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*If the training is easy
the match will be hard,
but if the training is
hard the match will be
easy.*

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Summary

Two of our matches were postponed this weekend—one on Saturday and one on Sunday.

This left us with just two Surrey league matches.

On Saturday the U16S mixed team played Ebbisham at home and won by 5½-2½. By winning its final two matches against Ace and Wimbledon this team can guarantee itself at least second place in the division.

On Sunday the U12S unisex team played away to Moles and lost by 1-9.

County News

Jamie Ellis played for the Surrey U15 team in a Shires League match against Hampshire on Saturday.

Club Graded Tournament

Fifty-five members played 177 matches in the tournament on Saturday (there were a lot of competing events taking likely players elsewhere) - and we finished early! And only one player dropped out (through illness) which is always good.

For the first time all entrants played singles. Previously at club tournaments the U10s have played doubles but, by popular request, we gave everyone the opportunity to play singles this time. We also did not have a section just for the U10s. Instead, by introducing a new grade for both boys and girls, we were able to accommodate all players within the grading structure.

It was good to see Calwyn Decoster out of his plaster and helping out with the scoring. Hopefully he'll soon be back coaching again.

The winners and runners-up were as follows:

Section	Winner	Runner-Up
Boys' Grade A	James Buffham	Jack Kinmond
Girls' Grade A	Jenny Nurse	Kirsty Walker
Boys' Grade B	Ryan Tinslay	Tim Keene
Girls' Grade B	Jessica Ledermann	Abigail Copps
Boys' Grade C	Michael Bratt	James Ashley
Girls' Grade C	Catherine Leung	Zoe Taylor
Boys' Grade D	William Manners	Robert Jones

A description of each section, with full results, can be found in this newsletter.

Local Tournaments

Chris Hancock played in the Berkshire U12 tournament on Saturday. He won the boys' doubles and was runner-up in the boys' singles.

Emily Hancock took part in the same tournament. She was a semi-finalist in the girls' doubles and a quarter-finalist in the singles.

Standard of Behaviour

One disappointing thing about the club tournament on Saturday was that two players threw down their racquets in disappointment when things went against them.

This is unacceptable behaviour and contravenes the Swifts code of conduct. In addition it would be unwelcome news to the parents of the players concerned: they would not be very amused at the thought of expensive equipment being treated in this way.

It does not matter whether you are winning or losing— all members are expected to study and behave in accordance with the code of conduct.

So please remember: tantrums are not acceptable at Swifts.

Surrey League Match Results

Location: Lightwater **Date:** 17 Mar 2007 **Opposition:** Ebbisham
Result: Won 5½-2½ **Home** **U16S Mixed**

Swifts	Jack Kinmond	Tom Frew	Jenny Nurse	Justine Walker
Opposition	Matt Lee	Tom King	Clara Wolsey	Rebecca King

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Jack Kinmond	Jenny Nurse	21	15	Matt Lee	Clara Wolsey
		21	8		
Tom Frew	Justine Walker	21	18	Tom King	Rebecca King
		21	9		
Tom Frew	Justine Walker	21	23	Matt Lee	Clara Wolsey
		17	21		
Jack Kinmond	Jenny Nurse	21	18	Tom King	Rebecca King
		21	8		
Jack Kinmond	Justine Walker	21	15	Matt Lee	Rebecca King
		21	18		
Tom Frew	Jenny Nurse	17	21	Tom King	Clara Wolsey
		16	21		
Jack Kinmond	Justine Walker	21	19	Tom King	Clara Wolsey
		20	22		
Tom Frew	Jenny Nurse	21	19	Matt Lee	Rebecca King
		21	19		
		5½	2½		

Location: Epsom **Date:** 18 Mar 2007 **Opposition:** Moles
Result: Lost 1-9 **Away** **U12S Unisex**

Swifts	Michael Green	Max Lafferty	William Manners	Oliver Thompson
Opposition	Chris Rawson	Alex Rees	Jamie Baggett	Luke Miles

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Chris Rawson		21	16	Michael Green	
Alex Rees		21	15	Max Lafferty	
Jamie Baggett		21	15	William Manners	
Luke Miles		13	21	Oliver Thompson	
Chris Rawson	Alex Rees	21	8	Michael Green	Max Lafferty
Jamie Baggett	Luke Miles	21	13	William Manners	Oliver Thompson
Chris Rawson	Jamie Baggett	21	10	Michael Green	William Manners
Alex Rees	Luke Miles	21	16	Max Lafferty	Oliver Thompson
Chris Rawson	Luke Miles	21	19	Michael Green	Oliver Thompson
Alex Rees	Jamie Baggett	21	18	Max Lafferty	William Manners
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Club Graded Tournament Results

