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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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National Badminton League

It was the turn of the U14s and U16s to compete in this event at Isleworth on Saturday.

The Swifts U14 team carried all before it in winning every rubber in all of its matches and topping its section.

The U16 team also won its group, though it did narrowly lose one match.

Detailed results can be found later in the newsletter. Both teams join our U12 and U19 teams in the next round in late June.

County representation

Christopher Lai and Nicholas Pipe both played for the Surrey U15 1st team that defeated Kent in the Shires League on Saturday.

Jodie Teale played for the adult Surrey 3rd team against Norfolk in the ICC on Sunday.

Swifts graded tournament

The first day of our annual graded tournament on Saturday resulted in the following major results. Full details of all results can be found later in the newsletter. Many thanks to those parents, older players and retired reigning champions who helped out with the scoring of the more junior groups.

Event

A grade boys
B grade boys
C grade boys
D grade boys
E grade boys
F grade boys
G grade unisex
A grade girls
B grade girls
C grade girls
D grade girls
E grade girls

Winner

William Manners
Jonathan Chong
Connor Curtis
Greg Laurence
Henry Sutton
James Tyler
Siddhant Shiroh
Stephanie Pipe
Sophie Mercure
Rebecca Sproston
Annabelle Atkins
Erin Christian

Runner-up

Ollie Thompson
Alex Tennant-Smith
Ben Atkins
Jack Wetherall
Sebastian Grove
Matthew Barnfield
Jonathan Lee
Jodie Teale
Elena Koutas
Neeve Galvin
Sophie Walter
Holly Ranson

Local tournament results



Lila Dundas

The second weekend of the ACDBL singles tournament was held on Sunday. It was the turn of the U12s and U16s.

In the U12s, Ellie Darlington won the girls' A grade and Smrithi Shirol was runner-up. Lila Dundas won the girls' B grade, and is pictured to the left having her ear examined after the tournament (by the tournament's elf and safety team, obviously).

Anish Goel won the boys' B grade, and William Salt was a semi-finalist.

In the U16s, Serna Farrelly won the girls' A grade, with Jessica Mallett as runner-up.

Peter Beech won the boys' A grade, while Soon Hau Fun won the B grade. Jason Fisher was the B grade runner-up.

Surrey tournaments

On 22 February Flynn Thatcher played in the Surrey U15 boys' doubles tournament and emerged as winner of the B grade.

National circuit results

Nathaniel Brittany and Nicholas Pipe both played in the BE U17 Kent Silver JC at the weekend. Nick won the boys' doubles event while Nathaniel was runner-up.

Connor Strudwick played in the BE U15 Warwick Bronze JC at the weekend and reached the last sixteen of the boys' singles and the quarter-final of the doubles.

Ellie Darlington took part in the BE U13 Middlesex Bronze JC on Saturday and won the girls' doubles event.



Ellie Darlington and Smrithi Shirol

National Badminton League

U14	Swifts		Score		Isleworth B	
	Player 1	Player 2	Swifts	B	Player 1	Player 2
BS		Timothy Lai	21	7		Jayan Majejadi
GS		Sophie Mercure	21	0		Varuni Nayak
BD	Harry Hodges-Long	Tim Lai	21	9	Jayan Majejadi	Shaan Tailor
GD	Emily Chapman	Sophie Mercure	21	5	Varuni Nayak	Rischa D'Cunha
Mixed	Harry Hodges-Long	Emily Chapman	21	9	Shaan Tailor	Rischa D'Cunha
		Match Score	5	0		

U14	Swifts		Score		Northwood	
	Player 1	Player 2	Swifts	Northwood	Player 1	Player 2
BS		Timothy Lai	21	15		Tarun Balubryanan
GS		Sophie Mercure	21	3		Rhiya Popat
BD	Harry Hodges-Long	Tim Lai	21	20	Tarun Balubryanan	Vincent Lam
GD	Emily Chapman	Sophie Mercure	21	10	Hannah D'Souza	Jyothaka
Mixed	Harry Hodges-Long	Emily Chapman	21	19	Vincent Lam	Jyothaka
		Match Score	5	0		

U14	Swifts		Score		Isleworth A	
	Player 1	Player 2	Swifts	A	Player 1	Player 2
BS		Timothy Lai	21	15		Harry Williams
GS		Sophie Mercure	21	12		Grace Fisher
BD	Harry Hodges-Long	Tim Lai	21	12	Nithun Jayakumar	Harry Williams
GD	Emily Chapman	Sophie Mercure	21	0	Grace Fisher	No player
Mixed	Harry Hodges-Long	Emily Chapman	21	3	Nithun Jayakumar	Grace Fisher
		Match Score	5	0		



