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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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Match summary

Our U12 boys' B team played at home to Bourne in the ACDBL on Saturday and won an extremely close match by 172-164.

The U16 boys' A team also played at home, to Streetswater, and had a very comprehensive 210-58 victory.

On Sunday, the U14 mixed B team played away to Streetswater and won another close match by 149-140.

The U16 mixed B team also played away to Streetswater and won by 168-56.

In the Surrey League, the U12 unisex team played away to Chadacre and won 9¹/₂-1¹/₂.

National circuit results

Harry Williams played in the BE U13 Kent Bronze JC at the weekend. He reached the semi-final of the boys' singles event.

Serena Farrelly reached the semi-final of the girls' doubles event at the same tournament.

Exercise and education

Those of you who cut down their commitment to badminton during examination periods should be aware of the latest research which indicates that doing more intensive exercise boosts exam performance, seemingly in proportion to the amount of exercise undertaken.

Read <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-24608813>

So, if you want to do better in exams, play more badminton. And certainly don't give it up in order to do more revision.

International results

Samodani Wijetunge played in the U15 Denmark Cup international event (in Denmark) last weekend. She reached the quarter-final of the girls' singles, losing only to the top seed, and also in the doubles. In the team event she helped the England team gain a silver medal as runner-up.

Club handicap tournament

We completed our first Swifts tournament of the season by holding the doubles events on Saturday. The entry was excellent, with more in the boys' doubles than ever before, and more total players over both weekends (169) than in any previous Swifts tournament, despite having fewer members than we had at the time of the last five tournaments.

And nobody dropped out on the day, which is always a major relief.

I'd like to extend thanks to all those parents and players who helped out by scoring for the younger age groups on Saturday.

The doubles results, in summary, are as follows. A report on each section can be found on the following pages.

Event	Winners	Runners-up
U10 boys	Sebastian Grove & Dominic Leckie	Nathan Gibson & Jonathan Lai
U11 girls	Smrithi Shirol & Marianne Wu	Devashri Moodley & Daisy Murphy
U13 boys	Max Curtis & Archie Pendry	Christian Attree & Harry Bloomfield
U13 girls	Lucy Bezants & Holly Cullen	Neeve Galvin & Rebecca Sproston
U15 boys	Harry Owens & Connor Strudwick	Connor Curtis & Christopher Lai
U15 girls	Imogen Galvin & Jessica Mallett	Stephanie Pipe & Alice Sutton
U18 boys	Stirling Burrow & various partners	Jonathan Hau Daryn Howes
U18 girls	Lucy Sharp & Holly Weston	Erin Maher & Katie Price

From the point of view of the organisers the tournament encouraged early-season competitive participation, provided the close play that we sought, enabled a wider range of medallists and challenged players of all standards.

The great thing about a handicap tournament is that all the losers can go away happy, safe in the knowledge that the handicapping committee got it wrong again and robbed them of a deserved victory. We'll try to do better for you next time.

ACDBL match results

Location: **Lightwater** Date: **19 Oct 2013** Opposition: **Bourne**
 Result: **Won 172 - 164** Home U12B Boys

Swifts	Luc Frean	Archie Pendry	Max Curtis	Eliot Duff
Opposition	Kieran Harding	Thomas Hill	Justin Worthy	Sebastian Beattie

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Luc Frean		3	21	Kieran Harding	
Archie Pendry		11	21	Thomas Hill	
Max Curtis		21	13	Justin Worthy	
Eliot Duff		21	13	Sebastian Beattie	
Luc Frean	Archie Pendry	13	21	Kieran Harding	Thomas Hill
Max Curtis	Eliot Duff	21	9	Justin Worthy	Sebastian Beattie
Luc Frean	Max Curtis	19	21	Kieran Harding	Justin Worthy
Archie Pendry	Eliot Duff	21	14	Thomas Hill	Sebastian Beattie
Luc Frean	Eliot Duff	21	18	Kieran Harding	Sebastian Beattie
Archie Pendry	Max Curtis	21	13	Thomas Hill	Justin Worthy
		172	164		

