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The 2005-06 Season's Highlights:

- An amazing year in the Aldershot and Camberley District Junior League
- More trophy success at the Surrey Schools B.A. team tournament
- Two more Swifts members become international players
- Four members in top 20 of their year group nationally
- Many Swifts win county honours with Surrey and Berkshire

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SWIFTLINES

Swifts Win Nine ACDBL Titles in 2005-06

We had an amazing season in the Aldershot and Camberley District Badminton Junior League (ACDBL) again this year with our teams winning three-quarters of the divisions they entered. In fact, eight of our teams won all their matches.

We entered seventeen teams in twelve divisions and won nine of them. Our teams came second in two divisions as well. Obviously, the B teams that were in the same division as the A team could not win their

divisions if the A teams performed as expected.

As a result of this continued success we have reviewed the composition of our entry to the ACDBL and there will be fewer teams this year, but we expect that the teams that have been entered will have closer and more exciting matches to play. This should give better playing experience in order to develop our members.

Success in Surrey League and Team Competitions



Swifts' U18 Surrey Schools Badminton Association team tournament winners. The players are (l-r) Rachel Nurse, Ellie Crossley, Michael Daw, and James Buffham.

Our U15 girls won the Surrey junior league, while our five teams in the April Surrey Schools B.A. team tournament achieved considerable success.

Our U18 A team (pictured above) won its age group, while our U15 and U13 A teams both managed runners-up places.

Local Tournament Dates for your Diary

News is just in of the dates for next season's SSBA and BJBA tournaments. Rally point scoring will be used for all events. The Surrey team tournament is on 21 & 22 April, with an event excluding county squad members (B grade) on Saturday and an A grade (any eligible player can enter) event on Sunday. Swifts will enter teams for both days. An open event can be entered by players from outside the county.

Berkshire

7 October— Berks U15 A grade open
 14 October— U10 & U14 B grade
 4 November— U11 singles A grade
 2 December— U13 doubles B grade
 3 February— U17 A grade
 25 February—U15 A grade
 27 February—U13 A grade
 3 March—U11 A grade
 17 March—U12 B grade
 26 May—U12 Berks A grade open
 30 June/1 July—Bonanza open B grade

Surrey

8 October— U11 A & U15 A/B Sin/Db
 29 October— U13 A/B & U17 A/B Sin/Db
 26 November— U18 A & U19 B Sin/Db/Mx
 21 January— U14 A & B Sin/Db
 28 January— U13/U15/U17 A and B Mx
 11 February— U12/U14/U16 A and B Mx
 25 February— U12 A/B & U16 A/B Sin/Db

In all case events not indicated as open are restricted to players eligible to play for the relevant county's teams.

Club Sessions for the 2006-07 Season

The club session dates have been decided for next season. The first day back for the new season will be Saturday **9 September** and the other club sessions will be on the following dates:

September — 16, 23, 30

October — 7, 14

November — 4, 11, 18, 25

December — 2, 9, 16

January — 6, 13, 20

February — 2, 24

March — 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

April — 21, 28

May — 5, 12

We plan to hold a club tournament (probably handicap) on 7 (singles) and 14 (doubles) October, and the club graded tournament will be on 17 (singles) and 31 (doubles) March.

The club session on 16 December will be the Christmas party fun session, as usual.

Please return to the same session you were in at the end of last season unless you have been notified otherwise. There will be a play-in on 2 September to help decide transfers between the sessions and to assess newcomers. But only attend that if you are specifically invited.

Getting to Grips with Rally Point Scoring

If you have some news for the members or would like to write an article about your badminton experiences please get in touch with the Swifts committee (details on page 4)

The International Badminton Federation (IBF) has made a very important change to the laws of badminton—from this season onwards every rally scores a point no matter who served. This is called rally point scoring (RPS). Games will normally be played until one side reaches 21 points, but if the scores are level at 20-20 you must play on until one side establishes a two-point lead or until one side scores 30 points—whichever comes first.

There is provision to use the old scoring system but all Badminton England (BE) tournaments, Surrey, Berkshire and Hampshire tournaments will be played under RPS. So, of course will the ACDBL league matches and Surrey league matches.

So, how does the system work in practice?

For singles, nothing much changes except that whoever wins the rally gets a point. So even if you are the receiver, don't forget to

add one to your score when you win the rally.

Things are a bit more complicated to explain in doubles.

For a start, each pair gets only one serve at a time and the partners take turns to serve throughout the game.

But there is no need to worry or puzzle unduly—you will learn all about rally point scoring at a Swifts session right at the beginning of the season

Rally Point Scoring in Local Tournaments

All Surrey tournaments and events will be played using rally point scoring from now on. This includes county matches at all age groups from U11 to veterans and the ICT and ICC. The same applies to Berkshire and Hampshire events as well as the Surrey junior league which Swifts teams play in.

The ACDBL league matches and tournaments will also be staged using rally point scoring. And, of course, the Swifts tournaments will be played with the new system.