The Swifts U14 team, undefeated in the NBL
Harry Hodges-Long, Tim Lai, Sophie Mercure, Emily Chapman

National Badminton League

U16	Swifts		Score		Isleworth	
	Player 1	Player 2	Swifts	Isleworth	Player 1	Player 2
BS	Flynn Thatcher		21	14	Gourav Kharoud	
GS	Elena Koutas		8	21	Ragini Jhanji	
BD	Jason Fisher	Soon Hau Fun	21	18	Gourav Kharoud	Sevak Sohi
GD	Elena Koutas	Alice Sutton	10	21	Ramnik Ghana	Ragini Jhanji
Mixed	Jason Fisher	Helen Sproston	19	21	Sevak Sohi	Ramnik Ghana
	Match Score		2	3		

U16	Swifts		Score		Northwood	
	Player 1	Player 2	Swifts	Northwood	Player 1	Player 2
BS	Jason Fisher		21	18	Pranon	
GS	Helen Sproston		21	17	Deepali	
BD	Jason Fisher	Flynn Thatcher	21	13	Pranon	Aditya
GD	Elena Koutas	Helen Sproston	21	18	Deepali	Keptana
Mixed	Soon Hau Fun	Alice Sutton	21	13	Aditya	Keptana
	Match Score		5	0		

U16	Swifts		Score		Racqueteers	
	Player 1	Player 2	Swifts	Racquet- eers	Player 1	Player 2
BS	Soon Hau Fun		21	12	Caleb	
GS	Helen Sproston		21	16	Amy	
BD	Soon Hau Fun	Flynn Thatcher	21	11	Caleb	Jacob
GD	Helen Sproston	Alice Sutton	21	0	Amy	No player
Mixed	Flynn Thatcher	Alice Sutton	21	15	Jacob	Amy
	Match Score		5	0		

U16					
Group A					
Player	Pos	Swifts	Northwood	Racqueteers	Isleworth
Swifts	1		5	5	2
Northwood	2	0		4	3
Racqueteers	4	0	1		3
Isleworth	3	3	2	2	

Swifts graded singles tournament

UNISEX G GRADE SINGLES

Group A								
Player	Pos	Temisha Veeramootoo	Jack Blackman	Marianne Wu	Mide Williams	Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen	Jonathan Lee	Siddhanth Shirol
Temisha Veeramootoo			11	5	9	8	6	3
Jack Blackman		7		5	6	1	8	2
Marianne Wu		11	11		11	4	6	6
Mide Williams		11	11	4		11	5	2
Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen	3	11	11	11	11		3	8
Jonathan Lee	2	11	11	11	11	11		4
Siddhanth Shirol	1	11	11	11	11	11	11	



Jonathan Lee and Siddhanth Shirol

This group comprised the most recent recruits to badminton, and our youngest members. There weren't enough of them to justify separate groups for girls and boys so we had a single unisex of the lowest-graded boys and the second grade up of girls. They displayed just as much enthusiasm as any other group and obviously enjoyed what was, for almost all, their first graded tournament.

Swifts graded singles tournament

BOYS' F GRADE SINGLES

Group A						
Player	Pos	Benjamin Hazevoet	Matthew Barnfield	James Tyler	Scott Adcock	Nathan Gibson
Benjamin Hazevoet			8 5	6 10	11 11	11 9
Matthew Barnfield	2	11 11		3 4	11 11	11 11
James Tyler	1	11 11	11 11		11 11	11 11
Scott Adcock		7 7	3 4	1 3		8 1
Nathan Gibson		9 11	4 2	9 4	11 11	



James Tyler and Matthew Barnfield

This was a grade of slightly larger but still near-beginners who are firmly beginning to get the hang of the sport. With only one potential competitor missing from the entry on this occasion they are obviously keen to test their mettle.

Swifts graded singles tournament

GIRLS' E GRADE SINGLES							
Group A							
Player	Pos	Emma Ranson	Sahana Balamurugman	Erin Christian	Amelia Wells	Holly Ranson	Olivia Wells
Emma Ranson			11	4	8	5	15
Sahana Balamurugman	3	15		8	15	9	15
Erin Christian	1	15	15		14	15	15
Amelia Wells	4	15	13	15		8	15
Holly Ranson	2	15	15	14	15		15
Olivia Wells		10	10	2	8	4	



Erin Christian and Holly Ranson

If you examine the scores closely you'll see the results hinged very heavily on two 15-14 results and another of 15-13. It was all very close and the fourth-placed player beat the winner. We don't normally get quite as many siblings in the same grades as we seem to have had this year. The scorers of these junior groups must get very confused with so many similar looking players milling around.

