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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

The U12 boys' B team played at home to Horsell A in the ACDBL on Saturday and won 198-132.

The U14 boys' A team played at home to Mayflower and won 187-140. This clinches the divisional title for the team.

Another team that clinched its division was the U18 mixed team which played at home to Eagles and won 162-91.

On Sunday the U12 mixed A team played away to Streets Heath and won 210-144, and this win clinched the third divisional title of the weekend.

We had an U14 boys' match at Streets Heath but I don't have the score.

## Departure of Jon Escott



**Club chairman Christine Thompson presents Jon Escott with his medal and collage**

On Saturday we marked the departure of Jon Escott during his final, somewhat emotional, session as head coach at Swifts. Our thanks and appreciation for the seven years of his tenure during a time of great change and particular success for the club were inscribed on a bronze medal and presented to him, together with a collage of photographs of club members, both past and present.

We all wish Jon well in his new life in Wales, and hope he visits us when he is in the area. I know he intends to follow our activities at Swifts closely from afar.

We have not filled the role of head coach on a permanent basis yet but have made arrangements with regulars Martin Godfrey and Chris Beech to make sure that club sessions are properly covered until we make an appointment.

## National representation

Following her gold medal in the U17 national championships last weekend, Samodani Wijetunge has been selected to represent England in the Six Nations Championships to be held in Wesel, Germany from 23 April.

## Guest coach—18 April

It has become something of a tradition for us to have a guest coach at Swifts around this time of year, and this season we have invited Amir Ghaffar to fulfil the role. He will be helping our regular coaches to run all the club sessions on 18 April.

Amir was part of the British Commonwealth Games team in 2006, when he won a silver medal in the men's singles event. He rose to be number 21 in the world singles rankings (once beating the world number 2) and won 39 caps playing for England. He also reached the last sixteen of the world championships in 2005. He was English national singles champion twice, and runner-up twice. Obviously, he won a lot more than that in his career but it gives you a flavour of his stature as a player.

## County representation

Stirling Burrow and Stephanie Pipe both played for the Surrey U17 1st team that defeated Kent in the Shires League on Sunday.

Nick Pipe and Jodie Teale both played for another Surrey U17 team that won a quadrangular invitational tournament against Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Sussex at the weekend.

## National circuit results

Jessica Mallett and Harry Owens competed in the BE U17 Bronze JC in Cheltenham on Sunday and reached the semi-final of the mixed doubles.

Peter Beech also entered, and reached the last sixteen of the singles.

Smrithi Shirol played in the U11 national championships on Sunday and had the misfortune to be drawn against the 2nd seed in both the singles and doubles. She won all her matches apart from these two so definitely had an unlucky draw.

## ACDBL match results

|                     |                      |                 |                    |                     |                  |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| <b>Location:</b>    | <b>Lightwater</b>    | <b>Date:</b>    | <b>28 Mar 2015</b> | <b>Opposition:</b>  | <b>Horsell A</b> |
| <b>Result:</b>      | <b>Won 198 - 132</b> |                 |                    | <b>Home</b>         | <b>U12B Boys</b> |
| <b>Swifts</b>       | William Salt         | Sebastian Grove | Matthew Grove      | Michael Brind       |                  |
| <b>Opposition</b>   | Isaac Wong           | Toby Harris     | Ihor Nelson        | Zack Copeman        |                  |
| <b>Home Players</b> |                      | <b>Score</b>    |                    | <b>Away Players</b> |                  |
|                     | William Salt         | 21              | 13                 |                     | Isaac Wong       |
|                     | Sebastian Grove      | 21              | 13                 |                     | Toby Harris      |
|                     | Matthew Grove        | 21              | 18                 |                     | Ihor Nelson      |
|                     | Michael Brind        | 21              | 5                  |                     | Zack Copeman     |
| William Salt        | Sebastian Grove      | 21              | 9                  | Isaac Wong          | Toby Harris      |
| Matthew Grove       | Michael Brind        | 21              | 14                 | Ihor Nelson         | Zack Copeman     |
| William Salt        | Matthew Grove        | 21              | 18                 | Isaac Wong          | Ihor Nelson      |
| Sebastian Grove     | Michael Brind        | 21              | 9                  | Toby Harris         | Zack Copeman     |
| William Salt        | Michael Brind        | 21              | 12                 | Isaac Wong          | Zack Copeman     |
| Sebastian Grove     | Matthew Grove        | 9               | 21                 | Toby Harris         | Ihor Nelson      |
|                     |                      | <b>198</b>      | <b>132</b>         |                     |                  |

