



SCOTLAND'S SHUTTLECOCK SUPERSTAR

The Commonwealth Games in Glasgow ended on Sunday with athletes from all over the world celebrating a very successful event. The "Friendly Games", as they are commonly known had some famous names competing, including Usain Bolt, the great sprinter from Jamaica.



For the MFA the most interesting competitor was Keiran Merrilees, three-time Scotland Badminton champion and one of the best players in Europe, who was part of the Scotland side which lost out in the team event to the eventual winners, Malaysia.

His prospects looked better, however, in the singles event when he charged through his first three matches and made it through to the last 16 where he was drawn against his friend, Englishman Rajiv Ouseph. They have played each other before and occasionally train together, but knowing Ouseph's game didn't help Keiran this time and sadly he lost 21-14, 21-7.

It was a disappointing end for Kieran but we wish him lots of luck. He turns 25 in a little over a month's time and surely has a lot of competitive years in him.

Do we know which family line he is in? If anyone knows Keiran personally, please encourage him to get in touch through the website. It would be wonderful to read his own account of his time as a professional sportsman and his view of big events like the Commonwealth Games.



If you are interested in knowing more about Keiran and his outstanding record as a badminton player, check out these websites.

<http://www.badmintonscotland.org.uk/index.php/play-zone/players-profiles/2383-kieran-merrilees-profile>
http://results.glasgow2014.com/athlete/badminton/1015789/k_merrilees.html