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the match will be hard,
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Bubble tournament doubles

Last week's singles entry of 66 was very high as a proportion of the membership and I said that this week's would be even higher. We originally had 72 entrants (an astonishing 90% of the membership) but that number fell away as the week progressed and we ended up with 67 players in five five-player bubbles and seven six-player bubbles. This is 83.75% of the membership and almost equals our record entry of 83.78% set in our first ever graded doubles tournament in 2005, well above any other year.

Apart from being the first ever doubles bubble tournament anywhere, there were several highly unusual occurrences, and some are mentioned on the following pages. Most unusually, though, nobody at all won all their games (the closest approach was 11 out of 12) and only one poor soul didn't win at all. This is unique in the annals of Swifts.

This is also the first doubles tournament ever (and I challenge you to prove me wrong) in which every one of 67 competitors played with either four or five different partners.

I suspect that our events (singles and doubles, last week and this) are the only badminton tournaments to have been held in the UK this season.

A special mention goes to Joe Robinson who won his bubble from the distinctly unpromising position of being plumb last at the half-way stage, and up against an opponent who had won all his games by then. It shows that you should never give up.

You can learn the details of the unusual format of the tournament on the next page and the full scores starting on page three. The medal winners can be found below:

Bubble	Winner	Runner-up
Bubble 1	Sam Johnson	Sanjana Satish
Bubble 2	Sally Grove	Advait Neelakandan
Bubble 3	Udita Sharma	Veda Pabbisetty
Bubble 4	Gaurav Panyam	Jimmy Brazendale
Bubble 5	Joe Robinson	Shaurya Chhabra
Bubble 6	Sara Devapragasam	Millie Thompson
Bubble 7	Abigail Barnfield	Ella Henderson
Bubble 8	Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen	Leah Naish
Bubble 9	Ben Hazevoet	Liam O'Hara
Bubble 10	Matthew Barnfield	Will Lain
Bubble 11	Lila Dundas	Holly Ranson
Bubble 12	Jacob Sheffield	Christopher Chong

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First of all, let's explain what is going on in this event. As with the singles last week, all entrants were placed in covid-compliant, evenly-matched bubbles. Most bubbles had six players on one court but a few had five, and that number grew as people dropped out after the draw was made through illness, injury or drama performances.

The singles was a simple all-play-all format, of course, but a doubles tournament between six players is not usually a lot of fun so we had to devise a format that was better to play in, gave close games and a lot of court time. The final format involved every entrant playing both with and against every other entrant. And there could only be one winner in each bubble, which must be unique for a doubles tournament.

Playing orders for the bubbles are given below, and these apply to all bubbles, according to their size. Each player in a bubble of five played twelve games, while those in a bubble of six played ten, so that is a lot of badminton in a short time, only three hours. You must never expect an easy time at Swifts.

You will notice on the following pages that the scores grid is different from what you are used to seeing as each player's score is recorded as the games are played, in the order played. The winner is decided on the basis of games won and the first tie-break is points scored. In each bubble player 1 is the one at the top of the scores grid, and player 6 (or 5) is the one at the bottom.

Playing order for bubble of five

1	Player 1 v Player 2 Player 5 v Player 4
2	Player 1 v Player 2 Player 4 v Player 3
3	Player 2 v Player 3 Player 5 v Player 4
4	Player 1 v Player 3 Player 2 v Player 5
5	Player 1 v Player 4 Player 3 v Player 5
6	Player 1 v Player 2 Player 5 v Player 3
7	Player 1 v Player 2 Player 4 v Player 5
8	Player 2 v Player 3 Player 4 v Player 5
9	Player 1 v Player 3 Player 2 v Player 4
10	Player 2 v Player 1 Player 5 v Player 3
11	Player 1 v Player 3 Player 4 v Player 5
12	Player 2 v Player 4 Player 3 v Player 5
13	Player 1 v Player 2 Player 3 v Player 4
14	Player 1 v Player 4 Player 2 v Player 5
15	Player 1 v Player 3 Player 5 v Player 4

Playing order for bubble of six

1	Player 1 v Player 2 Player 6 v Player 5
2	Player 1 v Player 2 Player 4 v Player 3
3	Player 3 v Player 4 Player 5 v Player 6
4	Player 1 v Player 2 Player 5 v Player 4
5	Player 2 v Player 5 Player 3 v Player 6
6	Player 1 v Player 4 Player 2 v Player 6
7	Player 1 v Player 4 Player 3 v Player 5
8	Player 1 v Player 3 Player 6 v Player 4
9	Player 2 v Player 4 Player 6 v Player 5
10	Player 1 v Player 3 Player 5 v Player 6
11	Player 1 v Player 3 Player 2 v Player 5
12	Player 1 v Player 2 Player 3 v Player 6
13	Player 2 v Player 3 Player 4 v Player 6
14	Player 2 v Player 3 Player 5 v Player 4
15	Player 1 v Player 5 Player 4 v Player 6