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|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Location:</b>    | <b>Lightwater</b>     | <b>Date:</b>      | <b>28 Mar 2015</b> | <b>Opposition:</b>    | <b>Mayflower</b>      |
| <b>Result:</b>      | <b>Won 187 - 140</b>  |                   |                    | <b>Home</b>           | <b>U14A Boys</b>      |
| <b>Swifts</b>       | Callum Mitchell       | Harry Hodges-Long | Max Curtis         | Josh Craven           |                       |
| <b>Opposition</b>   | Matthew Tennant-Smith | Josh Monkhouse    | Max Taylor         | Leo Attree            |                       |
| <b>Home Players</b> |                       | <b>Score</b>      |                    | <b>Away Players</b>   |                       |
|                     | Callum Mitchell       | 21                | 9                  |                       | Matthew Tennant-Smith |
|                     | Harry Hodges-Long     | 10                | 21                 |                       | Josh Monkhouse        |
|                     | Max Curtis            | 17                | 21                 |                       | Max Taylor            |
|                     | Josh Craven           | 21                | 12                 |                       | Leo Attree            |
| Callum Mitchell     | Harry Hodges-Long     | 21                | 13                 | Matthew Tennant-Smith | Josh Monkhouse        |
| Max Curtis          | Josh Craven           | 21                | 17                 | Max Taylor            | Leo Attree            |
| Callum Mitchell     | Max Curtis            | 21                | 9                  | Matthew Tennant-Smith | Max Taylor            |
| Harry Hodges-Long   | Josh Craven           | 21                | 11                 | Josh Monkhouse        | Leo Attree            |
| Callum Mitchell     | Josh Craven           | 21                | 6                  | Matthew Tennant-Smith | Leo Attree            |
| Harry Hodges-Long   | Max Curtis            | 13                | 21                 | Josh Monkhouse        | Max Taylor            |
|                     |                       | <b>187</b>        | <b>140</b>         |                       |                       |

## ACDBL match results

**Location:** Lightwater      **Date:** 28 Mar 2015      **Opposition:** Eagles  
**Result:** Won 162 - 91      **Home**      **U18A Mixed**

|                   |                 |            |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Swifts</b>     | Stirling Burrow | Chris Gane | Polly Thisdell    | Lucy Sharp      |
| <b>Opposition</b> | Adam Shepherd   | Roger Boka | Ana-Maria Oprisan | Karen Klimaytis |

| Home Players    |                | Score      |           | Away Players  |                   |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|
| Stirling Burrow | Polly Thisdell | 21         | 11        | Adam Shepherd | Ana-Maria Oprisan |
| Chris Gane      | Lucy Sharp     | 21         | 11        | Roger Boka    | Karen Klimaytis   |
| Stirling Burrow | Polly Thisdell | 21         | 3         | Roger Boka    | Karen Klimaytis   |
| Chris Gane      | Lucy Sharp     | 21         | 19        | Adam Shepherd | Ana-Maria Oprisan |
| Stirling Burrow | Lucy Sharp     | 21         | 7         | Adam Shepherd | Karen Klimaytis   |
| Chris Gane      | Polly Thisdell | 21         | 9         | Roger Boka    | Ana-Maria Oprisan |
| Chris Gane      | Polly Thisdell | 15         | 21        | Adam Shepherd | Karen Klimaytis   |
| Stirling Burrow | Lucy Sharp     | 21         | 10        | Roger Boka    | Ana-Maria Oprisan |
|                 |                | <b>162</b> | <b>91</b> |               |                   |

**Location:** Lightwater      **Date:** 29 Mar 2015      **Opposition:** Streets Heath  
**Result:** Won 166 - 130      **Away**      **U12A Mixed**

|                   |                 |               |               |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>Swifts</b>     | Hayden Mitchell | William Salt  | Abbie Coleman | Priyanka Pimple |
| <b>Opposition</b> | Toby Fereday    | Harrison Dodd | Rebecca Lee   | Rebecca Bell    |

| Home Players  |              | Score      |            | Away Players    |                 |
|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Toby Fereday  | Rebecca Lee  | 13         | 21         | Hayden Mitchell | Abbie Coleman   |
| Harrison Dodd | Rebecca Bell | 14         | 21         | William Salt    | Priyanka Pimple |
| Toby Fereday  | Rebecca Lee  | 19         | 21         | William Salt    | Priyanka Pimple |
| Harrison Dodd | Rebecca Bell | 21         | 19         | Hayden Mitchell | Abbie Coleman   |
| Toby Fereday  | Rebecca Bell | 20         | 21         | Hayden Mitchell | Priyanka Pimple |
| Harrison Dodd | Rebecca Lee  | 17         | 21         | William Salt    | Abbie Coleman   |
| Harrison Dodd | Rebecca Lee  | 12         | 21         | Hayden Mitchell | Priyanka Pimple |
| Toby Fereday  | Rebecca Bell | 14         | 21         | William Salt    | Abbie Coleman   |
|               |              | <b>130</b> | <b>166</b> |                 |                 |