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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 in the ACDBL, the U12 boys lost a close match away to Mayflower, by 183-184.

The U14 mixed A team also played away to Mayflower, but won comfortably by 166-122.

The U16 mixed A team also played away to Mayflower, and won another close match by 142-132.

On Sunday, in the ACDBL, the U14 boys' A team had a good win away to Streetswater by 200-172.

The U14 girls also played away to Streetswater and lost by 169-186.

On Sunday in the Surrey league, the U18 mixed team completed a 100% winning season and a divisional win by defeating Coulsdon & Purley away by 2½-5½. The U16 boys also played away on Sunday, in a friendly to Chadacre, and lost by 2-8.

County representation

On Sunday, Jamie Ellis and Hannah Thompson both played for the Surrey (adult) 4th team that defeated Northamptonshire 8-7 in the ICC.

Club graded tournament

A record 61 players contested the club graded singles tournament on Saturday. The winners and runners-up were as follows:

	Winner	Runner-up
Boys grade A	Jamie Ellis	Nick Halliwell
Boys grade B	Ollie Thompson	Aaron Phelan
Boys grade C	Alex Handley	Martin Jager
Boys grade D	Daniel Green	Jamie Green
Girls grade A	Justine Walker	Gilly Thomas
Girls grade B	Polly Thisdell	Medha Bhasin
Girls grade C	Emily Appleton	Alicia Dadaloni

Swifts graded singles tournament

Boys' grade A

BOYS' A SINGLES

Group A										
Player	Pos	Lee Bradberry	Nicholas Bradley	Jake Lavender	Jamie Ellis	Michael Bratt	Nick Halliwell	Scott Strudwick	Ryan Tinslay	Sarinda Wijetunge
Lee Bradberry			21	21	6	21	13	21	w/o	
Nicholas Bradley		17		21	5	20	17	21	w/o	
Jake Lavender		17	14		6	14	3	16	w/o	
Jamie Ellis	1	21	15	21		21	21	21	w/o	
Michael Bratt	3	17	21	15	10		21	21	w/o	
Nick Halliwell	2	21	21	21	5	21		21	15	
Scott Strudwick		10	7	21	14	13	15		w/o	
Ryan Tinslay	Re-tired	w/d	w/d	w/d	w/d	w/d	13	w/d		
Sarinda Wijetunge	DNP									

This started out a single eight-player group, playing to 15 points. However, Sarinda Wijetunge had a viral infection on the day, and Ryan Tinslay had to drop out after just one game. So, we had time to change the format to allow play to 21 points. Jamie Ellis raised his game in the deciding match with Nick Halliwell to win the tournament convincingly and take the Dudley Trophy, which Adam Dudley was on hand to present—a very welcome visitor.

Swifts graded singles tournament

Girls' grade A

GIRLS' A SINGLES

Group A										
Player	Pos	Rebekah Flatman	Stephanie Thomas	Nuriah Haleem	Kirsty Walker	Jessica Ledermann	Justine Walker	Gilly Thomas	Georgia Thomas	Sophie Martin
Rebekah Flatman			15	11	4	4	6	5	13	3
Stephanie Thomas		10		10	8	10	5	8	15	9
Nuriah Haleem		15	15		11	14	13	13	15	13
Kirsty Walker		15	15	15		13	14	15	15	12
Jessica Ledermann	3	15	15	15	15		12	12	15	15
Justine Walker	1	15	15	15	15	15		15	15	15
Gilly Thomas	2	15	15	15	13	15	7		15	15
Georgia Thomas		15	6	13	6	7	8	7		6
Sophie Martin		15	15	15	15	13	13	12	15	

In the absence of Hannah Thompson, this always looked like a test of whether Kirsty Walker had fully recovered from her shoulder injury. Her form improved throughout the day but she wasn't quite up to steam yet and this left Justine Walker to remain unbeaten and take the honours with Gilly Thomas and Jessica Ledermann having to be separated by the result of the match between them.

Swifts graded singles tournament

Boys' grade B

BOYS' B SINGLES

Group A						
Player	Pos	Robert Jones	Jonathan Leachman	Ollie Thompson	Michael Dutton	Chris Bryan
Robert Jones			21	11	14	21
Jonathan Leachman		7		7	19	21
Ollie Thompson	1	21	21		21	21
Michael Dutton	2	21	21	12		21
Chris Bryan		16	16	10	10	

BOYS' B SINGLES

Group B						
Player	Pos	Sean Robbings	Benedict Everett-Riley	William Manners	James Ashley	Aaron Phelan
Sean Robbings			17	12	6	20
Benedict Everett-Riley		21		10	21	13
William Manners	2	21	21		21	18
James Ashley		21	19	8		18
Aaron Phelan	1	21	21	21	21	

This was one of two grades to be played in two groups with cross-over semi-finals. Nobody really looked like beating Ollie Thompson but there were some very close games throughout which demonstrated the value of never giving up and maintaining a keen focus.

