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***If the training is easy
the match will be hard,
but if the training is
hard the match will be
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Summary

A result somehow missed from last week's newsletter was the fine 7-3 victory of the U10s away to Wimbledon.

After two matches were cancelled, we were left with just two matches this weekend, both on Saturday and both in the Surrey League.

The U14 mixed team played at home to Ebbisham and lost 2-6, though the games were all very close and the match could easily have been a win.

The U16 mixed team played at home to Limpsfield and won by 8-0.

Playing in matches

After Chadacre cancelled our friendly U12 match on Saturday claiming they couldn't field a team sufficiently strong to face us, we attempted to arrange a Swifts X v Swifts Y fixture to replace it. This would have saved the club some money and, at the same time, given match-playing opportunities to four more players in addition to those originally selected.

This attempt was ruined, however, when two of the original team of four refused to play in such a fixture, and the whole thing was called off.

This unacceptable behaviour ruined what would most likely have been a good close match and an opportunity for several other members to play. Perhaps the players concerned were unaware that Swifts X v Y matches, far from being second best, produce some of the closest competitive badminton available as the two teams are matched in ability as far as is possible, with each player playing against a closely-matched opposite number. One of the best ways to develop as a badminton player is to play matches against opponents of a similar standard.

One has to doubt the motivation of players who take this attitude, and I would welcome feedback from those who don't wish to play in such fixtures in the future.

We (by which I mean the committee, coaches and team managers) put enormous effort into the Swifts competitive programme, as well as creating replacement opportunities when matches get cancelled, and it seems a shame that club members can be so disrespectful of their fellow-members as to ruin some of this effort.

National tournaments

Gilly Thomas took part in the BE U17 Bronze Suffolk JC at Ipswich on Sunday and won the girls' doubles. Gilly has now won four out of the five events she has entered—I wonder if the time has come to move up to Silver tournaments and try her luck at the higher level.

Local tournaments

The ACDBL singles tournament will be held in Lightwater on Saturday 18 April, at Lightwater. It is expected to be organised in three age groups (U12, U14 and U16) and in graded format. Entry will probably be via Christine Meades, though we don't yet know the entry fee or the final entry date, neither do we have an entry form, but Christine was insistent that I mentioned it.

Surrey League Match Results

Location: Lightwater **Date:** 7 Feb 2009 **Opposition:** Ebbisham
Result: Lost 2 - 6 **Home** **U14S Mixed**

Swifts	Ollie Thompson	William Manners	Stephanie Thomas	Medha Bhasin
Opposition	Chris Rawson	Alex Rees	Charlotte Wardle	Lauren Ashley

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Ollie Thompson	Stephanie Thomas	17	21	Chris Rawson	Charlotte Wardle
William Manners	Medha Bhasin	14	21	Alex Rees	Lauren Ashley
William Manners	Medha Bhasin	21	17	Chris Rawson	Charlotte Wardle
Ollie Thompson	Stephanie Thomas	15	21	Alex Rees	Lauren Ashley
Ollie Thompson	Medha Bhasin	21	18	Chris Rawson	Lauren Ashley
William Manners	Stephanie Thomas	16	21	Alex Rees	Charlotte Wardle
Ollie Thompson	Medha Bhasin	20	22	Alex Rees	Charlotte Wardle
William Manners	Stephanie Thomas	19	21	Chris Rawson	Lauren Ashley
		2	6		

Location: Lightwater **Date:** 7 Feb 2009 **Opposition:** Limpsfield
Result: Won 8 - 0 **Home** **U16S Mixed**

Swifts	Conor Dean	Nick Halliwell	Gilly Thomas	Rebekah Flatman
Opposition	Jack Poole	Andrew Connor	Kate Poole	Polly Thisdell

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Conor Dean	Gilly Thomas	21	9	Jack Poole	Kate Poole
Nick Halliwell	Rebekah Flatman	21	15	Andrew Connor	Polly Thisdell
Nick Halliwell	Rebekah Flatman	21	13	Jack Poole	Kate Poole
Conor Dean	Gilly Thomas	21	7	Andrew Connor	Polly Thisdell
Conor Dean	Rebekah Flatman	21	15	Jack Poole	Polly Thisdell
Nick Halliwell	Gilly Thomas	21	5	Andrew Connor	Kate Poole
Conor Dean	Rebekah Flatman	21	7	Andrew Connor	Kate Poole
Nick Halliwell	Gilly Thomas	21	4	Jack Poole	Polly Thisdell
		8	0		

Friendly Match Results

Location: **Wimbledon** **Date:** **31 Jan 2009** **Opposition:** **Wimbledon**
Result: **Won 7-3** **Away** **U10 Unisex**

Swifts	Nathaniel Brittany	Daniel Green	Emily Appleton	Nicholas Brown
Opposition	William Saunders	William Jones	Gemma Atkins	Charlotte Atkins

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
William Saunders		15	10	Nathaniel Brittany	
		15	6		
William Jones		15	9	Daniel Green	
		10	15		
Gemma Atkins		9	15	Emily Appleton	
		12	15		
Charlotte Atkins		9	15	Nicholas Brown	
		5	15		
William Saunders	William Jones	15	14	Nathaniel Brittany	Daniel Green
		15	14		
Gemma Atkins	Charlotte Atkins	12	15	Emily Appleton	Nicholas Brown
		12	15		
William Saunders	Gemma Atkins	11	15	Nathaniel Brittany	Emily Appleton
		13	15		
William Jones	Charlotte Atkins	7	15	Daniel Green	Nicholas Brown
		3	15		
William Saunders	Charlotte Atkins	10	15	Nathaniel Brittany	Nicholas Brown
		7	15		
William Jones	Gemma Atkins	7	15	Daniel Green	Emily Appleton
		15	10		
		3	7		