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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

We are coming to the end of another successful season and in this, the penultimate weekend of competition, we are still winning divisional trophies.

On Saturday our U10s played at home to Chadacre in the Surrey league and won 9-1 to clinch the division. This was a chaotic match, with the opposition players turning up late or not at all, and with the sibling of a Bourne U14 girl standing in. Our lost rubber came from our number 4 player lining up in the singles against what later turned out to be the number 1 Chadacre player.

Our U12 boys played away to Horsell B in the ACDBL and won 10-0 to win yet another division.

Our U14 boys' A team played away to Horsell B and drew 5-5, which was enough to overtake our B team and win the division.

The U14 girls' A team played at home to Bourne and won 6-4.

The U16 girls' B team played away to Horsell A and lost 1-9.

Our U16 boys' A team played away at Bourne on Sunday and won 10-0.

This means that Swifts has won twelve of the thirteen divisions contested in the ACDBL and two of the four Surrey League divisions, with one division in the latter league still to be completed next Sunday. Set alongside last weekend's clean sweep of the four Surrey South Plus age groups, this makes 2016-17 a season to be really proud of.

Of course, the weekend of 20-21 May brings opportunities for further glory when our three teams contest all the age groups of the National Junior Badminton League national finals, with the aim of repeating last season's feat of winning them all.

Can our teams do it again? Watch this space to find out.

County representation

Amy Chapman and Ellie Darlington were both members of the Hampshire U16 team that lost an extremely close Shires League play-off against Leicestershire on Saturday.

Lila Dundas, Dominic Nabasa and Smrithi Shirol were all in the Surrey U14 team that clinched its place in the Shires League National finals by defeating Hertfordshire in a play-off by 19-1 on Sunday.

National circuit results



Amy Chapman and
Ellie Darlington

Amy Chapman and Ellie Darlington both played in the U16 Dorset Open on Sunday. Both reached the quarter-final of the girls' singles and, playing together, they reached were runners-up in the doubles event.

Lily Clark and Dominic Nabasa both played in the U14 Dorset Open tournament. Lily reached the final of the mixed doubles and the quarter-final of the girls' singles. Dominic reached the semi-final of the boys' singles event.

More new recruits

We welcome three more new member into our beginners' session. They are Anushka Ambrose, Meghna Mahesh (both U7) and Aaditya Pimple (U6). Aaditya is our new youngest member and the brother of our existing member, Priyanka.

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The departure of Amir

We bid farewell to Amir Ghaffar this week after two years as our head coach. Unfortunately, he has recently missed a few weeks at Swifts, including his planned final session, as he has been visiting his family in Pakistan following the death of his brother. We wish him and his family well and thank him for his excellent endeavours over the past two seasons.

I've racked my brains for what the great bard might have said about sports coaches in general and Amir in particular but I couldn't think of an appropriate valediction from that source. So I've written one myself, and you will find it on the next page. Who needs Shakespeare?

The End of a Chapter, Amir



Amir Ghaffar

(with humble apologies to William Percy French)

The sons of the Prophet can play well I'm told
And know when to hit a good clear,
But the greatest by far and our coaching tsar,
Is the Commonwealth silver, Amir.

If you wanted a man who had read the Koran,
And played in the very top tier,
With a beard that stood out, you had only to shout
For the coaching supremo, Amir.

Now our players were plenty and well known to fame
In the tournaments nearby and far,
And each one of these had heard of the name
Of our coach, who is Amir Ghaffar.

He drilled us in footwork, and said with a smirk
That "recov'ry is what it's about",
And "fitness will show just how far that you'll go
In tournaments, of that there's no doubt."

The work and the strain, in his two-year reign
Has helped us at Swifts to go far;
We are Club of the Year, national champions, we're
Setting standards that raise up the bar.

But the time has come nigh that a new baby's cry
Makes his unsleeping eye to be blear,
And it's this reason why we are saying goodbye,
To Ghaffar, the father, Amir.

