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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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More coaching success

Alex Downes has successfully completed his BE level 1 coaching qualifications and joins a growing number of our members who are getting involved in coaching. Well done Alex!

Changes in the ACDBL

The ACDBL junior AGM, held on 21 July, brought some significant changes for the coming season.

Most significant is one which we have been campaigning to have implemented for a long time: groups in the ACDBL singles and doubles tournaments will be decided according to the standard rules used in tournaments up and down the country.

In the past, groups in ACDBL tournaments have been won by the player or pair who scores the most points. This season this unusual system gave rise to some bizarre results. For instance, a player who lost every game played was awarded a bronze medal as a losing semi-finalist in a field of eight players.

The more conventional basis (used at Swifts tournaments and everywhere else) which is now being adopted is that the number of matches a player wins decides who is the group winner.

Unfortunately, it looks as if the local Jubilee Tournament will keep the points system, but this is a privately-run event over which the clubs and badminton authorities have no influence.

The other significant change is that league matches will be now decided on the basis of the number of games won by each team, which is a move in line with the Surrey League. There are likely to be more draws under this system and the leagues could be closer. There will be a premium on being able to emerge as victor from a close game.

More new members

We extend a warm welcome to a whole bunch of new members. They are Oliver Dunford (U14), Tobias Gibson (U7), Joshua Monkhouse (U16), Connor Pearce (U16), Callum South (U12) and Max Taylor (U15).