Location: **Lightwater** Date: **19 Oct 2013** Opposition: **Streetswater**
 Result: **Won 210 - 58** Home U16A Boys

Swifts	Nathaniel Brittany	Alex Downes	Christopher Gane	Ben Coker
Opposition	Charlie Godwin	Joe Gardiner	James Harvey	Josh Godfrey

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Nathaniel Brittany		21	3	Charlie Godwin	
Alex Downes		21	10	Joe Gardiner	
Christopher Gane		21	5	James Harvey	
Ben Coker		21	5	Josh Godfrey	
Nathaniel Brittany	Alex Downes	21	12	Charlie Godwin	Joe Gardiner
Christopher Gane	Ben Coker	21	3	James Harvey	Josh Godfrey
Nathaniel Brittany	Christopher Gane	21	3	Charlie Godwin	James Harvey
Alex Downes	Ben Coker	21	5	Joe Gardiner	Josh Godfrey
Nathaniel Brittany	Ben Coker	21	7	Charlie Godwin	Josh Godfrey
Alex Downes	Christopher Gane	21	5	Joe Gardiner	James Harvey
		210	58		

ACDBL match results

Location: Lightwater **Date:** 20 Oct 2013 **Opposition:** Streetswater
Result: Won 149 - 140 **Away** **U14B Mixed**

Swifts	Lucas Downes	Connor Curtis	Helen Sproston	Elena Koutas
Opposition	Jonathan Willis	Soon Hau Fun	Yadana Aye	Jennifer Lee

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Jonathan Willis	Yadana Aye	21	10	Lucas Downes	Helen Sproston
Soon Hau Fun	Jennifer Lee	13	21	Connor Curtis	Elena Koutas
Jonathan Willis	Yadana Aye	17	21	Connor Curtis	Elena Koutas
Soon Hau Fun	Jennifer Lee	21	20	Lucas Downes	Helen Sproston
Jonathan Willis	Jennifer Lee	21	16	Lucas Downes	Elena Koutas
Soon Hau Fun	Yadana Aye	10	21	Connor Curtis	Helen Sproston
Soon Hau Fun	Yadana Aye	16	21	Lucas Downes	Elena Koutas
Jonathan Willis	Jennifer Lee	21	19	Connor Curtis	Helen Sproston
		140	149		

Location: Lightwater **Date:** 20 Oct 2013 **Opposition:** Streetswater
Result: Won 168 - 56 **Away** **U16B Mixed**

Swifts	Chris Gane	Ben Coker	Jessica Mallett	Katie Price
Opposition	James Pedley	Joshua Fereday	Kimberley Pang	Nicola Allen

Kimberley Pang		Score		Away Players	
James Pedley	Nicola Allen	8	21	Chris Gane	Jessica Mallett
Joshua Fereday	Nicola Allen	4	21	Ben Coker	Katie Price
James Pedley	Kimberley Pang	11	21	Ben Coker	Katie Price
Joshua Fereday	Nicola Allen	4	21	Chris Gane	Jessica Mallett
James Pedley	Nicola Allen	6	21	Chris Gane	Katie Price
Joshua Fereday	Kimberley Pang	7	21	Ben Coker	Jessica Mallett
Joshua Fereday	Kimberley Pang	5	21	Chris Gane	Katie Price
James Pedley	Nicola Allen	11	21	Ben Coker	Jessica Mallett
		56	168		

Surrey League match results

Location: Wallington **Date:** 20 Oct 2013 **Opposition:** Chadacre
Result: Won 9.5 - 0.5 **Away** **U12 Unisex**

Swifts	Harry Williams	Callum Mitchell	Serena Farrelly	Ellie Darlington
Opposition	Tim Li	Vishal Gupta	Thomas Horan	Anant Gupta