BOYS' A SINGLES

Group A							
Player	Pos.	Conor Dean	Tom Frew	James Buffham	Bill Thisdell	Jack Kinmond	Terence Fisher
Conor Dean			14	5	15	8	21
Tom Frew		21		9	18	13	21
James Buffham	1	21	21		21	21	21
Bill Thisdell	3	21	21	11		8	21
Jack Kinmond	2	21	21	7	21		21
Terence Fisher		21	18	6	17	6	

There was a lot of power and skill on display in this group, as you might expect, and it was good to see that several matches attracted a significant audience among younger members keen to watch and learn. James Buffham, coming back to competition after a long period of illness, won the Dudley Trophy for the third year running. Runner-up Jack Kinmond tried hard and played very well but just could not close the three-year age gap. Tom Frew seemed to be carrying a leg injury and Bill was delighted to finish in third place. The doubles tournament in two weeks' time will be even stronger, with the entry of Richard Bolt, Michael Daw and Edward Thomas.

GIRLS' A SINGLES

Group C				
Player	Pos.	Kirsty Walker	Jenny Nurse	Justine Walker
Kirsty Walker	2		13	15
Jenny Nurse	1	15		15
Justine Walker		14	7	

Most of our elite girls were unavailable because of other events and injuries so the girls that did enter were placed in groups with the B grade boys (see below). Jenny Nurse was the most consistent player on the day in a very close competition and deserved her victory, while Kirsty gained bragging rights in the Walker household. Not that she would ever use them, of course!

Club Graded Tournament Results

BOYS' B SINGLES

Group A								
Player	Pos.	Nick Bradley	Ryan Hemmant	Justine Walker	Ryan Tinslay	Tim Keene	Kirsty Walker	Scott Strudwick
Nick Bradley			12	13	15	13	12	15
Ryan Hemmant	4	15		15	6	13	8	15
Justine Walker	2	15	13		15	15		15
Ryan Tinslay	3	14	15	14		7	15	15
Tim Keene	1	15	15	12	15		15	15
Kirsty Walker		15	15		9	6		15
Scott Strudwick		8	13	5	2	13	5	

BOYS' B SINGLES

Group B							
Player	Pos.	Jake Lavender	Nick Halliwell	Jenny Nurse	Simon Hinton	Jamie Kong	Lee Bradberry
Jake Lavender	4		15	12	15	15	9
Nick Halliwell	2	13		10	15	15	15
Jenny Nurse	1	15	15		15	15	15
Simon Hinton		5	5	?		10	9
Jamie Kong		8	5	12	15		9
Lee Bradberry	3	15	11	10	15	15	

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Club Graded Tournament Results

Semi-finals Tim Keene 21 v 19 Lee Bradberry
 Nick Halliwell 16 v 21 Ryan Tinslay

Final Tim Keene 20 v 22 Ryan Tinslay

The grade B boys were supplemented by the three grade A girls and Ryan Tinslay (the eventual winner) received a lot of ribbing when he started the tournament by losing to Justine Walker. It was pointed out that he had, at least, scored 14 points and nobody else had played yet so it might be a little early for such jokes. This was proved to be correct as the girls lost only three matches between them against the boys (out of fifteen played). Those matches were usually quite tough, though, and the girls were very tired at the end. Scott Strudwick, unfortunately, was struggling with a knee problem.

Both groups proved to be very close and had to be decided under the tie-breaking rules. Ryan Hemmant and Jake Lavender were the unlucky ones who so nearly got to the semi-finals.

Ryan Tinslay reversed the earlier group match result by beating Tim Keene in a very close final.

BOYS' C SINGLES

Group A									
Player	Pos.	James Ashley	Michael Bratt	Roger Thisdell	Aaron Phelan	Jonathan Leachman	Michael Green	Max Lafferty	Sean Robbings
James Ashley	2		7	15	15	15	15	15	15
Michael Bratt	1	15		15	15	15	14	15	15
Roger Thisdell		11	10		8	11	14	10	15
Aaron Phelan		10	14	15		15	15	12	15
Jonathan Leachman		12	10	15	10		12	14	15
Michael Green	3	7	15	15	11	15		15	15
Max Lafferty		5	9	15	15	15	12		15
Sean Robbings		8	11	12	12	12	13	10	

This was another very close competition that was resolved under the tie-break rules because nobody won all their matches. Unusually, the least even matches were between the players in contention for the competition win and Michael Bratt emerged the winner because of his win over James Ashley. A very large proportion of matches were won by three points or fewer.

