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the match will be hard,
but if the training is
hard the match will be
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Summary

There were no league matches this week, but Swifts members were in action at various tournaments, and there are tournaments up to 20 May.

Next week is the final club session of the season—a last chance for prac-

National Tournaments

Last weekend (29/30 April) Jack Kinmond was at the Hampshire U14 Open in Winchester where he got to the last 6 in the boys' doubles in addition to being runner-up in the mixed event.

At the same time Kerri Scott played in the Margaret Tipton Berkshire U12 Open tournament in Bracknell where she finished as runner-up in the girls' doubles.

This weekend a sizeable party of Swifts travelled to York as part of the Surrey team competing in the Yorkshire U14 Open event on the Saturday and the U14 RIO team tournament on the Sunday. They had a great deal of success.

Jamie Ellis was runner-up in the boys' singles B event.

Justine Walker and Kirsty Walker together went one stage better by winning the girls' double B event. Justine also got to the quarter-finals of the B grade girls' singles.

Michael Daw and Edward Thomas reached the quarter-finals of the boys' singles A event and together were runners-up in the doubles A event.

Swifts Awards—Correction

A mistake in last week's newsletter wrongly credited Jamie Ellis with winning the first session Most Improved Player award. In fact he won it last season. The true winner this year is Conor Dean. Well done Conor and apologies to both of you for the mistake.

County News

There were a final couple of county events this weekend.

In Wimbledon Rachel Daw, Ellie Crossley and James Buffham represented Surrey in an U16 team event. Other teams involved in this very strong event included eight strong counties and Scotland, Holland and Leinster (representing Ireland).

A Surrey team took part in the York RIO U14 event on Sunday and fully half of the team was composed of Swifts players: Justine Walker, Kirsty Walker, Jamie Ellis, Craig Scott, Michael Daw and Edward Thomas.

Tom Frew was also selected but very honourably declined to play so that he would not let his partner down at the Jubilee Tournament.

Local Tournaments

The first weekend of the Jubilee Tournament saw plenty of Swifts entries in the U10 and U14 sections as usual. The U14 entries were severely reduced because of the U14 county event in York (where most of our top players were involved) and there were no Swifts U18 entries, mainly because of the U16 county event in Wimbledon.

Despite this there was considerable success for Swifts members.

Polly Thisdell and Stephanie Thomas won the U10 girls' event.

Stirling Burrow and Andrew Bryan won the U10 boys' Plate competition, beating William Manners and Jonathan Robertson in the final to do so.

Tom Frew and Scott Strudwick finished third in the U14 boys' event.

Tom Frew and Abigail Copps won the U14 mixed Plate competition, while Terence Fisher and Kerri Scott won the Bronze.

Abigail Copps and Kerri Scott won the U14 girls' Bronze event.

Many thanks to Claire Calder, Danielle Meme, Scott Strudwick, Terence Fisher and James De Souza for making up pairs at short notice.

Death of Pat Coupland

Pat Coupland, the founder of the Jubilee Tournament in 1977 (and an organiser this year) died this Saturday as this year's event was taking place.