He now doesn't roam far from Middlesex Dome,
Based over in Southall, his sphere;
If you're passing that way be sure that you stay
And knock-up with friendly Amir.

Go up the M3, and you surely will see
Along the M4 in your car,
Coming off at the ramp, you can train at the camp,
Of Amir, departed, Ghaffar.

A well-trained Swifts player his lone vigil keeps,
'Neath the light of a Lightwater star,
And the name that he murmurs, when tested with beeps,
Is Amir, the driver, Ghaffar.

ACDBL match results

Venue:	Woking High School	Date:	29 Apr 2017	Opposition:	Horsell A	
Result:	Won 10 - 0			Away	U12A Boys	
	Swifts	Sebastian Grove	Hayden Mitchell	Matthew Barnfield	Ben Hazevoet	
	Opposition	Nicholas Ferrao	Joseph Hodkinson	Daniel Moss	Archie Padua	
	Home Players		Score		Away Players	
	Nicholas Ferrao	Joseph Hodkinson	14	21	Sebastian Grove	Hayden Mitchell
	Daniel Moss	Archie Padua	3	21	Matthew Barnfield	Ben Hazevoet
	Nicholas Ferrao	Daniel Moss	7	21	Sebastian Grove	Matthew Barnfield
	Joseph Hodkinson	Archie Padua	5	21	Hayden Mitchell	Ben Hazevoet
	Nicholas Ferrao	Archie Padua	12	21	Sebastian Grove	Ben Hazevoet
	Joseph Hodkinson	Daniel Moss	11	21	Hayden Mitchell	Matthew Barnfield
	Nicholas Ferrao		13	21	Sebastian Grove	
	Joseph Hodkinson		18	21	Hayden Mitchell	
	Daniel Moss		4	21	Matthew Barnfield	
	Archie Padua		12	21	Ben Hazevoet	
			0	10		

Venue:	Woking High School	Date:	29 Apr 2017	Opposition:	Horsell B	
Result:	Drawn			Away	U14A Boys	
	Swifts	William Salt	Jacob Sheffield	Matthew Grove	James Tyler	
	Opposition	Thomas Wolfe	Toby Harris	Ethan Ferrao	Owen Swain	
	Home Players		Score		Away Players	
	Thomas Wolfe	Toby Harris	21	18	William Salt	Jacob Sheffield
	Ethan Ferrao	Owen Swain	21	17	Matthew Grove	James Tyler
	Thomas Wolfe	Ethan Ferrao	10	21	William Salt	Matthew Grove
	Toby Harris	Owen Swain	12	21	Jacob Sheffield	James Tyler
	Thomas Wolfe	Owen Swain	17	21	William Salt	James Tyler
	Toby Harris	Ethan Ferrao	21	17	Jacob Sheffield	Matthew Grove
	Thomas Wolfe		8	21	William Salt	
	Toby Harris		21	20	Jacob Sheffield	
	Ethan Ferrao		21	19	Matthew Grove	
	Owen Swain		15	21	James Tyler	
			5	5		

ACDBL match results

Venue:	Lightwater	Date:	29 Apr 2017	Opposition:	Bourne
Result:	Won 6 - 4			Home	U14A Girls
Swifts	Charlotte Addy	Priyanka Pimple	Abbie Coleman	Amelia Sheffield	
Opposition	Libby Hill	Olivia Clark	Ann Hilder	Sara Drozd	
Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Charlotte Addy	Priyanka Pimple	21	6	Libby Hill	Olivia Clark
Abbie Coleman	Amelia Sheffield	20	21	Ann Hilder	Sara Drozd
Charlotte Addy	Abbie Coleman	11	21	Libby Hill	Ann Hilder
Priyanka Pimple	Amelia Sheffield	21	12	Olivia Clark	Sara Drozd
Charlotte Addy	Amelia Sheffield	15	21	Libby Hill	Sara Drozd
Priyanka Pimple	Abbie Coleman	21	20	Olivia Clark	Ann Hilder
	Charlotte Addy	21	19		Libby Hill
	Priyanka Pimple	21	19		Olivia Clark
	Abbie Coleman	14	21		Ann Hilder
	Amelia Sheffield	21	8		Sara Drozd
		6	4		

