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**Badminton England  
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**Surrey Heath  
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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 had just one match this weekend when our U16 boys' A team played away to Berkshire on Sunday and won 6-4, clinching our second ACDBL divisional title of the season (and this team's thirteenth in a row).

## County representation

Lila Dundas and Hayden Mitchell were both members of the Surrey U16 1st team that defeated Sussex in the Shires League on Saturday. Matthew Barnfield played in the Surrey 2nd team that was defeated by Kent.

## National circuit results

Smrithi Shirol played in the Hampshire Senior Silver (adult) tournament in Winchester and reached the ladies' singles semi-final.

## Graded singles tournament

We held our sixteenth graded singles tournament on Saturday, essentially our club championships. Full details and pictures can be found later in the newsletter but the medallists were as follows:

	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>
Girls grade F	Sanjana Satish	Krishika Sarin
Girls grade E	Evie Stewart	Veda Pabbisetty
Girls grade D	Katie Stevens	Sanya Parate
Girls grade C	Abigail Barnfield	Temisha Veeramootoo
Girls grade B	Ruby Clark	Leah Naish
Girls grade A	Holly Weston	Lottie Sweby
Boys grade E	Advait Neelakandan	Sam Johnson
Boys grade D	Toby Gibson	Jimmy Brazendale
Boys grade C	Kartikey Sarin	Sam Carter
Boys grade B	Tom Henderson	Nathan Gibson
Boys grade A	Christopher Chong	Anish Goel

Many thanks to the parent helpers who were so valuable to us with the early grades; we couldn't do it without you.

## Surrey tournament results



Surrey held its U12 and U14 doubles tournaments in Epsom this Sunday, and there was a lot of involvement from Swifts members.

In the A grade Abigail Barnfield & Temisha Veeramootoo won the U12 girls' doubles. Abigail was also a mixed semi-finalist.

Matthew Barnfield won and Amelia Wells was runner-up in the U14 mixed event. Matthew was also boys' doubles runner-up while Amelia was a girls' doubles semi-finalist, along with her partner Leah Naish.

In the U12 B grade Veda Pabbisetty & Uditia Sharma won the girls' event, Veda won the mixed and Kartikey Sarin & Fraser Childs won the boys' doubles. Kartikey and Uditia Sharma were mixed runners-up.

Shaurya Chhabra & Gaurav Panyam reached the U12 boys' semi-final.

**Clockwise from top:**

**Amelia Wells**

**Matthew Barnfield**

**Abigail Barnfield & Temisha Veeramootoo**



## ACDBL match scores

<b>Venue:</b> Reading	<b>Date:</b> 8 Mar 2020		<b>Opposition:</b> Berkshire		
<b>Result:</b> Won 6 - 4			<b>Away</b> U16A Boys		
<b>Swifts</b>	Hayden Mitchell	Matthew Ellis	Thomas Henderson	Sam Carter	
<b>Opposition</b>	Yash Singh	Adhvyth Anand	Vinay Rajen	Rishabh Iyer	
<b>Home Players</b>		<b>Score</b>		<b>Away Players</b>	
Yash Singh	Adhvyth Anand	21	9	Hayden Mitchell	Matthew Ellis
Vinay Rajen	Rishabh Iyer	19	21	Thomas Henderson	Sam Carter
Yash Singh	Vinay Rajen	17	21	Hayden Mitchell	Thomas Henderson
Adhvyth Anand	Rishabh Iyer	21	14	Matthew Ellis	Sam Carter
Yash Singh	Rishabh Iyer	17	21	Hayden Mitchell	Sam Carter
Adhvyth Anand	Vinay Rajen	18	21	Matthew Ellis	Thomas Henderson
	Yash Singh	14	21		Hayden Mitchell
	Adhvyth Anand	21	20		Matthew Ellis
	Vinay Rajen	19	21		Thomas Henderson
	Rishabh Iyer	21	20		Sam Carter
		<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>		

## Swifts graded singles results

Girls' Grade F Singles						
Group A						
Player	Pos	Megan Johnson	Aadya Anand	Sanjana Satish	Sylvie Stewart	Krishika Sarin
Megan Johnson			9	9	11	11
Aadya Anand		15		3	9	12
Sanjana Satish	1	15	15		11	15
Sylvie Stewart	3	15	15	15		10
Krishika Sarin	2	15	15	11	15	



**Sanjana Satish and Krishika Sarin**

This early group gave a flavour of how close the competition was going to be throughout the day—a three-way tie, only to be settled by reference to the third tie-break rule. Sanjana has only been in the club for two sessions and already she has a new club shirt and a gold medal.

