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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

On Saturday the U12A mixed team played at home to Yeomans Bridge and won by 168-88.

The U12S mixed team played a friendly against Mayflower, winning 161-124.

The U16A mixed team played Mayflower at home and won by 153-134.

The U10 team beat Mayflower, away, by 160-132.

The U14 boys played away to Mayflower in a friendly and lost 2-8.

On Sunday the U18S mixed team played away to Coulsdon & Purley and won by 4¹/₂-3¹/₂.

National Events

Edward Thomas got to the quarter-final of the boys' singles in the Warwickshire Rising Stars tournament in Stoke on Saturday. Playing with Michael Daw he also got to the quarter-final of the doubles.

Swifts Badges

Jessica Ledermann won her very first Swifts badge (U16) this Saturday when she played in the U16 mixed match against Mayflower. Well done!

A Word about being a Member

It has recently become clear that a few players are reluctant to play for certain teams because, it appears, they feel that they are too good for that age group and want to play in the age group above. This attitude seems particularly prevalent among the lower age groups and also seems to be influencing players into not entering some tournaments, which means that one or two keen (and very able!) Swifts players have not been able to find partners for this year's Jubilee Tournament. I've even heard of a player not wanting to play in XvY matches, where the whole point is that the teams are equally matched to give useful and enjoyable games! And this is exactly how these matches have worked out—they have generally been the closest that Swifts teams have played this season.

You certainly shouldn't be entering tournaments that you are definitely

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going to win, but I can count on the fingers of one foot the number of members this applies to in the lower age groups. There is not a single current Swifts member below the U16s (and almost none above that age) who could sensibly expect to win all the club games or local tournaments in their own age group, given the opposition we have.

It is important to realise that being a member of a club is a two way process. You get to benefit from playing with and against better players, but you are expected to return the favour by playing with (and against) lesser players, to enable them to develop their skills. All of you were beginners once and were able to benefit from playing with better players in order to improve. All of you should be prepared to pay a little back by helping others. Attempting to cherry-pick the matches you play in is not acceptable.

We arrange matches for age groups based partly on the number of members we have in that age group. If some selfish members are going to refuse to play in their own age group, or to refuse to take part in X v Y matches, then others will suffer because more matches will be cancelled and some teams will no longer be viable.

Any players that don't play for teams when selected, when they would have been available to play for a stronger or older team, cannot, in future, expect to be asked to play for those teams in older age groups or against stronger teams.

In any event, players are rarely asked to play in matches very far from their ability level (either up or down) as we make a strong effort to ensure that teams are appropriate to the expected level of the opposition. It does not always work out according to plan, but the team manager's job (selfless volunteers, one and all) is made much harder when players decline to play for no good reason.

An excellent and unselfish example is being set by some of our best players and older members. Some of our U17 members help out in coaching at club sessions when they are available, while all four of our grade 1 players turned out to play in the club tournament a month ago. Clearly, as the best players in the club (and among the top few in the whole of England), these players could easily say to themselves "I don't think I'll bother—there is no benefit for me in entering". But if they did that other members would miss out on playing with or against, them, or in seeing them play and finding out how to improve. So, thanks to all of them for their contribution and for acting as a target for everyone else to aim at and as an example for others to follow.

Rant over.

International Tournaments

Jack Kinmond played for England in the U15 Home Countries International at the weekend and had some excellent success. He got to the semi-final of the boys' doubles and the second round of the mixed event. And England won the team tournament!

Surrey League Match Results

Location: Croydon	Date: 29 Apr 2007	Opposition: Coulsdon & Purley		
Result: Won 4½-3½	Away	U18S Mixed		
Swifts	Jamie Ellis	Bill Thisdell	Jenny Nurse	Hannah Thompson
Opposition	Paul Blaney	Niall Stone	Clare Stodart	Caitlin Stone

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Paul Blaney	Clare Stodart	13	21	Jamie Ellis	Jenny Nurse
		14	21		
Niall Stone	Caitlin Stone	21	16	Bill Thisdell	Hannah Thompson
		21	17		
Niall Stone	Caitlin Stone	8	21	Jamie Ellis	Jenny Nurse
		11	21		
Paul Blaney	Clare Stodart	24	11	Bill Thisdell	Hannah Thompson
		21	14		
Paul Blaney	Caitlin Stone	14	21	Jamie Ellis	Hannah Thompson
		7	21		
Niall Stone	Clare Stodart	21	12	Bill Thisdell	Jenny Nurse
		21	10		
Paul Blaney	Caitlin Stone	21	15	Bill Thisdell	Jenny Nurse
		19	21		
Niall Stone	Clare Stodart	10	21	Jamie Ellis	Hannah Thompson
		13	21		
		3½	4½		

ACDBL Match Results

Location: Lightwater	Date: 28 Apr 2007	Opposition: Yeomans Bridge		
Result: Won 158-109	Home	U12A Mixed		
Swifts	Max Lafferty	Martin Jager	Georgia Flatman	Stephanie Thomas
Opposition	Jake Mackay	Ben Smith	Amy Bootham	Josie Hearn