Semi-finals

Ollie Thompson 21 v 6 William Manners
 Aaron Phelan 21 v 19 Michael Dutton

Final

Ollie Thompson 21 v 15 Aaron Phelan

Swifts graded singles tournament

Girls' grade B

GIRLS' B SINGLES

Group A										
Player	Pos	Medha Bhasin	Mira Guha	Helen Calder	Polly Thisdell	Rosie Keene	Zoe Taylor	Evie Halliwell	Lydia Hartley	Carolyn Paterson
Medha Bhasin	2		15	15	6	15	15	15	15	15
Mira Guha		6		8	1	14	9	5	9	15
Helen Calder		4	15		5	10	15	14	13	15
Polly Thisdell	1	15	15	15		15	15	15	15	15
Rosie Keene		6	7	15	2		5	15	7	12
Zoe Taylor		7	15	8	3	15		11	12	15
Evie Halliwell	4	6	15	15	1	15	15		11	15
Lydia Hartley	3	3	15	15	10	15	15	15		15
Carolyn Paterson		2	12	9	4	15	13	13	9	

Polly Thisdell was a comfortable winner of this grade but Medha Bhasin demonstrated the value of an extra half-hour's sleep by finishing as runner-up. Zoe Taylor, the youngest competitor, did rather well in what can only be described as the chattiest of all the groups taking part on Saturday.

Swifts graded singles tournament

Boys' grade C

BOYS' C SINGLES

Group A							
Player	Pos	Jonathan Robertson	Alex Lawrence	Harrison Moore	Douglas Paterson	George Williamson	Daniel West
Jonathan Robertson			21	8	21	9	21
Alex Lawrence		20		13	21	11	21
Harrison Moore	1	21	21		21	21	21
Douglas Paterson		18	17	5		8	19
George Williamson	2	21	21	18	21		21
Daniel West		18	10	3	21	9	

BOYS' C SINGLES

Group B						
Player	Pos	Daryn Howes	Alex Handley	Martin Jager	Kiran Flora	Andrew Michelmore
Daryn Howes			11	9	21	12
Alex Handley	1	21		21	21	21
Martin Jager	2	21	18		21	21
Kiran Flora		13	7	9		14
Andrew Michelmore		21	17	20	21	

The knock-out stage of this grade provided the closest-fought badminton of the day. Harrison Moore and Martin Jager fought one another right to the end of the tie-break in one semi-final, while the other was also very close.

Alex Handley finally emerged the victor, though, with Martin Jager the runner-up.

Semi-finals

Harrison Moore 29 v 30 Martin Jager
Alex Handley 21 v 17 George Williamson

Final

Martin Jager 17 v 21 Alex Handley

Swifts graded singles tournament

Girls' grade C

GIRLS' B SINGLES

Group A								
Player	Pos	Tia Halliwell	Tamsyn Wombwell	Emily Appleton	Ciara O'Sullivan	Alicia Dadalani	Emily Armstrong	Rianna Meme
Tia Halliwell			3	1	9	10	15	15
Tamsyn Wombwell	3	15		4	15	10	15	15
Emily Appleton	1	15	15		15	15	15	15
Ciara O'Sullivan		15	8	11		10	15	15
Alicia Dadalani	2	15	15	9	15		15	15
Emily Armstrong		3	2	4	7	5		7
Rianna Meme		10	6	8	7	7	15	

Emily Appleton remained undefeated to win this grade, with new member Alicia Dadalani as runner-up. There were a lot of tried young players at the end of five hours of play.

Swifts graded singles tournament

Boys' grade D

BOYS' D SINGLES

Group A								
Player	Pos	Nicholas Brown	Daniel Green	Jamie Green	Max Petters	Christopher Spain	Nicholas Wild	Samuel Williams
Nicholas Brown			7	13	15	15	13	15
Daniel Green	1	15		15	15	15	15	15
Jamie Green	2	15	8		15	15	15	15
Max Petters		4	1	4		4	3	7
Christopher Spain		11	2	8	15		4	15
Nicholas Wild	3	15	3	13	15	15		15
Samuel Williams		12	7	1	15	12	8	

Like the girls' C grade, there was a fairly wide age variation in this group—our least experienced players, including several recent recruits. The very young players, especially, should be very pleased with their performances.

The Green brothers emerged as winner (Daniel) and runner-up (Jamie), but I'm sure Jamie will be looking to reverse that order in a couple of years time.