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Tim Li		21	19	Harry Williams	
		17	21		
Vishal Gupta		6	21	Callum Mitchell	
		9	21		
Thomas Horan		6	21	Serena Farrelly	
		3	21		
Anant Gupta		15	21	Ellie Darlington	
		7	21		
Tim Li	Vishal Gupta	13	21	Harry Williams	Callum Mitchell
		13	21		
Thomas Horan	Anant Gupta	5	21	Serena Farrelly	Ellie Darlington
		9	21		
Tim Li	Thomas Horan	13	21	Harry Williams	Serena Farrelly
		8	21		
Vishal Gupta	Anant Gupta	9	21	Callum Mitchell	Ellie Darlington
		11	21		
Tim Li	Anant Gupta	15	21	Harry Williams	Ellie Darlington
		13	21		
Vishal Gupta	Thomas Horan	6	21	Callum Mitchell	Serena Farrelly
		11	21		
		0.5	9.5		

Club handicap tournament

U10 BOYS' HANDICAP DOUBLES

Player	Pos	Timothy Canning Benjamin Hazevoet	Matthew Grove Marco Naumov	Sebastian Grove Dominic Leckie	Nathan Gibson Jonathan Lai
Timothy Canning Benjamin Hazevoet			15 12	14 14	15 9
Matthew Grove Marco Naumov	3	11 15		15 12	7 15
Sebastian Grove Dominic Leckie	1	15 15	8 15		11 15
Nathan Gibson Jonathan Lai	2	9 15	15 9	15 10	

This is an inauspicious start to reporting the tournament as I have discovered that I made a complete pig's ear of working out the medal positions on Saturday. I apologise to all those affected by this unprecedented mess. This could cause chaos in the Grove household, unfortunately, as it turns out that Sebastian was a winner (and not Matthew). We will make sure Sebastian & Dominic receive the gold medals they deserve and that Nathan & Jonathan receive their silver medals.

Anyway, this was one of the closest events we have ever had, with every pair winning at least a third of their games and no pair winning more than two thirds. What is more, the last-placed pair lost twice to the winners by only a single point and would themselves have won the event (and consigned the winners to last place) if those results had gone the other way. You don't get much closer than that!



Sebastian Grove (rl), Dominic Leckie (fl),
Matthew Grove (rr), Marco Naumov (fr)

Club handicap tournament

U11 GIRLS' HANDICAP DOUBLES

Player	Pos	Rosie Duff Lila Dundas	Smrithi Shirol Marianne Wu	Annabelle Atkins Gemma Downes	Devashri Moodley Daisy Murphy
Rosie Duff Lila Dundas			12 15	15 15	9 10
Smrithi Shirol Marianne Wu	1	15 6		15 15	15 15
Annabelle Atkins Gemma Downes		14 11	9 8		12 12
Devashri Moodley Daisy Murphy	2	15 15	14 14	15 15	

This was another event in which two 15-14 wins decided the event. In this case the runners-up would have won the event if they had won just one of their two final-point games against the winners.

As things turned out, though, Smrithi became the first of three girls to win both the singles and doubles in this tournament this season, and Marianne won a gold medal in her first ever badminton competition.



(l-r) Devashri Moodley, Daisy Murphy, Smrithi Shirol, and Marianne Wu

Club handicap tournament

BOYS' U13 HANDICAP DOUBLES

Player	Pos	Ben Atkins Timothy Lai	Matthew Biddle Henry Sutton	John Canning Eliot Duff	Hector Earnshaw Luc Frean	Hayden Mitchell Dominic Nabasa	Harry Hodges-Long Toby Hodges-Long	Cameron Warne Jack Wetherall	Max Curtis Archie Pendry	Christian Attree Harry Bloomfield
Ben Atkins Timothy Lai			9	15	6	15	15	15	11	12
Matthew Biddle Henry Sutton		15		15	4	14	11	10	12	10
John Canning Eliot Duff		11	14		4	9	11	15	9	5
Hector Earnshaw Luc Frean		15	15	15		9	15	10	13	7
Hayden Mitchell Dominic Nabasa	3	14	15	15	15		13	15	15	10
Harry Hodges-Long Toby Hodges-Long		14	15	15	7	15		9	11	14
Cameron Warne Jack Wetherall	4	13	15	11	15	7	15		12	15
Max Curtis Archie Pendry	1	15	15	15	15	8	15	15		15
Christian Attree Harry Bloomfield	2	15	15	15	15	15	15	14	13	



