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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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Our club's greatest week!

Apologies in advance for the uncharacteristic tone of triumph that may creep into this edition of the newsletter. You'll soon understand why.

The 2015-16 National Junior League, launched in September, has involved over 275 teams and 1,500 players from schools, junior clubs and youth associations all over England who competed in seventeen regional qualifying competitions and endeavoured to reach the national finals.

By winning all three age groups of the Surrey South Plus League, Swifts gained the right to send a team in each to compete in the national finals weekend which was held at the National Badminton Centre in Milton Keynes this weekend, 11 & 12 June.

Not all qualifying competitions had three age groups and not all qualifiers were able to send a team to the finals day for some reason, so twenty teams took part, three of which were from Swifts. They came from as far afield as Haltwhistle and Durham in the north, Devonport in the south, Lancashire in the west, Lincolnshire in the east (including my old school, it seems) and Stoke in the middle of the country (the land of Christine Thompson's schooldays).

On Saturday the U12s were involved in a competition against five other teams and, by winning all their group games and the final (against High Wycombe), won the competition undefeated. They played 30 rubbers in six matches in total, and lost only three of them.

So, big congratulations to Lila Dundas (who is actually U10), Dominic Nabasa, Hayden Mitchell, Daisy Murphy and Jacob Sheffield.

On the same day our U16s, who had lost all the eligible U16 boys (one to

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National circuit results

Nick Pipe and Sam Williams both competed in the Bournemouth U16 Open this weekend. Sam reached the boys' singles semi-final while Nick won both the boy's singles and mixed events.

County representation

Annabelle Atkins, Lila Dundas, Hayden Mitchell and Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen all played in the Surrey U11 team that won the Christine Meades Memorial county invitational tournament on Sunday.

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injury and two to GCSEs) were playing with two boys co-opted from our eligible U14s, also in a six team initial group.

They too finished the group phase undefeated, and swept to a 4-1 victory in the final against Lincolnshire's Kestevens Superzone. In six matches they won 25 and lost only five rubbers.

Congratulations are due to the U16 players Lucy Bezants, Christopher Chong & Ollie Dunford (U14s both), Imogen Galvin and Alice Sutton who showed great spirit by supporting the U12s.

Sunday was the turn of the U14s. This event had eight competing teams and Swifts was drawn in what proved to be the strongest group, from which emerged four of the five highest-placed teams. Undaunted (though with two of the boys maybe just a little tired after Saturday's efforts in the U16 event), our players won their group, swept aside the runners-up from the second group in the semi-final and then had a fine 4-1 win against the other group winners, Corsham from Wiltshire. Again, all matches were won, with only four rubbers lost out of 25 played.

Congratulations, then, to Amy Chapman, Christopher Chong, Ollie Dunford, Neeve Galvin and Anish Goel. Like all the members of the U12 and U16 teams, they showed great team spirit.

The teams between them lost only four live rubbers during the entire weekend. Pictures and detailed results from this amazing weekend can be found on the following pages.

Badminton Olympian Gail Emms was on hand to present the trophies and to sign autographs, be photographed with and chat to the players, so it was quite a day out for those involved.

To manage to qualify three teams for the finals day was a notable achievement for the club as the regional competition, held in Epsom, was stiff. To win against the other qualifiers in any age group would have been marvellous, but to win all three age groups in the inaugural national finals is truly astonishing and really puts the club on the map nationally. Coaches from all around the country have gone home speaking about how they aspire to our standards.

All our members and friends should be very proud of this achievement, especially the players concerned and their parents who supported them to the hilt. It reflects well on all aspects of the club including its organisation, its coaches, its competition programme and its members.

One person who I know is rightly very proud of the achievement is Christine Thompson, our chairman, who went above and beyond the call of duty to attend both days at Milton Keynes, acting as squad supremo, advising the team managers, managing the U16s, managing the shirts, scouting the opposition, coaching and cheering on the players, correcting the opposition's line calls and reporting on progress to those of us back at base. She was very ably assisted by team managers Surya Handayani (U12s) and Phil Chapman (U14s). Thanks and congratulations to all three, and to the other very knowledgeable, active and helpful parents who scouted the opposition very competently to aid in selection and deployment decisions.

National Junior League



The U12s relax with the trophy after a hard day's play
(l-r) Daisy Murphy, Lila Dundas, Jacob Sheffield, Hayden Mitchell, Dominic Nabasa



Dominic had been eyeing the umpire's chair all day, and seized his chance when he saw it, and why not?