Swifts graded singles tournament



The boys' winners and runners-up. Clockwise from top left (and l-r in each case): Nick Halliwell and Jamie Ellis (presented by Adam Dudley, centre) - grade A; Martin Jager and Alex Handley—grade C; Jamie and Daniel Green—grade D; Ollie Thompson and Aaron Phelan—grade B.



Swifts graded singles tournament



The girls' winners and runners-up. From top to bottom (and l-r in each case): Medha Bhasin and Polly Thisdell - grade B; Justine Walker and Gilly Thomas—grade A; Alicia Dadalani and Emily Appleton—grade C.



Swifts graded singles tournament



The action. Clockwise from top left: Harrison Moore, Jamie Ellis, Nuriah Haleem, Benedict Everett-Riley, Michael Bratt, and not forgetting Jonathan Leachman taking a break (centre).



Swifts graded singles tournament



More action. Clockwise from top left: Ollie Thompson, Stephanie Thomas, Jessica Ledermann, Jamie Green (who, one day, will learn he'll be able to play better without in shorts), Zoe Taylor.



Surrey League Match Results

Location: Sutton **Date:** 8 Mar 2009 **Opposition:** Coulsdon & Purley
Result: Won 5.5 - 2.5 **Away** **U18S Mixed**

Swifts	Tom Frew	Jamie Ellis	Justine Walker	Kirsty Walker
Opposition	Michael Dunn	Jonathan Pontis	Clare Stodart	Karen Erskine

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Michael Dunn	Clare Stodart	21	9	Tom Frew	Justine Walker
		21	15		
Jonathan Pontis	Karen Erskine	2	21	Jamie Ellis	Kirsty Walker
		11	21		
Jonathan Pontis	Karen Erskine	9	21	Tom Frew	Justine Walker
		14	21		
Michael Dunn	Clare Stodart	13	21	Jamie Ellis	Kirsty Walker
		17	21		
Michael Dunn	Karen Erskine	18	21	Tom Frew	Kirsty Walker
		21	14		
Jonathan Pontis	Clare Stodart	9	21	Jamie Ellis	Justine Walker
		9	21		
Michael Dunn	Karen Erskine	20	22	Jamie Ellis	Justine Walker
		20	22		
Jonathan Pontis	Clare Stodart	21	19	Tom Frew	Kirsty Walker
		21	18		
		2.5	5.5		

ACDBL Match Results

Location: Lightwater **Date:** 7 Mar 2009 **Opposition:** Mayflower
Result: Lost 183 - 184 **Away** **U12A Boys**

Swifts	William Manners	Douglas Paterson	Daniel Green	Jamie Green
Opposition	Chris Newman	Richard Ivey	Oliver Attewell	Chris Knight

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Chris Newman		14	21	William Manners	
Richard Ivey		18	21	Douglas Paterson	
Oliver Attewell		12	21	Daniel Green	
Chris Knight		21	9	Jamie Green	
Chris Newman	Richard Ivey	21	19	William Manners	Douglas Paterson
Oliver Attewell	Chris Knight	21	19	Daniel Green	Jamie Green
Chris Newman	Oliver Attewell	14	21	William Manners	Daniel Green
Richard Ivey	Chris Knight	21	18	Douglas Paterson	Jamie Green
Chris Newman	Chris Knight	21	18	William Manners	Jamie Green
Richard Ivey	Oliver Attewell	21	16	Douglas Paterson	Daniel Green
		184	183		

Location: Lightwater **Date:** 7 Mar 2009 **Opposition:** Mayflower
Result: Won 166 - 122 **Away** **U14A Mixed**

Swifts	Ollie Thompson	Andy Bryan	Georgia Flatman	Stephanie Thomas
Opposition	Jack Dawson	Morgan Smith	Olivia Cavey	Laura Woodrow

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Jack Dawson	Olivia Cavey	15	21	Ollie Thompson	Georgia Flatman
Morgan Smith	Laura Woodrow	19	21	Andy Bryan	Stephanie Thomas
Morgan Smith	Laura Woodrow	12	21	Ollie Thompson	Georgia Flatman
Jack Dawson	Olivia Cavey	21	19	Andy Bryan	Stephanie Thomas
Jack Dawson	Laura Woodrow	11	21	Ollie Thompson	Stephanie Thomas
Morgan Smith	Olivia Cavey	14	21	Andy Bryan	Georgia Flatman
Jack Dawson	Laura Woodrow	18	21	Andy Bryan	Georgia Flatman
Morgan Smith	Olivia Cavey	12	21	Ollie Thompson	Stephanie Thomas
		122	166		