ACDBL League Tables for 2005-06

U10 Unisex 4s Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Swifts	8	8	0	0	955	180	24
Streetswater B	8	4	0	4	655	638	12
Mayflower	8	3	1	4	480	744	10.5
Streetswater C	8	3	0	5	546	748	8
Yateley Hawks B	8	1	1	6	388	807	5.5

U12 Boys 4s Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yeomans Bridge	6	6	0	1	640	441	14
Swifts	6	4	0	2	610	453	13
Bourne	6	2	0	4	449	596	7
Mayflower	6	0	0	6	443	652	2

U12 Girls 4s Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Swifts	4	4	0	0	473	188	12
Yeomans Bridge	4	2	0	2	358	300	6
Mayflower	4	0	0	4	128	472	0

U12 Mixed 4s Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Swifts A	4	3	0	1	442	292	10
Yeomans Bridge	4	2	0	2	356	330	6
Mayflower A	4	1	0	3	257	440	2

U12 Mixed 4s Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Swifts B	4	4	0	0	453	257	12
Streetswater	4	2	0	2	346	276	6
Mayflower B	4	0	0	4	170	466	0

U14 Boys 4s Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Swifts A	8	8	0	0	934	330	24
Mayflower A	8	5	0	3	719	711	14
Yeomans Br A	8	4	0	4	674	730	13
Swifts B	8	2	0	6	599	829	5
Yateley Hawks	8	1	0	7	532	861	4

U14 Boys 4s Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yeomans Br B	8	7	0	1	928	346	22
Bourne	8	6	0	2	701	547	17
Swifts C	8	4	0	4	632	788	10
Yateley Hks C	8	3	0	5	603	820	9
Yateley Hks B	8	0	0	8	454	916	2

U14 Girls 4s Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Swifts	4	4	0	0	432	279	11
Yeomans Br.	4	2	0	2	491	228	7
Yateley Hks	4	0	0	4	139	471	0

U14 Mixed 4s Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Swifts A	6	6	0	0	694	293	18
Yeomans Br	6	3	0	3	491	495	9
Swifts B	6	2	0	4	461	569	5
Mayflower A	6	1	0	5	314	643	4

U16 Boys 4s Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Mayflower	6	5	0	1	655	375	15
Yeomans Br. A	6	5	0	1	565	513	12
Swifts A	6	2	0	4	508	551	7
Swifts B	6	0	0	6	366	655	2

U16 Girls 4s Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Swifts A	4	4	0	0	462	237	12
Swifts B	4	2	0	2	335	383	5
Yeomans Br.	4	0	0	4	275	454	1

U16 Mixed 4s Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Swifts A	8	8	0	0	902	387	23
Mayflower	8	5	0	3	724	579	16
Yeomans Br. A	8	3	0	5	709	758	11
Swifts B	8	3	0	5	601	719	8
Yateley Hks	8	1	0	7	485	915	2

As you can see, Swifts had significant success in this year's ACDBL competition.

In fact only two other clubs were able to win a division that Swifts entered.

We won nine out of the twelve divisions we entered—and eight teams were unbeaten through the whole season.

We are seeking to find closer competition next year so that you can have more enjoyable matches that better aid your development, so don't expect this level of success again.

There were some errors in the tables sent by the ACDBL. Those that affect Swifts have been corrected in the tables printed here, but inevitably there may be several more.

Surrey League Tables for 2005-06

U13 Unisex

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Wimbledon	4	4	0	0	21	6
Moles	4	1	0	3	10	17
Swifts	4	1	0	3	10	18

U13 Girls

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Moles	2	1	0	1	7	7
Swifts	2	1	0	1	7	7

U13 Mixed

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Moles	4	2	0	2	18	14
Swifts	2	0	1	1	7	9
Wimbledon	3	0	3	0	12	12
Carshalton	3	0	2	1	11	13

U15 Boys

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Wimbledon	4	4	0	0	20	8
Moles	4	2	0	2	15	13
Swifts	4	0	0	4	7	21

U15 Girls

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Swifts	2	2	0	0	10	4
Moles	2	0	0	2	4	10

U15 Mixed

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Moles	5	4	0	1	36	9
Swifts	2	1	0	1	8	10
Wimbledon	3	1	0	1	7	11
Carshalton	3	0	0	3	3	20

U18 Boys

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Ebbisham	4	3	0	1	16	12
Wimbledon	3	2	0	1	10	11
Carshalton	2	1	0	1	9	12
Swifts	1	0	0	1	0	7

U18 Mixed

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Carshalton	3	2	0	1	13	14
Wimbledon	2	1	0	1	9	9
Ebbisham	3	1	0	2	14	13
Swifts	0	0	0	0	0	0

U18 Girls

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Ebbisham	3	2	0	1	10	11
Swifts	2	1	0	1	10	4
Carshalton	1	0	0	1	1	6

The Surrey league, although entered by fewer teams, is a much tougher proposition than the ACDBL—most teams have several excellent county players. The results depend a great deal on which team is able to field its top players.

However our U15 girls were able to win their division, while the U13 girls tied their division.

The Surrey league was plagued by cancelled matches this season and some of the tables are pretty meaningless.

No Swifts team ever got to play a Carshalton team and a lot of Wimbledon fixtures were also cancelled.

Swifts teams won the U15 girls outright and tied the U13 girls divisions.

