



## End of year Report for Irish Junior squads

The first half of the junior season has come to an end and things are looking very positive.

We have held 3 squads so far with nearly 40 juniors attending the November sessions. What is most encouraging is the amount of under 11 and 13 players with real potential and the standard and application of the under 15 and 17 year olds. It is natural for me to compare with the English juniors on both current standard and potential and Ireland has every chance of producing young players who can succeed at British and European level (David Ryan and Michael Craig have already shown this).

Running the monthly squads has not only provided regular coaching for those who perhaps don't always get access to this, but also pulled in many juniors from all over the country who may not have been identified. Providing we keep this momentum going and continue to develop and the squad session to be as productive as possible then the future is bright for Irish squash.

Another very positive element to the recent squad sessions has been having various coaches 'shadowing' Paul and myself. The coaches take notes and ask questions about what we are doing and why we are doing it. After each session the coaches who attended receive the lesson plans with notes of the main areas of focus during the session and can use this literature for themselves. If there are any more coaches out there who can attend any future squads please come along, as we need you to help build better young players!

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