ACDBL Match Results

Location: Lightwater **Date:** 7 Mar 2009 **Opposition:** Mayflower
Result: Won 142 - 132 **Away** **U16A Mixed**

Swifts	Chris Bryan	Sean Robbings	Rebekah Flatman	Natasha Graham
Opposition	Daniel Ward	Matthew Aldrich	Juliette Leo	Emma Cooper

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Daniel Ward	Juliette Leo	21	10	Chris Bryan	Rebekah Flatman
Matthew Aldrich	Emma Cooper	17	21	Sean Robbings	Natasha Graham
Matthew Aldrich	Emma Cooper	3	21	Chris Bryan	Rebekah Flatman
Daniel Ward	Juliette Leo	21	19	Sean Robbings	Natasha Graham
Daniel Ward	Emma Cooper	21	10	Chris Bryan	Natasha Graham
Matthew Aldrich	Juliette Leo	15	21	Sean Robbings	Rebekah Flatman
Daniel Ward	Emma Cooper	21	19	Sean Robbings	Rebekah Flatman
Matthew Aldrich	Juliette Leo	13	21	Chris Bryan	Natasha Graham
		132	142		

Location: Lightwater **Date:** 8 Mar 2009 **Opposition:** Streetswater
Result: Won 200 - 172 **Away** **U14A Boys**

Swifts	Oliver Thompson	William Manners	Max Lafferty	Ben Everett-Riley
Opposition	Jack Wills	Jason Hau	Nick Harris	Jonathan Hau

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Jack Wills		18	21	Oliver Thompson	
Jason Hau		21	18	William Manners	
Nick Harris		19	21	Max Lafferty	
Jonathan Hau		8	21	Ben Everett-Riley	
Jack Wills	Jason Hau	15	21	Oliver Thompson	William Manners
Nick Harris	Jonathan Hau	19	21	Max Lafferty	Ben Everett-Riley
Jack Wills	Nick Harris	17	21	Oliver Thompson	Max Lafferty
Jason Hau	Jonathan Hau	18	21	William Manners	Ben Everett-Riley
Jack Wills	Jonathan Hau	16	21	Oliver Thompson	Ben Everett-Riley
Jason Hau	Nick Harris	21	14	William Manners	Max Lafferty
		172	200		

ACDBL Match Results

Location: Lightwater **Date:** 8 Mar 2009 **Opposition:** Streetswater
Result: Lost 169 - 186 **Away** **U14 Girls**

Swifts	Sophie Martin	Polly Thisdell	Helen Calder	Evie Halliwell
Opposition	Chloe Rogers	Lisa Pearson	Jenny Pearson	Karina Cochintoiu

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Chloe Rogers		16	21	Sophie Martin	
Lisa Pearson		19	21	Polly Thisdell	
Jenny Pearson		21	8	Helen Calder	
Karina Cochintoiu		21	12	Evie Halliwell	
Chloe Rogers	Lisa Pearson	13	21	Sophie Martin	Polly Thisdell
Jenny Pearson	Karina Cochintoiu	21	14	Helen Calder	Evie Halliwell
Chloe Rogers	Jenny Pearson	13	21	Sophie Martin	Helen Calder
Lisa Pearson	Karina Cochintoiu	21	17	Polly Thisdell	Evie Halliwell
Chloe Rogers	Karina Cochintoiu	21	13	Sophie Martin	Evie Halliwell
Lisa Pearson	Jenny Pearson	20	21	Polly Thisdell	Helen Calder
		186	169		

Friendly Match Results

Location: Croydon **Date:** 8 Mar 2009 **Opposition:** Chadacre
Result: Lost 2 - 8 **Away** **U16 Boys**

Swifts	Nick Halliwell	Conor Dean	Aaron Phelan	James Ashley
Opposition	George Heinemann	Chris Gyton	Yash Shukla	Anish Patel

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
George Heinemann		21	16	Nick Halliwell	
		19	21		
Chris Gyton		21	19	Conor Dean	
		14	21		
Yash Shukla		21	6	Aaron Phelan	
		21	14		
Anish Patel		21	18	James Ashley	
		21	12		
George Heinemann	Chris Gyton	21	14	Nick Halliwell	Conor Dean
		21	12		
Yash Shukla	Anish Patel	21	8	Aaron Phelan	James Ashley
		21	9		
George Heinemann	Yash Shukla	21	17	Nick Halliwell	Aaron Phelan
		21	14		
Chris Gyton	Anish Patel	21	14	Conor Dean	James Ashley
		17	21		
George Heinemann	Anish Patel	21	15	Nick Halliwell	James Ashley
		21	10		
Chris Gyton	Yash Shukla	21	12	Conor Dean	Aaron Phelan
		20	22		
		8	2		