(l-r) Max Curtis, Harry Bloomfield,
Archie Pendry, Christian Attree

This was the largest group in the doubles competition and, again, every pair won at least one game. We had decided that Dominic & Hayden, having been winner and runner-up in the U10 singles last weekend, should have their mettle tested in the higher age group. They stepped up to the challenge very strongly and with enthusiasm, finishing third (and their handicaps were not the most generous).

The two scratch pairs found it tough to adjust to coming from behind and were unable to figure on the leaderboard and, of course, Harry & Toby each had what may have been an extra handicap of playing with his brother.

Harry Bloomfield discovered that it **is** fun to play doubles and how it can be very worthwhile to enter tournaments.

Club handicap tournament

U13 GIRLS' HANDICAP DOUBLES

Player	Pos	Ruth Devapragasam Emily Nielsen	Jenna Biddle TingTing Lin-Wong	Lucy Bezants Holly Cullen	Maddie Godwin Antonella Naumova	Neeve Galvin Rebecca Sproston	Lucy Doran Megan Laycock
Ruth Devapragasam Emily Nielsen	3		21	17	21	18	21
Jenna Biddle TingTing Lin-Wong	4	17		18	21	21	21
Lucy Bezants Holly Cullen	1	21	21		21	19	21
Maddie Godwin Antonella Naumova		14	9	16		21	17
Neeve Galvin Rebecca Sproston	2	21	20	21	19		21
Lucy Doran Megan Laycock		14	11	16	21	19	

This was another group which saw all its pairs win a game with nobody able to win all theirs. In fact it was so close that the last-placed pair beat the silver medallists, who themselves beat the winners, so it really was anyone's tournament.



(l-r) Neeve Galvin, Holly Cullen, Rebecca Sproston, Lucy Bezants

Club handicap tournament

U15 BOYS' HANDICAP DOUBLES

Player	Pos	Jason Fisher Alex Tennant-	Harry Owens Connor Strudwick	Lucas Downes Joseph Freat	Connor Curtis Christopher Lai	Jonathan Chong Kalvin Liang	Nicholas Pipe Daniel Roach	Ollie McCoy- Page Flynn	Peter Beech Zak Theodoulou
Jason Fisher Alex Tennant-Smith			9	21	15	21	21	15	21
Harry Owens Connor Strudwick	1	21		21	21	21	21	21	21
Lucas Downes Joseph Freat		19	16		20	17	20	13	16
Connor Curtis Christopher Lai	2	21	15	21		21	21	21	19
Jonathan Chong Kalvin Liang		20	10	21	18		21	11	20
Nicholas Pipe Daniel Roach		13	10	21	14	20		18	12
Ollie McCoy-Page Flynn Thatcher	3	21	20	21	18	21	21		21
Peter Beech Zak Theodoulou		13	12	21	21	21	21	12	



There were two scratch pairs in this group and neither was able to win the event despite some impressive play. Harry & Connor emerged as clear-cut winners having won all their games but we had to award the silver medal after resolving a tie between the next two pairs.