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Our U16 team take time out to give Gail Emms some advice on how to win tournaments, with Chris Thompson hoping to pick up some tips too (l-r) Ollie Dunford, Christopher Chong, Imogen Galvin, Lucy Bezants, Alice Sutton



The U16s in celebratory mood after the trophy presentation

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Our U12 and U16 teams are joined by Gail Emms, Christine Thompson and U12 team manager Surya Handayani to celebrate their joint success

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**Our U14 team, presented with the trophy by Gail Emms
(l-r) Team manager Phil Chapman, Ollie Dunford, Christopher Chong,
Anish Goel, Neeve Galvin, Amy Chapman**



**The U14s receive the applause of an appreciative crowd
Chris is (carefully, I hope) brandishing the glass trophy we get to keep;
the other one will be returned to BE and engraved for posterity**

National Junior League Results

U12 National finals

Group A							
Team	Pos	Chew Valley	High Wycombe	Swifts	Devonport High School	Kestevens Superzone	Pont & Haltwhistle
Chew Valley	3		2	1	4	5	4
High Wycombe	2	3		0	4	5	5
Swifts	1	4	5		5	5	5
Devonport High School	5	1	1	0		5	2
Kestevens Superzone	6	0	0	0	0		0
Pont & Haltwhistle	4	1	0	0	3	5	

Swifts				Devonport High School			
Group	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Player 1	Player 2		
BS	Dominic Nabasa		9-7, 9-5	Fardeen Gafoor			
GS	Lila Dundas		9-1, 9-1	Izzy Hatton			
BD	Hayden Mitchell	Dominic Nabasa	9-4, 9-8	Fardeen Gafoor	George Teague		
GD	Lila Dundas	Daisy Murphy	9-0, 9-3	Izzy Hatton	Natasha Romanel		
Mixed	Hayden Mitchell	Daisy Murphy	9-5, 9-3	George Teague	Natasha Romanel		
			Match Score	5-0			

Swifts				Kestevens Superzone			
Group	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Player 1	Player 2		
BS	Dominic Nabasa		9-2, 9-1	Harry Denton			
GS	Lila Dundas		9-4, 9-4	Taylor Eaton-Gray			
BD	Dominic Nabasa	Jacob Sheffield	9-2, 9-3	Harry Denton	Barnaby Nightingale		
GD	Lila Dundas	Daisy Murphy	9-3, 9-3	Taylor Eaton-Gray	Shannon Garner		
Mixed	Jacob Sheffield	Daisy Murphy	9-3, 9-4	Barnaby Nightingale	Shannon Garner		
			Match Score	5-0			

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Group	Chew Valley			Swifts	
	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Player 1	Player 2
BS	Henry Burke		6-9, 4-9	Dominic Nabasa	
GS	Katie Whitmarsh		2-9, 2-9	Lila Dundas	
BD	Henry Burke	Harvey Thompson	4-9, 3-9	Hayden Mitchell	Dominic Nabasa
GD	Emily Whitmarsh	Katie Whitmarsh	5-9, 2-9	Lila Dundas	Daisy Murphy
Mixed	Harvey Thompson	Katie Whitmarsh	9-7, 4-9, 5-3	Hayden Mitchell	Daisy Murphy
			Match Score	1-4	

Group	High Wycombe			Swifts	
	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Player 1	Player 2
BS	Eeshaan Ghanekar		3-9, 4-9	Dominic Nabasa	
GS	Maya Davies		2-9, 1-9	Lila Dundas	
BD	Dillon Chong	Eeshaan Ghanekar	9-8, 8-9, 2-5	Hayden Mitchell	Dominic Nabasa
GD	Maya Davies	Lina Hughes	6-9, 2-9	Lila Dundas	Daisy Murphy
Mixed	Dillon Chong	Lina Hughes	9-8, 5-9, 2-5	Hayden Mitchell	Daisy Murphy
			Match Score	5-0	

Group	Swifts			Pont & Haltwhistle	
	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Player 1	Player 2
BS	Dominic Nabasa		9-2, 9-3	Ben Doughty	
GS	Lila Dundas		9-5, 8-9, 5-3	Isabella Goodall	
BD	Dominic Nabasa	Jacob Sheffield	9-4, 9-7	Ben Doughty	Oscar Knapp
GD	Lila Dundas	Daisy Murphy	9-5, 9-3	Lucy Dodd	Isabella Goodall
Mixed	Jacob Sheffield	Daisy Murphy	9-2, 8-9, 5-3	Oscar Knapp	Lucy Dodd
			Match Score	5-0	