Venue:	Woking High School	Date:	29 Apr 2017	Opposition:	Horsell A
Result:	Lost 1 - 9			Away	U16B Girls
Swifts	Neeve Galvin	Katie Atkins	Sofia Riglia	Amelia Sheffield	
Opposition	Dylan Whittington	Florence Baulk	Lauren Taylor	Alice Arthur	
Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Dylan Whittington	Florence Baulk	21	15	Neeve Galvin	Katie Atkins
Lauren Taylor	Alice Arthur	21	11	Sofia Riglia	Amelia Sheffield
Dylan Whittington	Lauren Taylor	21	7	Neeve Galvin	Sofia Riglia
Florence Baulk	Alice Arthur	21	15	Katie Atkins	Amelia Sheffield
Dylan Whittington	Alice Arthur	20	21	Neeve Galvin	Amelia Sheffield
Florence Baulk	Lauren Taylor	21	11	Katie Atkins	Sofia Riglia
	Dylan Whittington	21	13		Neeve Galvin
	Florence Baulk	21	18		Katie Atkins
	Lauren Taylor	21	8		Sofia Riglia
	Alice Arthur	21	8		Amelia Sheffield
		9	1		

ACDBL match results

Venue:	Farnham	Date:	29 Apr 2017	Opposition:	Bourne A
Result:	Won 10 - 0			Away	U16A Boys
Swifts	Mattie Tennant-Smith	Max Curtis	Harry Hodges-Long	Oliver Dunford	
Opposition	Matthew Casey	Douglas Lansley	Ned Foster	Jacob Burnie	
Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Matthew Casey	Douglas Lansley	9	21	Mattie Tennant-Smith	Max Curtis
Ned Foster	Jacob Burnie	8	21	Harry Hodges-Long	Oliver Dunford
Matthew Casey	Ned Foster	12	21	Mattie Tennant-Smith	Harry Hodges-Long
Douglas Lansley	Jacob Burnie	16	21	Max Curtis	Oliver Dunford
Matthew Casey	Jacob Burnie	18	21	Mattie Tennant-Smith	Oliver Dunford
Douglas Lansley	Ned Foster	16	21	Max Curtis	Harry Hodges-Long
Matthew Casey		17	21	Mattie Tennant-Smith	
Douglas Lansley		13	21	Max Curtis	
Ned Foster		8	21	Harry Hodges-Long	
Jacob Burnie		8	21	Oliver Dunford	
		0	10		

Surrey League match results

Venue:	Lightwater	Date:	29 Apr 2017	Opposition:	Chadacre
Result:	Won 9 - 1			Home	U10 unisex
Swifts	Jonathan Lai	Ben Ford	Siddhanth Shirol	Temisha Veeramootoo	
Opposition	Jackie Lee	Simon Gu	Oliver Drozd	Shubhransh	
Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Jonathan Lai		21 3		Simon Gu	
		21 2			
Ben Ford		21 6		Shubhransh	
		21 1			
Siddhanth Shirol		21 9		Oliver Drozd	
		21 9			
Temisha Veeramootoo		3 21		Jackie Lee	
		6 21			
Jonathan Lai	Ben Ford	21 13	Jackie Lee	Simon Gu	
		21 13			
Siddhanth Shirol	Temisha Veeramootoo	21 4	Oliver Drozd	Shubhransh	
		21 8			
Jonathan Lai	Siddhanth Shirol	21 13	Jackie Lee	Oliver Drozd	
		21 11			
Ben Ford	Temisha Veeramootoo	21 13	Simon Gu	Shubhransh	
		21 5			
Jonathan Lai	Temisha Veeramootoo	21 4	Jackie Lee	Shubhransh	
		21 16			
Ben Ford	Siddhanth Shirol	21 9	Simon Gu	Oliver Drozd	
		21 12			
	Ineligible player	9 1			