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Max Lafferty	Martin Jager	21	18	Jake Mackay	Ben Smith
Georgia Flatman	Stephanie Thomas	21	6	Amy Bootham	Josie Hearn
Max Lafferty	Georgia Flatman	21	15	Jake Mackay	Amy Bootham
Martin Jager	Stephanie Thomas	21	9	Ben Smith	Josie Hearn
Max Lafferty	Stephanie Thomas	21	6	Ben Smith	Amy Bootham
Martin Jager	Georgia Flatman	21	16	Jake Mackay	Josie Hearn
Max Lafferty	Stephanie Thomas	21	8	Jake Mackay	Josie Hearn
Martin Jager	Georgia Flatman	21	10	Ben Smith	Amy Bootham
		168	88		

Friendly Match Results

Location: Lightwater

Date: 28 Apr 2007

Opposition: Mayflower
Home U16A Mixed

Result: Won 153 - 134

Swifts	Nick Bradley	Scott Strudwick	Tori Green	Jessica Ledermann
Opposition	Steven Cummins	Toby Hurt	Lucy Bills	Lucy Nicholson

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Nick Bradley	Scott Strudwick	16	21	Steven Cummins	Toby Hurt
Tori Green	Jessica Ledermann	21	2	Lucy Bills	Lucy Nicholson
Nick Bradley	Tori Green	18	21	Steven Cummins	Lucy Bills
Scott Strudwick	Jessica Ledermann	21	18	Toby Hurt	Lucy Nicholson
Nick Bradley	Jessica Ledermann	21	19	Toby Hurt	Lucy Bills
Scott Strudwick	Tori Green	21	19	Steven Cummins	Lucy Nicholson
Nick Bradley	Jessica Ledermann	14	21	Steven Cummins	Lucy Nicholson
Scott Strudwick	Tori Green	21	13	Toby Hurt	Lucy Bills
		153	134		

Location: Lightwater

Date: 28 Apr 2007

Opposition: Mayflower
Home U14A Boys

Result: Lost 2-8

Swifts	Ben Jeffries	Robert Jones	Adam West	Kiran Flora
Opposition	Tom Cullen	Thomas Thorp	Vickram Ravirajan	George Saunders

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Ben Jeffries		8	21	Tom Cullen	
Robert Jones		21	19	Thomas Thorp	
Adam West		10	21	Vickram Ravirajan	
Kiran Flora		21	14	George Saunders	
	Robert Jones				
Ben Jeffries	Jones	20	22	Tom Cullen	Thomas Thorp
Adam West	Kiran Flora	16	21	Vickram Ravirajan	George Saunders
Ben Jeffries	Adam West	16	21	Tom Cullen	Vickram Ravirajan
Robert Jones	Kiran Flora	16	21	Thomas Thorp	George Saunders
Ben Jeffries	Kiran Flora	13	21	Tom Cullen	George Saunders
Robert Jones	Adam West		Forfeit	Thomas Thorp	Vickram Ravirajan
		2	8		

Friendly Match Results

Location: Lightwater **Date:** 28 Apr 2007 **Opposition:** Mayflower
Result: Won 160-132 **Away** **U10A Unisex**

Swifts	Douglas Paterson	Sarah Ward	Rianna Meme	Erin Maher
Opposition	Catherine Hanson	Catherine Holmes	Lucy Hall	Harry Saunders

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Catherine Hanson	Catherine Holmes	18	21	Douglas Paterson	Sarah Ward
Lucy Hall	Harry Saunders	18	21	Rianna Meme	Erin Maher
Catherine Holmes	Lucy Hall	10	21	Douglas Paterson	Erin Maher
Catherine Hanson	Harry Saunders	21	15	Sarah Ward	Rianna Meme
Catherine Hanson	Lucy Hall	19	21	Douglas Paterson	Rianna Meme
Catherine Holmes	Harry Saunders	14	21	Sarah Ward	Erin Maher
Catherine Hanson	Harry Saunders	11	21	Douglas Paterson	Erin Maher
Catherine Holmes	Lucy Hall	21	19	Sarah Ward	Rianna Meme
		132	160		

Location: Lightwater **Date:** 28 Apr 2007 **Opposition:** Mayflower
Result: Won 161-124 **Away** **U12S Mixed**

Swifts	William Manners	Oliver Thompson	Polly Thisdell	Helen Calder
Opposition	George Saunders	Matt Aldrich	Olivia Cavey	Catherine Hanson

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
George Saunders	Matt Aldrich	10	21	William Manners	Oliver Thompson
Olivia Cavey	Catherine Hanson	8	21	Polly Thisdell	Helen Calder
George Saunders	Olivia Cavey	16	21	William Manners	Polly Thisdell
Matt Aldrich	Catherine Hanson	16	21	Oliver Thompson	Helen Calder
George Saunders	Catherine Hanson	18	21	Oliver Thompson	Polly Thisdell
Matt Aldrich	Olivia Cavey	16	21	William Manners	Helen Calder
George Saunders	Catherine Hanson	21	14	William Manners	Helen Calder
Matt Aldrich	Olivia Cavey	19	21	Oliver Thompson	Polly Thisdell
		124	161		