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Bubble 1																	
Player	Pos	Game Scores												Wins	Points		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		Total For	Total Against	
Megan Johnson		11	9	5	2	11	4	1	6	7	11	5	8	3			
Lukas Steel		10	11	11	5	2	11	2	1	11	5	6	5	4			
Sanjana Satish	2	11	9	11	2	2	11	11	6	11	5	11	11	7			
Reuben Gibson	3	10	7	9	11	4	2	11	7	11	6	11	11	5			
Sam Johnson	1	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	8	11			

The first four bubbles all played to eleven points as it would have been intensely embarrassing (as well as tragic) to lose such young members through overwork. Sam Johnson holds the distinction of getting the closest of anyone to winning every game. He didn't lose until the final round, and he and his partner managed eight points in that losing game. Bad luck Sam! But well done Sam!



Sam Johnson and Sanjana Satish

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Bubble 2															
Player	Pos	Game Scores										Wins	Points		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		Total For	Total Against	
Advait Neelakandan	2	11	11	11	11	9	10	11	10	10	11	6	105		
James Waite		10	10	5	11	11	7	10	11	11	11	5			
Lyla Thompson		10	11	11	9	11	5	11	10	7	9	4			
Gyorgy Posta	3	11	10	5	5	11	11	11	11	9	11	6	95		
Sally Grove	1	10	11	11	3	11	11	11	11	11	1	7			
Atika Sahay		11	10	3	5	10	7	5	11	7	1	2			

Advait was a lucky young man. He dropped out after the draw was made and then came back on the eve of the tournament. It's a good thing he did as he played well and won a medal. You can see from the number of games that went to 10-10 (six out of fifteen) and the fact that everyone won roughly the same number of games that this was a very close bubble.



Sally Grove and Advait Neelakandan

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Bubble 3																	
Player	Pos	Game Scores												Wins	Points		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		Total For	Total Against	
Meera Ramamurthy		11	9	6	10	11	11	7	11	11	6	7	9	5			
Jessica Pearson		3	11	16	6	9	2	9	7	6	8	11	7	2			
Veda Pabbisetty	2	11	11	11	10	9	11	11	11	9	8	6	11	7	119		
Udita Sharma	1	3	9	11	11	11	9	11	11	11	11	11	11	9			
Isabelle Benge	3	11	6	11	11	11	2	11	6	9	11	11	9	7	109		

We were keen to have single-sex bubbles wherever possible this week, and this is the first of the five girls' bubbles. Udita managed the day's second-longest winning streak with six consecutive wins that clinched the gold medal.



Udita Sharma and Veda Pabbisetty

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Bubble 4																
Player	Pos	Game Scores										Wins	Points			
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		Total For	Total Against		
Jimmy Brazendale	2	10	11	8	6	11	11	10	11	11	11	6	100			
Toby Gibson		11	7	11	11	6	10	11	10	8	3	4				
Christian Jeremiah	3	7	6	11	11	7	11	5	11	11	11	6	91			
Gaurav Panyam	1	11	11	11	11	7	7	11	8	11	11	7				
Vincent Yuan		11	6	8	7	7	11	10	5	3	10	2				
Krish Patel		10	11	7	11	11	10	11	10	11	10	5				

This is the first boy's bubble and the last that was played to eleven points. And it was close, with a third of the games going to 10-10. Krish was unlucky in four of those, so he came within four points of winning the event.



Gaurav Panyam and Jimmy Brazendale

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Bubble 5														
Player	Pos	Game Scores										Wins	Points	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		Total For	Total Against
Abhishek Sathiyarayanan		6	12	9	15	6	15	15	7	15	15	5	115	
Shaurya Chhabra	2	15	15	15	15	15	14	7	11	15	10	6	132	
Aaron Underwood		15	15	15	6	12	7	15	15	11	15	6	126	
Joe Robinson	1	12	8	15	11	12	15	15	15	15	15	6	133	
Nived Neelakandan	3	15	15	9	9	15	15	15	15	10	10	6	128	
Fraser Childs		6	8	9	11	15	14	7	11	11	10	1		

Though the games themselves were not usually close, this bubble was really close as far as wins were concerned, with an unprecedented four-way tie perplexing the organisers for quite some time. Joe came from absolutely nowhere to become our first double bubbler as he won the singles last week.



Joe Robinson and Shaurya Chhabra

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Bubble 6															
Player	Pos	Game Scores										Wins	Points		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		Total For	Total Against	
Sarah Devapragasam	1	15	15	9	15	15	12	15	15	15	15	15	8		
Sanya Parate	3	10	12	15	15	15	12	15	10	15	15	6			
Sara Kulkarni		12	10	15	15	15	7	3	15	8	6	4			
Millie Thompson	2	15	15	15	6	11	15	15	15	6	15	7			
Chloe Randles		10	10	9	4	11	15	15	3	15	13	3			
Tulika Sahay		15	15	4	6	12	12	7	10	8	13	2			

There is almost always one, and this was it. It is always a girls' group. It is always a group that enjoys itself a great deal. Yup, this is the bubble whose score sheet has more doodles and pictures on it than it has scores.