Swifts graded singles tournament

BOYS' E GRADE SINGLES

Group A										
Player	Pos	Hector Earnshaw	Timothy Canning	Matthew Grove	Sebastian Grove	Joseph Cowdery	Henry Sutton	Jonathan Lai	John Canning	Michael Brind
Hector Earnshaw			4	3	2	2	5	7	1	8
Timothy Canning		11		6	5	6	6	2	5	5
Matthew Grove	3	11	11		8	11	2	11	11	11
Sebastian Grove	2	11	11	11		11	9	11	11	11
Joseph Cowdery		11	11	9	5		3	11	3	7
Henry Sutton	1	11	11	11	11	11		11	11	11
Jonathan Lai		11	11	7	2	10	3		11	11
John Canning		11	11	7	8	11	5	6		11
Michael Brind		11	11	10	7	11	3	8	10	



Sebastian Grove and Henry Sutton

By this stage the players all know their opponents and their capability quite well and the competition can be fierce. Hector had had a month away from badminton and his form suffered accordingly, while Henry looked fairly comfortable throughout (though you couldn't tell from his face).

Swifts graded singles tournament

GIRLS' D GRADE SINGLES									
Group A									
Player	Pos	Paige Daniel	Jessica Pun Lai Yuen	Sophie Walter	Annabelle Atkins	Abbie Coleman	Daisy Murphy	Priyanka Pimple	Tia Jasani
Paige Daniel	3		11	8	11	11	7	11	11
Jessica Pun Lai Yuen		3		2	5	10	11	10	11
Sophie Walter	2	11	11		10	11	11	10	11
Annabelle Atkins	1	5	11	11		11	11	11	11
Abbie Coleman		10	11	4	9		11	11	11
Daisy Murphy		11	10	9	2	9		11	11
Priyanka Pimple		5	11	11	6	5	8		11
Tia Jasani		2	4	3	0	2	2	7	



Sophie Walter and Annabelle Atkins

Obviously, at this grade the players are all relative beginners but the play was very close. Sophie's two defeats, as well as Priyanka's two wins, were all 11-10 scores, as were some other games. Every one of these could easily have finished differently.

Swifts graded singles tournament

BOYS' D GRADE SINGLES									
Group A									
Player	Pos	Joseph	Greg	Luc	Jack	William	Cameron	Matthew	Archie
Joseph Frean			15	15	13	15	w/d	w/d	15
Greg Laurence	1	14		15	15	15	15	15	15
Luc Frean		8	13		11	9	14	15	15
Jack Wetherall	2	15	9	15		15	15	15	15
William Salt		11	8	15	8		5	12	13
Cameron Warne	3	w/o	8	15	4	15		15	15
Matthew Lister		w/o	14	14	13	15	14		15
Archie Pendry		2	7	10	5	15	4	3	



Jack Wetherall and Greg Laurence

Having beaten the eventual winner and only narrowly lost to the eventual runner-up, Joe Frean can count himself very unlucky to have pulled a muscle when he was otherwise unbeaten and going really well. Try some stretching between games, Joe. This was a close group and every player gained at least one win and there were several games that were won by only one or two points. We had to sort out a tie to decide the medals.

Swifts graded singles tournament

GIRLS' C GRADE SINGLES

Group A							
Player	Pos	Emily Nielsen	Ruth Devapragasam	Neeve Galvin	Katie Atkins	Rebecca Sproston	Holly Cullen
Emily Nielsen			13	12	15	4	15
Ruth Devapragasam	3	15		7	15	12	15
Neeve Galvin	2	15	15		11	9	15
Katie Atkins		11	14	15		7	12
Rebecca Sproston	1	15	15	15	15		15
Holly Cullen		13	10	6	15	12	



Rebecca Sproston and Neeve Galvin

This was another group with a tie for a medal to be resolved, though Rebecca was a comfortable winner. Everybody won at least one match and a lot of the them were very tight.

Swifts graded singles tournament

BOYS' C GRADE SINGLES

Group A									
Player	Pos	Jed Shrewsbury	Harry Bloomfield	Thomas Chan	Connor Curtis	Ben Atkins	Joshua Craven	Daniel Roach	Lucas Downes
Jed Shrewsbury			15	13	13	13	15	15	15
Harry Bloomfield		7		15	9	15	15	12	15
Thomas Chan		15	7		7	5	13	3	15
Connor Curtis	1	15	15	15		15	15	15	15
Ben Atkins	2	15	15	15	7		15	15	15
Joshua Craven		4	1	15	7	10		12	15
Daniel Roach	3	14	15	15	8	12	15		15
Lucas Downes		13	10	11	3	8	14	11	



Connor Curtis and Ben Atkins

As can be seen from the medallists' picture, there were some serious disparities in physical size in this group as well as some interesting inconsistencies in the scores.