Club Graded Tournament Results

BOYS' D SINGLES

Group A							
Player	Pos.	Kiran Flora	Furhaan Raja	Jonathan Robertson	Stirling Burrow	Thomas Webb	Daniel West
Kiran Flora	Did not play		X	X	X	X	X
Furhaan Raja	2	X		15	6	15	15
Jonathan Robertson		X	14		15	9	15
Stirling Burrow	1	X	15	13		15	15
Thomas Webb	3	X	14	15	14		15
Daniel West		X	4	11	2	7	

BOYS' D SINGLES

Group B							
Player	Pos.	Martin Jager	Andrew Bryan	Robert Jones	William Manners	Matthew Robinson	James Brown
Martin Jager			9	10	3	14	15
Andrew Bryan	3	15		11	12	15	15
Robert Jones	1	15	15		15	15	15
William Manners	2	15	15	13		15	15
Matthew Robinson		15	14	12	7		15
James Brown		0	3	4	2	2	

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Club Graded Tournament Results

Semi-finals Stirling Burrow 14 v 21 William Manners
 Robert Jones 21 v 9 Furhaan Raja

Final William Manners 21 v 13 Robert Jones

The tie-break rules had to be consulted once again for this competition. Thomas Webb, who finished third in group A would have been in the semi-final if he could only have scored one more point. He would have won the group with two more points—it was that close!

William Manners looked comfortable towards the end of the competition when beating his friend, regular partner and close rival Stirling Burrow in the semi-final and getting revenge for a close group match defeat over Robert Jones in the final.

James Brown deserves a special mention: as a beginner he was given the chance to compete in the girls' C grade but bravely chose the tough option. He never gave up and looked cheerful throughout.

GIRLS' B SINGLES

Group A									
Player	Pos.	Laura Fitzpatrick	Clarissa Geokdjian	Georgina Cattani	Jessica Ledermann	Danielle Meme	Abigail Copps	Claire Calder	Polly Thisdell
Laura Fitzpatrick			7	15	1	11	1	9	7
Clarissa Geokdjian		15		15	5	15	1	13	15
Georgina Cattani		8	4		1	7	2	4	2
Jessica Ledermann	1	15	15	15		15	15	15	15
Danielle Meme		15	10	15	5		7	15	15
Abigail Copps	2	15	15	15	11	15		15	15
Claire Calder	3	15	15	15	6	13	14		15
Polly Thisdell		15	10	15	10	13	4	7	

Newcomer Jessica Ledermann dominated this event but Abigail Copps should be happy with the 11 points she scored against her and Polly should be delighted with her score of 10 (Jessica is a grade 2 U13 player on the national circuit). The other girls will probably be pleased to hear that Jessica, Abigail and Gilly Thomas will be competing in the A grade doubles tournament in two weeks' time.

Club Graded Tournament Results

GIRLS' C SINGLES

Group A										
Player	Pos	Hannah Fitzpatrick	Rianna Meme	Zoe Taylor	Sarah Ward	Mira Guha	Rosie Keene	Catherine Leung	Erin Maher	Ellen Phillips
Hannah Fitzpatrick			11	10	11	3	4	5	11	10
Rianna Meme		6		8	10	3	7	0	11	2
Zoe Taylor	2	11	11		11	11	9	5	11	11
Sarah Ward		6	11	7		4	8	3	11	2
Mira Guha		11	11	7	11		6	1	11	9
Rosie Keene	4	11	11	11	11	11		1	11	4
Catherine Leung	1	11	11	11	11	11	11		11	11
Erin Maher		10	9	1	4	7	3	3		4
Ellen Phillips	3	11	11	8	11	11	11	6	11	

There were a very large number of matches to be played in this grade, so all the games were to 11 points. A large number were very close as well. Catherine Leung played very well to take her first ever tournament victory and Zoe Taylor had to wait for the tie-break rules to separate her from Ellen Phillips and Rosie Keene. The beginners - Erin Maher, Mira Guha and Rianna Meme - all did very well and seemed to enjoy themselves.