

Many thanks, Ronan Blakey

It was a great pleasure having this line judge training course with you and your excellent team. I really enjoyed it as I have another perspective of badminton sport apart from being a player or audience. A bit nervous but more exciting when sitting along the lines, judging the landed shuttle and signalling to the umpire. I have got great help and support from the team and feel honoured to become one of you one day. Thank you again for organizing this event.

Best wishes, Roy

Line Judge International Travel

Traveling Experience

News From A "First Timer"

The 4 Nations Para Badminton International was held in Dublin in July this year. I had previously only ever played in Para badminton events and so this was a chance to see the other side of the "racket".



I qualified as a Line Judge in October 2021 and through attending tournaments in Scotland became hooked on the Line Judging ethos and team spirit. Not just with the other line judges but also the umpires. A few of the line judges were unsure of the rules during the competition such as the different categories and which lines to call so I hope I was of benefit to the Team in that respect I was very well looked after by Margaret, the Line Judge Co-ordinator and hit the ground running with many games to officiate and increase my confidence and experience. I must say I got some very weird looks from players that I usually play against or with and some stating they didn't know that para players could indeed become line judges.



The Irish were extremely welcoming and laid on a trip to the Guinness factory for us all. It was lovely to see some of Dublin as well as the other officials in a non professional role. I do see this as a very positive step that could encourage other para players to consider becoming a line judge and hope that when they see me officiating at events will come and ask me how to go about taking the line judge course. Roll on the next international. I am so looking forward to it!

Mary Wilson

I had started line judge last year really enjoyed the speed and quality of the games. In the past year i have done few juniors and national competitions in scotland started from beginner to experience line judge was a very exciting journey. Thanks to Marisa and badminton scotland line judge team taught me alot during the competitions. This had increased me confidence and calls during the games. After nearly 2 years i had the opportunity to take part in commonwealth games it was a total different experience seeing different players around the world. Also meeting alot of international line judge sharing their experience it had inspired me going furthur with there stories. I'm looking forward to.....



MY NEXT JOURNEY
**DENMARK
OPEN**

Tak Yan



Commonwealth Games

Technical Officials



Birmingham 2022 was great experience and I was pleased to have done a second Commonwealth Games. Despite having the worst start behaving to go into isolation for 5 days they eventually let me out on the saturday night and i got onto it straightaway the next day. Some good matches and some very one sided matches but 100% concentration was needed throughout. As shown by this pic of me in action. "Thirsty work" according to the photoshopped version from a certain Irish Umpire.

Jim



A pleasure and honor to be involved at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games for the two weeks doing line judging for the badminton. I especially enjoyed the team events the most as it got more exciting when they were having close games.

Jennifer



Dates For Your Diary

Upcoming Events & Training

NEXT LINE JUDGE COURSE

12th November at Sir Craig Reddie

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Scottish Tournaments

24th Sep - Glasgow Yonex Junior Championship U13/17 Sir Craig Reddie

2nd Oct - Bill Neill Lanarkshire Championship Larkhall Leisure Centre

9th Oct - Yonex East of Scotland Junior Championships U15/19 - Umpires Only

16th Oct - Yonex West of Scotland Championships. Sir Craig Reddie

6th Nov - Yonex West of Scotland Masters Team Event. Sir Craig Reddie - Umpires Only

4th Dec - Yonex West of Scotland Junior Championships U13/17. Sir Craig Reddie

11th Dec - Scottish National Junior Championships U15/19. Sir Craig Reddie

15th - 18th Dec - European Mixed Team Championships Qualifying. National Badminton Academy