Swifts graded singles tournament

GIRLS' B GRADE SINGLES

Group A					
Player	Pos	Alice Sutton	Emily Chapman	Sophie Mercure	Elena Koutas
Alice Sutton			12 14	4 6	5 6
Emily Chapman		21 21		8 7	11 18
Sophie Mercure	1	21 21	21 21		21 21
Elena Koutas	2	21 21	21 21	9 9	



Sophie Mercure and Elena Koutas

This group originally had six members but two withdrew after the draw had been made so the format was changed such that they played one another twice. Sophie was a comfortable winner and all the results were highly consistent, which is fairly unusual.

Swifts graded singles tournament

BOYS' B GRADE SINGLES

Group A										
Player	Pos	Alex Tennant-Smith	Ben Coker	Harry Hodges-Long	Jason Fisher	Jonathan Chong	Callum Mitchell	Tim Lai	Ben Cullen	Soon Hau Fun
Alex Tennant-Smith	2		15	15	15	12	15	15	15	15
Ben Coker		7		15	9	10	15	15	w/o	10
Harry Hodges-Long		4	9		12	7	15	15	w/o	6
Jason Fisher		10	15	15		8	14	15	w/o	14
Jonathan Chong	1	15	15	15	15		15	15	w/o	15
Callum Mitchell		10	9	12	15	12		13	15	12
Tim Lai		8	14	13	10	10	15		14	12
Ben Cullen		8	w/d	w/d	w/d	w/d	7	15		w/d
Soon Hau Fun	3	13	15	15	15	8	15	15	w/o	



Jonathan Chong and Alex Tennant-Smith

It is at this grade that size and power really begin to make an impact for the boys and it is true to say that both Jonathan and Alex have plenty in reserve. They were both able to negate the strong racquet skills of skilled younger boys with ease. Ben Cullen felt unwell and had to withdraw.

Swifts graded singles tournament

GIRLS' A GRADE SINGLES					
Group A					
Player	Pos	Jessica Mallett	Stephanie Pipe	Jodie Teale	Polly Thisdell
Jessica Mallett			4 6	14 11	11 13
Stephanie Pipe	1	21 21		21 21	21 21
Jodie Teale	2	21 21	11 7		21 21
Polly Thisdell		21 21	10 10	19 20	

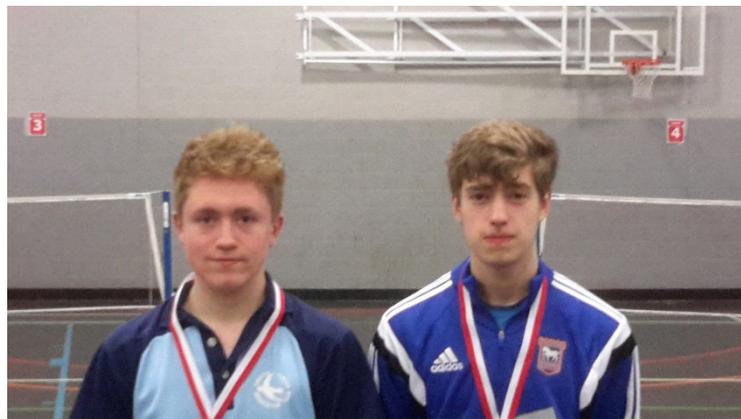


Jodie Teale and Stephanie Pipe

This is Polly's last season with Swifts and she is one of only two current members who participated in the first graded tournament (the other being Stirling Burrow). Polly, though is unique in being able to claim that she has participated in every single club tournament we have held since the first one. The two games that decided the silver medal were as tight as you can get and Jodie had to work very hard to get second place.

Swifts graded singles tournament

BOYS' A GRADE SINGLES						
Group A						
Player	Pos	Chris Gane	Stirling Burrow	Will Manners	Connor McCartney	Ollie Thompson
Chris Gane			11	10	17	13
Stirling Burrow	3	21		18	21	14
Will Manners	1	21	21		21	21
Connor McCartney		21	14	8		12
Ollie Thompson	2	21	21	17	21	



William Manners and Ollie Thompson

At this end of the club the sport of badminton is played with a considerable amount of speed and power as well as skill. Things were very tight among the top three in particular. All three of them were members when we played our very first graded tournament back in 2005 (though only Stirling actually participated on that occasion) and all that training and experience showed. Chris and Connor put up a good show against such strong competition. Alex Downes arrived to participate but was injured and decided that discretion was the better part of valour after attempting a warm-up. It was a wise decision.