(l-r) Christopher Lai, Connor Strudwick,
Connor Curtis, Harry Owens

Club handicap tournament

U15 GIRLS' HANDICAP DOUBLES

Player	Pos	Elena Koutas Helen Sproston	Imogen Galvin Jessica Mallett	Stephanie Pipe Alice Sutton	Isabel Smith Sydney Wombwell
Elena Koutas Helen Sproston			20 18	20 14	21 19
Imogen Galvin Jessica Mallett	1	21 21		21 19	18 21
Stephanie Pipe Alice Sutton	2	21 21	18 21		12 21
Isabel Smith Sydney Wombwell		19 21	21 19	21 19	

Imogen became the second player to win both singles and doubles this year, though it all came down to having won one victory by a single point more than the winning pair's defeat against the same opposition.

If only Elena & Helen had been able to win their two 20-21 defeats there would have been a four-way tie in which every pair both beat and lost to all the opposition pairs, resolved by tie-break in favour of Isabel & Sydney.

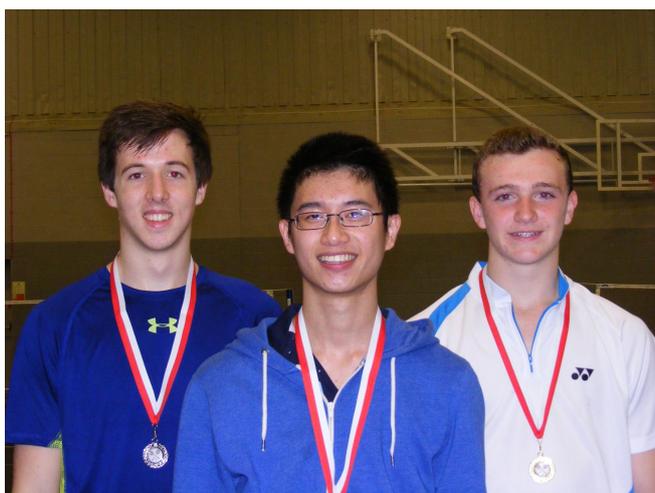


(l-r) Imogen Galvin, Jessica Mallett, Alice Sutton, Stephanie Pipe

Club handicap tournament

U18 BOYS' HANDICAP DOUBLES

Player	Pos	Ben Coker Connor McCartney	Steven Bullett Nathaniel Brittany	Jonathan Hau Daryn Howes	Henry Bradshaw Ben Cullen	Stirling Burrow & various	Alex Downes Chris Gane
Ben Coker Connor McCartney	3		21	17	21	19	21
Steven Bullett Nathaniel Brittany		20		13	16	19	21
Jonathan Hau Daryn Howes	2	21	21		21	12	21
Henry Bradshaw Ben Cullen		13	21	18		15	18
Stirling Burrow & various partners	1	21	21	21	21		21
Alex Downes Chris Gane		18	17	20	21	16	



Daryn Howes, Jonathan Hau, Stirling Burrow

This was the only section in which we had an odd number of players in this tournament (a Swifts doubles tournament being unique in the badminton world in allowing players that don't have a partner to play).

Stirling drew the short straw as odd man out and played with a succession of partners to excellent effect, winning all his games and the gold medal. The final, medal-deciding game, played with Nathaniel against Daryn & Jonny, was a fierce affair with some extremely long rallies but it didn't turn out to be very close in the end.

Many of the games were very close, and all pairs won at least one.

Club handicap tournament

U18 GIRLS' HANDICAP DOUBLES				
Player	Pos	Erin Maher Katie Price	Lucy Sharp Holly Weston	Kaman Liang Polly Thisdell
Erin Maher Katie Price	2		17 13 20	21 12 21
Lucy Sharp Holly Weston	1	21 21 21		21 21 21
Kaman Liang Polly Thisdell		13 21 11	15 20 15	

This was one of only three sections in which one pair managed to win all its games, and the scratch pair finished last so we were very testing with the handicaps. Given there were only three pairs we had the choice of playing best-of-three matches or having three games against each opposition pair. We chose the latter, so fitness and stamina may have had a significant part to play in the outcome.

Holly became the third player to have won a gold medal in both singles and doubles in this year's tournament.



(l-r) Erin Maher, Lucy Sharp, Katie Price, Holly Weston