

In the spotlight...

# David Trebert

## Trebert has ability to reach senior island level



David Trebert eyes up a shot during this year's island championships.

(Picture by Adrian Miller, 12382416)

HIS older siblings have already become Guernsey badminton players and 15-year-old David is the latest Trebert tipped to make the step up to senior island level in the future.

The younger brother of Jordan and Emily, David has just started in the under-17 age-group and is already one of the best players of his age.

And a lot of his potential is based on a tactical awareness of the game that few others possess locally, according to the sport's development officer Matt Haynes. 'His tactical ability to out-think opponents is probably what sets him aside from others of his age,' said Haynes. 'David has the ability to construct a point well and understands the game really well, which is something that I haven't seen too

With good tactical ability and also being technically able, 15-year-old David Trebert has been marked as a possible senior island player of the future, **Matt Lihou** reports

often since I arrived in the island, whether that be at junior or senior level. 'A lot of senior club players don't have that kind of tactical awareness and so it is fantastic to see it in a young player.' However, that is not Trebert's only strength to his game. 'He is technically a very good player, can play most of the shots in the game very well and is a very powerful player when he

wants to be as well,' continued Haynes. 'For his age, that power is impressive and he is getting better all of the time.' As for the future and how far he can go in the sport? Haynes is convinced that he can join both of his older siblings in the Guernsey senior set-up in the future. 'I think that because his mum and dad were very good players, as are his brother

and sister, there is a bit of pressure on David to follow in those footsteps. 'So far he has handled that pretty well and the key for him now is to continue working hard at his game and putting the training in.

'If he does that, then there is no reason why he cannot push for Guernsey selection in the next three or four years for Island Games and county teams.' In the recent senior island championships, Trebert gave current Guernsey player Andrew Barker a scare before eventually succumbing in three sets in the first round. Having been edged out 21-19 in the first set, Trebert responded by winning the second 21-16, only to run out of steam and lose 21-10 in the decider.