Unusually, one of the doodles was a skull. A very good one too. Are thoughts turning to Halloween?



Sarah Devapragasam and Millie Thompson

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Bubble 7

Player	Pos	Game Scores												Wins	Points	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		Total For	Total Against
Temisha Veeramootoo		11	11	14	11	11	15	15	11	15	14	12	13	3		
Abigail Barnfield	1	15	15	15	14	15	11	15	15	15	15	15	12	9		
Connie Vooght		15	9	15	11	15	12	11	11	12	15	14	15	5	155	
Ella Henderson	2	15	11	9	15	15	15	11	15	14	15	15	15	8		
Katie Stevens	3	11	15	15	15	11	11	12	15	12	14	15	13	5	159	

A quick glance at this grid might mislead you into thinking that this bubble played to eleven points. Seven games ended 15-11 and only one game had the pairs further apart.



Abigail Barnfield and Ella Henderson

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Bubble 8														
Player	Pos	Game Scores										Wins	Points	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		Total For	Total Against
Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen	1	15	15	15	15	15	15	13	15	13	15	8		
Amelia Wells	3	14	13	15	15	15	15	15	15	11	6	6		
Nayani Davies-Patel		13	12	15	15	11	15	13	13	15	15	5		
Siddhi Kansare		15	15	15	13	8	11	7	11	15	15	5		
Eve Goodall		14	12	5	6	8	7	13	13	6	8	0		
Leah Naish	2	15	15	6	13	15	15	15	15	15	8	7		

This is the bubble that left deciding who would get which medal very late. In fact, it all hung on the final game which Isabelle won (with her partner, of course) to complete the double of winning both singles and doubles. She is our second double bubbler. Or bubble doubler. Anyway she doubled the number of bubble-doublers.



Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen and Leah Naish

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Bubble 9														
Player	Pos	Game Scores										Wins	Points	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		Total For	Total Against
Benjamin Hazevoet	1	15	15	11	5	15	13	15	15	14	15	6	134	
Liam O'Hara	2	10	5	15	15	5	15	15	15	11	15	6	123	
Samuel Carter		5	15	15	15	15	7	8	14	15	8	5	117	
Raghav Jaikumar	3	15	8	15	15	11	15	13	11	8	15	5	129	
Jack Blackman		10	15	11	12	11	15	13	8	15	9	3		
James Warne		15	8	12	15	13	15	7	15	15	9	5	124	

More ties to be resolved and Natalie's calculator was emitting a lot of steam by this point.



Ben Hazevoet and Liam O'Hara

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Bubble 10																	
Player	Pos	Game Scores												Wins	Points		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		Total For	Total Against	
Will Lain	2	7	15	15	5	15	5	15	15	14	15	15	15	8	151		
Matthew Barnfield	1	15	12	15	15	12	15	15	15	7	15	12	15	8	163		
Adiya Shobin		12	10	6	5	12	10	14	15	15	15	15	9	4			
Matthew Grove		15	15	10	15	5	15	14	14	11	12	5	9	4			
Nathan Gibson	3	7	15	6	15	15	15	10	9	15	11	5	15	6			

Matthew just pipped Will to win on points and make it a Barnfield doubles double (his sister, Abigail, won bubble 7). This deprived singles winner Will of his potential bubbles double.



Matthew Barnfield and Will Lain

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Bubble 11															
Player	Pos	Game Scores										Wins	Points		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		Total For	Total Against	
Phoebe Ridsdill-Smith		12	13	15	8	10	9	3	7	4	6	1			
Lottie Sweby		15	15	10	11	8	10	7	15	7	7	3			
Katie Remment		15	7	11	10	15	15	15	4	15	15	6	122		
Amelia Sheffield	3	13	15	10	15	15	15	15	7	15	6	6	126		
Holly Ranson	2	15	7	15	15	15	15	3	15	7	15	7	122		
Lila Dundas	1	12	15	15	15	9	10	15	15	15	15	7	136		

Our older girls fought a close contest with more ties to be resolved. Natalie's calculator was broken by this time and making a lot of noise.



Lila Dundas and Holly Ranson

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Bubble 12

Player	Pos	Game Scores												Wins	Points	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		Total For	Total Against
Hayden Mitchell	3	15	12	14	15	15	12	13	15	4	15	2	15	6		
Sebastian Grove		9	15	15	14	14	15	5	13	13	14	4	2	3		
Christopher Chong	2	15	4	15	15	14	15	15	15	15	14	15	12	8		
William Salt		9	12	4	10	12	5	15	4	15	4	15	12	3		
Jacob Sheffield	1	15	15	15	10	15	15	15	13	15	15	15	15	10		

This is the fast and furious blood and thunder group and Jacob managed to turn the tables on last week's winner, Chris.



Jacob Sheffield and Chris Chong