Final	Swifts			High Wycombe	
	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Player 1	Player 2
BS	Dominic Nabasa		9-6, 9-8	Dillon Chong	
GS	Lila Dundas		9-6, 9-6	Sofie Chong	
BD	Hayden Mitchell	Dominic Nabasa	8-9, 9-2, 2-5	Dillon Chong	Ethan De Souza
GD	Lila Dundas	Daisy Murphy	9-2, 9-2	Sofie Chong	Maya Davies
Mixed	Hayden Mitchell	Daisy Murphy	8-9, 8-9	Dillon Chong	Sofie Chong
			Match Score	3-2	

National Junior League Results

U14 National finals

Group A					
Team	Pos	Corsham	Durham	Kesteven Superzone	Wigan Community Trust
Corsham	1		4	5	5
Durham	2	1		5	5
Kesteven Superzone	4	0	0		2
Wigan Community Trust	3	0	0	3	

U14 National finals

Group B					
Team	Pos	Swifts	Hertford	High Wycombe	St Ursula's BC
Swifts	1		5	4	3
Hertford	4	0		0	0
High Wycombe	3	1	5		2
St Ursula's BC	2	2	5	3	

Group	Swifts			St Ursula's BC	
	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Player 1	Player 2
BS	Christopher Chong		6-9, 9-6, 5-1	William Mullaney	
GS	Amy Chapman		9-2, 9-6	Izzy Mullen	
BD	Christopher Chong	Anish Goel	9-7, 9-6	William Mullaney	Om Reddy
GD	Amy Chapman	Neeve Galvin	6-9, 8-9	Izzy Mullen	Hannah Warren
Mixed	Anish Goel	Neeve Galvin	6-9, 7-9	Om Reddy	Hannah Warren
		Match Score	3-2		

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Group	Swifts			Hertford		
	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Player 1	Player 2	
BS		Christopher Chong	9-4, 9-2		Ethan Barnes	
GS		Amy Chapman	9-0, 9-4		Kerry Maddox	
BD	Christopher Chong	Oliver Dunford	9-5, 9-2	Ethan Barnes	Christopher Saunders	
GD	Amy Chapman	Neeve Galvin	9-6, 9-3	Kerry Maddox	Shiami Thayaparan	
Mixed	Christopher Chong	Neeve Galvin	9-1, 9-4	Christopher Saunders	Shiami Thayaparan	
		Match Score	5-0			

Group	Swifts			High Wycombe		
	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Player 1	Player 2	
BS		Christopher Chong	9-7, 9-8		Isum Arachchige	
GS		Amy Chapman	9-6, 9-2		Cassie Halpin	
BD	Christopher Chong	Anish Goel	9-2, 9-6	Isum Arachchige	Philip Campion	
GD	Amy Chapman	Neeve Galvin	1-9, 0-9	Cassie Halpin	Emily Lloyd	
Mixed	Christopher Chong	Amy Chapman	9-3, 9-5	Philip Campion	Emily Lloyd	
		Match Score	4-1			

Semi-final	Durham			Swifts		
	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Player 1	Player 2	
BS		Sean Grieveson	2-9, 2-9		Christopher Chong	
GS		Madeleine Atkinson	7-9, 8-9		Amy Chapman	
BD	Daniel Armstrong	Sean Grieveson	2-9, 4-9	Christopher Chong	Oliver Dunford	
GD	Madeleine Atkinson	Jude Lapworth	5-9, 6-9	Amy Chapman	Neeve Galvin	
Mixed	Daniel Armstrong	Madeleine Atkinson	2-9, 4-9	Christopher Chong	Amy Chapman	
		Match Score	0-5			

Final	Corsham			Swifts		
	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Player 1	Player 2	
BS		William Cooper	3-9, 7-9		Christopher Chong	
GS		Emily McKenzie	9-6, 5-9, 3-5		Amy Chapman	
BD	Max Bryant	William Cooper	4-9, 4-9	Christopher Chong	Anish Goel	
GD	Nirmala George	Emily McKenzie	9-4, 9-6	Amy Chapman	Neeve Galvin	
Mixed	Max Bryant	Nirmala George	8-9, 3-9	Christopher Chong	Amy Chapman	
		Match Score	1-4			