## Swifts graded singles results

Girls' Grade E Singles							
Group A							
Player	Pos	Jessica Pearson	Lyla Thompson	Sally Grove	Evie Stewart	Isabelle Benge	Veda Pabbisetty
Jessica Pearson			12	15	10	5	8
Lyla Thompson		15		15	6	3	9
Sally Grove		11	6		4	w/d	2
Evie Stewart	1	15	15	15		14	15
Isabelle Benge	3	15	15	w/o	15		4
Veda Pabbisetty	2	15	15	15	9	15	



**Evie Stewart and Veda Pabbisetty**

Another three-way tie and Evie won the day on the basis that her only loss was by the tightest margin possible. Sally was encumbered by a painful neck and had to withdraw before the end.

## Swifts graded singles results

### Boys Grade E Singles

Group A								
Player	Pos	Reuben Gibson	Barney Wilson	Robin Denly	Advait Neelakandan	Ansh Parate	Lukas Steel	Sam Johnson
Reuben Gibson			9	4	1	2	11	5
Barney Wilson		11		11	6	7	11	8
Robin Denly		11	7		3	5	11	8
Advait Neelakandan	1	11	11	11		11	11	11
Ansh Parate	3	11	11	11	7		11	4
Lukas Steel		6	0	4	1	1		1
Sam Johnson	2	11	11	11	3	11	11	



Advait Neelakandan and Sam Johnson

This group was a bit more straightforward in that we did not need to resort to the tie-break rule. As was often the case through the day, the shortest player emerged as the winner.

## Swifts graded singles results

### Girls Grade D Singles

Group A								
Player	Pos	Asmita Anand	Millie Thompson	Sanya Parate	Tulika Sahay	Udita Sharma	Jessica Addy	Katie Stevens
Asmita Anand			14	14	15	7	11	4
Millie Thompson		15		10	15	9	15	3
Sanya Parate	2	15	15		15	15	15	5
Tulika Sahay		12	7	6		9	12	4
Udita Sharma	3	15	15	11	15		15	3
Jessica Addy		15	11	3	11	4		3
Katie Stevens	1	15	15	15	15	15	15	



**Sanya Parate and Katie Stevens**

Our winner in this section was another newcomer who displayed her skills to good effect.

## Swifts graded singles results

### Boys Grade D Singles

Group A									
Player	Pos	Toby Gibson	Joshua Ford	Vincent Yuan	Christian Jeremiah	Leo Robson-Sankey	Krish Patel	Jimmy Brazendale	James Waite
Toby Gibson	1		15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Joshua Ford		8		8	11	15	9	5	15
Vincent Yuan		6	15		10	9	15	9	15
Christian Jeremiah	4	11	15	15		15	11	5	15
Leo Robson-Sankey		6	13	15	6		13	7	11
Krish Patel	3	9	15	7	15	15		8	15
Jimmy Brazendale	2	7	15	15	15	15	15		15
James Waite		4	8	10	9	15	7	12	



**Jimmy Brazendale and Toby Gibson**

This was close group with all players achieving at least one victory and several positions depending on tie breaks, but Toby was a clear winner.

## Swifts graded singles results

### Girls' Grade C Singles

Group A							
Player	Pos	Temisha Veeramootoo	Ella Henderson	Abigail Barnfield	Sara Kulkarni	Sarah Devapragasam	Connie Vooght
Temisha Veeramootoo	2		15	11	15	15	15
Ella Henderson	3	13		2	15	15	15
Abigail Barnfield	1	15	15		15	15	15
Sara Kulkarni		2	6	5		13	9
Sarah Devapragasam		12	12	9	15		15
Connie Vooght		14	10	10	15	6	

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**Temisha Veeramootoo and Abigail Barnfield**

I think this was the friendly group with discussion seeming to be at least as important as the competition, and there was a lot of forbidden high-fiving going on.