We were only able to get our U18 boys together in sufficient quantities once at the beginning of the season (and even then the team was composed mainly of young players) so the U18 boys' team had to be withdrawn.

In addition the U18 mixed team never actually played because of a strange combination of cancellations.

Swifts Success in National Junior Rankings

Four of our boys are recognised as being at the top of their age groups nationally in the end-of-season national singles rankings, just published by Badminton England.

The star has to be Jack Kinmond who finished the season as the highest ranked U13 in England.

This follows his success at the U13 national championships where he won all three events.

Jack will be flying to

Malmö on 7 September as a member of the England U15 team in an international tournament.

James Buffham was ranked 6th among U16s and 19th among U17s for last season.

He, too, will be playing in the Malmö international tournament, as part of the U17 England team.

Edward Thomas finished the season ranked 6th among U14 players and 20th among the U15s.

Edward's doubles partner, Michael Daw finished the season ranked as the 8th best U14 player.

Together, of course, Michael and Edward are one of the best U15 boys' doubles pairs in the country.

All four players have been graded in Badminton England's elite grade 1 for the coming season and will be facing the very toughest competition.

So, boys, the challenge is to do even better this year!



James Buffham in action at the Kent U16 Open tournament in May 2006, where he won the boys' singles and doubles events.

Other Changes to the Laws of Badminton

Apart from the major changes relating to the scoring system there have been a few other, less obvious, changes to the laws.

First of all the server's racquet head no longer has to be discernibly below the level of the hand at the moment of serving. The new law just insists

on the racquet handle pointing downwards, which could be just a little bit.

This may mean that drive serves become more common.

The shuttle still has to be no higher than the waist (which is now defined as no higher than the level of the

server's bottom rib).

All double hits by a player (whether accidental or not) result in a fault on that player unless the double hit is on frame then strings.

You can no longer pause the service action when the racquet is at the end of the backswing.

A Warm Welcome and Some Fond Farewells

A warm welcome to the new full members who joined us this year: Nicholas Bradley, James Brown, Helen Calder, Terence Fisher, Hannah Fitzpatrick, Luke Gauntlett, Nick Halliwell, Michael Green, Jack Kinmond, Catherine Leung, William Manners, Carolyn Paterson, Douglas Paterson, Aaron Phelan, Jonathan Robertson, Scott Strudwick, Sarah Ward, Thomas Webb, Daniel West and of course Rosie Keene.

We hope you will be with us for some time to come and have a lot of fun while developing your skills in the sport.

Leaving us from the top of the club are Rachel Nurse (after many years' membership) and Rob Emery. We will also miss Kevin Scott's coaching skills, but have welcomed Calwyn Decoster as a new coach.



Jack Kinmond, who this season won the boys' singles and doubles and the mixed doubles at the U13 national championships and also topped the boys' singles rankings.

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Swifts Junior Badminton Club has been teaching young badminton players the fundamentals of the game of badminton for almost 30 years.

From small beginnings we have grown to be one of the largest and well-organised clubs in the area and currently have around 80 members.

We feel very strongly that our players should be taught the correct technique from the start, so things like grip, footwork and strokes are shown from the beginning. But we recognise that it should also be fun so we try to blend this with various fun games, for the younger members in particular.

The club recognises that it has a responsibility in teaching the children various social skills as well - how to integrate with other children, how to be a team member, how to interact with adults etc. So by the time they leave us they are good, all-round players.

The club runs two sessions on Saturday mornings throughout the season on six courts at the Lightwater Leisure Centre. The first session, 10am - 11:30am, is aimed at the older children. The second session, 11:30am - 1pm, is for the younger ones. The age range is from 6 to 18 years of age. We encourage (but don't force!) parents to get involved in the coaching if they are players and also welcome help in running the various league or tournament teams or occasionally helping with the committee.

We publish a weekly email newsletter covering our members' competitive activity and also publish *Swiftlines* several times a year.

We keep all members fully posted on news of local and Surrey tournaments, and those members that are really keen enter national tournaments run by Badminton England and other counties as well.

Vacancies for New Members



The mug-shot victim for this issue is Cliff Buffham—the club match secretary

There are still vacancies at Swifts for new members – so tell your friends if they are interested in playing badminton at the best club in the area!

New members can join at any time we have vacancies and we have a scheme whereby you come along for a trial session before becoming a full member.

Players are welcome at all ages from 6 years old right up to under 18s.

We give coaching for all ability levels – many of our players are in county squads – and we have had several international stars!

The emphasis is on skills development and fun!

We hold two club tournaments each season, using a different format for each to provide variety.

Club sessions take place most Saturdays in the badminton season (September to May) and we have a big

programme of league matches for competitive players.

But you don't have to be a top player to benefit from Swifts membership – many of our players just enjoy the club sessions and never enter a tournament.

It is easy to join or to get more details – just contact Christine Meades at the email address or telephone number given above.

Adult Badminton

If you are leaving Swifts because you are too old, you may be interested in the scheme, being run by the ACDBL to help you find a place in an adult club. Just ask us for details. Dave Brown is able to coordinate with the clubs on your behalf.