National Junior League Results

U16 National finals

Group A							
Team	Pos	Uphill	Swifts	Kesteve Superzone	Stoke City	Wigan Athletic Community Trust	Wolves Community Trust
Uphill	3		2	2	5	3	4
Swifts	1	3		3	5	5	5
Kesteve Superzone	2	3	2		5	4	3
Stoke City	5	0	0	0		4	0
Wigan Athletic Community Trust	6	2	0	1	1		1
Wolves Community Trust	4	1	0	2	5	4	

Swifts

Group	Player 1	Player 2	Score
BS	Christopher Chong		9-8, 9-5
GS	Imogen Galvin		9-5, 9-3
BD	Christopher Chong	Ollie Dunford	9-2, 9-7
GD	Lucy Bezants	Imogen Galvin	9-3, 9-3
Mixed	Ollie Dunford	Lucy Bezants	9-8, 9-3
	Match Score		5-0

Wigan Athletic Community Trust

Player 1	Player 2
Patrick Redmond	
Rebecca Gibbons	
Euro Churat	Patrick Redmond
Alisha Crook	Rebecca Gibbons
Euro Churat	Alisha Crook

Uphill

Group	Player 1	Player 2	Score
BS	Dong Hao		7-9, 8-9
GS	Lucy Loud		4-9, 4-9
BD	Dong Hao	Tom Miller	9-7, 9-4
GD	Lucy Loud	Anna Short	6-9, 5-9
Mixed	Tom Miller	Anna Short	9-6, 6-9, 5-1
	Match Score		2-3

Swifts

Player 1	Player 2
Christopher Chong	
Imogen Galvin	
Christopher Chong	Ollie Dunford
Imogen Galvin	Alice Sutton
Ollie Dunford	Alice Sutton

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Swifts				Wolves Community Trust	
Group	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Player 1	Player 2
BS	Christopher Chong		9-2, 9-4	Nathan Reeves	
GS	Imogen Galvin		9-3, 9-4	Sayuni Fernando	
BD	Christopher Chong	Ollie Dunford	9-6, 9-4	Nathan Reeves	Zach Webb
GD	Lucy Bezants	Imogen Galvin	9-5, 9-5	Hanna Brace	Sayuni Fernando
Mixed	Ollie Dunford	Lucy Bezants	9-3, 9-4	Zach Webb	Hanna Brace
			Match Score	5-0	

Swifts				Kestevens Superzone	
Group	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Player 1	Player 2
BS	Christopher Chong		9-6, 9-5	Rohit Banda	
GS	Imogen Galvin		9-7, 9-1	Kim-Leanne Green	
BD	Christopher Chong	Ollie Dunford	4-9, 9-6, 2-5	Marco Agapito	Rohit Banda
GD	Imogen Galvin	Alice Sutton	9-5, 9-2	Kim-Leanne Green	Courtney Sharples
Mixed	Christopher Chong	Alice Sutton	6-9, 9-4, 1-5	Marco Agapito	Kim-Leanne Green
			Match Score	3-2	

Swifts				Stoke City	
Group	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Player 1	Player 2
BS	Christopher Chong		9-1, 9-1	Ben Pratt	
GS	Lucy Bezants		9-4, 9-0	Leah Carvell	
BD	Christopher Chong	Ollie Dunford	9-8, 9-3	Ben Pratt	Kaylum Pritchard
GD	Lucy Bezants	Alice Sutton	9-2, 9-4	Leah Carvell	Nicole Turner
Mixed	Ollie Dunford	Alice Sutton	9-5, 9-4	Kaylum Pritchard	Nicole Turner
			Match Score	5-0	

Swifts				Kestevens Superzone	
Final	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Player 1	Player 2
BS	Christopher Chong		9-6, 9-6	Marco Agapito	
GS	Imogen Galvin		9-6, 9-8	Courtney Sharples	
BD	Christopher Chong	Ollie Dunford	8-9, 6-9	Marco Agapito	Rohit Banda
GD	Lucy Bezants	Imogen Galvin	9-1, 9-1	Millie Hardman	Courtney Sharples
Mixed	Christopher Chong	Lucy Bezants	9-2, 9-7	Rohit Banda	Courtney Sharples
			Match Score	4-1	