## Swifts graded singles results

### BOYS' SINGLES GRADE C

Group A							
Player	Pos	Glen Telp	Yicheng Lim	Kartikey Sarin	Yugandhar Dandekar	Nived Neelakandan	Abhishek Sathiyana- rayanan
Glen Telp			15	8	7	1	15
Yicheng Lim		14		2	12	4	2
Kartikey Sarin	1	15	15		14	15	15
Yugandhar Dandekar		15	15	15		10	5
Nived Neelakandan	2	15	15	13	15		15
Abhishek Sathiyana- rayanan	3	15	15	9	15	8	

### BOYS' SINGLES GRADE C

Group B							
Player	Pos	Gaurav Panyam	Leo Desai	Joe Robinson	Aaron Underwood	Sam Carter	Shaurya Chhabra
Gaurav Panyam			6	5	5	2	4
Leo Desai		15		9	8	4	8
Joe Robinson	3	15	15		5	11	15
Aaron Underwood	2	15	15	15		10	15
Sam Carter	1	15	15	15	15		15
Shaurya Chhabra		15	15	10	9	13	

## Swifts graded singles results

### Semi-Finals

Kartikey Sarin 15 v 6 Aaron Underwood

Sam Carter 15 v 14 Nived Neelakandan

### Final

Kartikey Sarin 15 v 12 Sam Carter



**Kartikey Sarin and Sam Carter**

This was our only two-group section, with a KO phase to follow the groups. The seedings were pretty accurate and the two group winners progressed to the final. Even the event winner was defeated, though, as he lost his first game against Yugandhar who will, I am sure, take pleasure from having been the only one to have beaten the winner.

## Swifts graded singles results

Girls' Grade B Singles						
Group A						
Player	Pos	Leah Naish	Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen	Ruby Clark	Eve Goodall	Nayani Davies-Patel
Leah Naish	2		21 21	14 5	21 21	19 21
Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen		18 11		15 7	21 21	14 6
Ruby Clark	1	21 21	21 21		21 21	21 21
Eve Goodall		15 14	12 19	8 8		8 7
Nayani Davies-Patel	3	21 14	21 21	19 19	21 21	



We felt we had to make this group work a little for their medals, so they played one another twice. In the event, though, only one pair of players had a different winner in the second round, despite there being a lot of close games.

**Ruby Clark and Leah Naish**

## Swifts graded singles results

### Boys Grade B Singles

Group A								
Player	Pos	Will Lain	Thomas Henderson	Nathan Gibson	Sebastian Boaler	Jack Blackman	Kain Rafter	James Tyler
Will Lain	3		11	18	21	21	21	21
Thomas Henderson	1	21		21	21	21	21	21
Nathan Gibson	2	21	9		21	21	21	21
Sebastian Boaler		16	16	9		19	20	19
Jack Blackman		18	10	9	21		21	21
Kain Rafter		11	13	18	21	20		19
James Tyler		15	13	13	21	18	21	



Tom emerged undefeated, but Nathan was twice given a tough time by his opponents and had to work very hard for the silver medal, especially against the much-improved Will Lain. We saw a high proportion of really close games in this group so it seems to have been very closely matched.

**Tom Henderson and Nathan Gibson**

## Swifts graded singles results

Girls' Grade A Singles				
Group A				
Player	Pos	Amelia Sheffield	Holly Ranson	Lottie Sweby
Amelia Sheffield			9 9	13 21
Holly Ranson	1	21 21		21 21
Lottie Sweby	2	21 20	12 11	

There were some late withdrawals from this section so it ended up being the smallest of the day unfortunately. The smallest player won again and Holly also becomes our youngest ever winner of a grade A event.



Lottie Sweby and Holly Ranson

## Swifts graded singles results

Boys' Grade A Singles						
Group A						
Player	Pos	Jacob Sheffield	Christopher Chong	Max Curtis	William Salt	Anish Goel
Jacob Sheffield	3		9 16	21 16	21 21	15 15
Christopher Chong	1	21 21		21 21	21 21	21 21
Max Curtis		14 21	8 16		21 11	14 14
William Salt		9 17	10 9	18 21		9 9
Anish Goel	2	21 21	18 18	21 21	21 21	



More records were set in the boys' A grade. Chris became the first player to win four grade A singles titles and he also equals the record for most grade A gold medals overall (five).

He isn't available to play in the doubles tournament in a fortnight so he will have to wait until next year to make that latter record his alone.

His singles wins have also come in consecutive years so he beats the record of three in a row set way back in 2007.

**Amish Goel and Christopher Chong**