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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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Graded singles tournament

There were no matches this weekend, as our attention turned to our own internal competition—the graded singles tournament. The full illustrated results are given on later pages but the headlines are as follows:

Grade	Winner	Runner-up
Unisex grade G	Advait Neelakandan	Nikhil Saikia
Unisex grade F	Udita Sharma	Sally Grove
Boys' grade E	Nived Neelakandan	Shaurya Chhabra
Girls' grade E	Xiao Tian Tung	Sarah Devapragasam
Boys' grade D	Jack Blackman	Abhishek Sathiyarayanan
Girls' grade D	Abigail Barnfield	Emma Ranson
Boys' grade C	Thomas Henderson	Nathan Gibson
Girls' grade C	Holly Ranson	Nayani Davies-Patel
Boys' grade B	Sebastian Grove	Matthew Barnfield
Girls' grade B	Katie Remment	Ruth Devapragasam
Boys' grade A	Christopher Chong	Max Curtis
Girls' grade A	Serena Farrelly	Katie Remment

Many thanks to the parents and members who helped out by scoring and herding the younger groups of players.

National circuit results

Smrithi Shirol played in the BE U19 Silver tournament in Warwick at the weekend and won the girls' doubles event.

Surrey tournaments

Surrey held its U12 and U16 double tournaments in Epsom on Sunday, as well as the U18 open event.

Serena Farrelly won the U18 girls' singles event, while Lila Dundas won the doubles. Chris Chong reached the singles semi-final.

In the U16s, Chris Chong won the boys' A grade doubles and Lila won the mixed A grade.

In the U12s, Amelia Wells was runner-up in the mixed A grade while she and Leah Naish as well as Temisha Veeramootoo & Abigail Barnfield were all A grade semi-finalists.

Sarah Devapragasam won the U12 mixed B grade.

Photos from the weekend



Chris Chong and Lila Dundas

Swifts graded singles tournament

UNISEX GRADE G SINGLES

Group A						
Player	Pos	Advait Neelakandan	Aadya Anand	Reuben Gibson	Krishika Sarin	Nikhil Saikia
Advait Neelakandan	1		15	15	15	15
Aadya Anand		6		15	9	11
Reuben Gibson		6	10		10	2
Krishika Sarin	3	5	15	15		7
Nikhil Saikia	2	11	15	15	15	

I strongly suspect that the club's youngest (and possibly smallest) player has never won their section in this tournament before, but the tiny Advait certainly managed it here. Consistency is always a big asset at this end of the experience range and it paid off for him, though Nikhil certainly gave him a good run for his money.



Advait Neelakandan and Nikhil Saikia

Swifts graded singles tournament

UNISEX GRADE F SINGLES							
Group A							
Player	Pos	James Waite	Lyla Thompson	Gyorgy Posta	Vishal Vijay	Udita Sharma	Sally Grove
James Waite			15	13	13	4	12
Lyla Thompson		13		8	8	3	5
Gyorgy Posta	3	15	15		15	11	11
Vishal Vijay		15	15	13		4	5
Udita Sharma	1	15	15	15	15		15
Sally Grove	2	15	15	15	15	11	

Another group of beginners, slightly bigger and slightly older or more experienced. The most experienced of them had the advantage and made it pay.



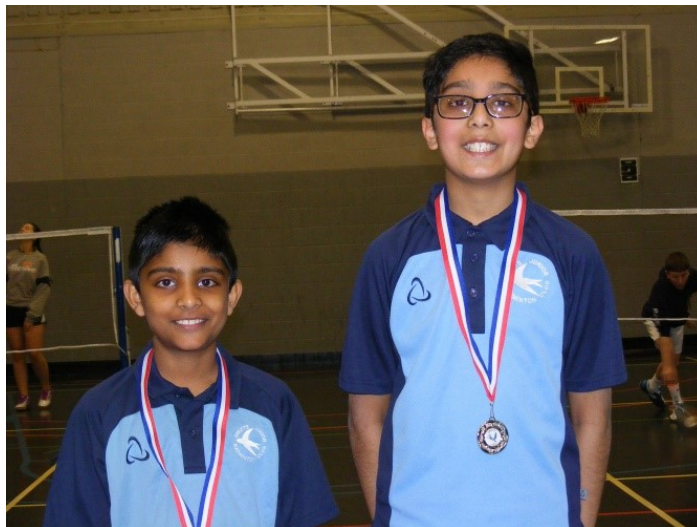
Sally Grove and Udita Sharma

Swifts graded singles tournament

BOYS' GRADE E SINGLES

Group A								
Player	Pos	Nived Neelakandan	Joshua Ford	Jimmy Brazendale	Shaurya Chhabra	Toby Gibson	Leo Robson-Sankey	Christian Jeremiah
Nived Neelakandan	1		15	15	15	15	15	15
Joshua Ford		7		6	10	6	15	15
Jimmy Brazendale		2	12		8	8	15	15
Shaurya Chhabra	2	13	15	15		15	15	15
Toby Gibson	3	4	15	15	10		15	15
Leo Robson-Sankey		3	7	8	8	1		8
Christian Jeremiah		7	13	13	6	9	15	

Nived made sure there were no difficulties at the Neelakandan tea table by emulating his little brother and getting a gold medal. The deciding match was very close one.



Nived Neelakandan and Shaurya Chhabra

Swifts graded singles tournament

GRADE E GIRLS' SINGLES

Group A							
Player	Pos	Connie Vooght	Asmita Anand	Sarah Devapragasam	Rishona Vickram	Xiao Tian Tung	Tulika Sahay
Connie Vooght	3		15	11	15	13	15
Asmita Anand		12		13	15	15	15
Sarah Devapragasam	2	15	15		15	13	15
Rishona Vickram		8	7	4		8	15
Xiao Tian Tung	1	15	10	15	15		15
Tulika Sahay		4	6	9	14	8	

Tian looked very laid back when playing in this section but she nevertheless managed to win it, though the whole group was very close, with ties to be resolved all over the place.



Sarah Devapragasam and Xiao Tian Tung

Swifts graded singles tournament

BOYS' GRADE D SINGLES

Group A										
Player	Pos	Leo Desai	Yicheng Lim	Jack Blackman	Kartikey Sarin	Shreyas Nandanavanam	Yugandhar Dandekar	Fraser Childs	Abhishek Sathiyarayanan	Aaron Zhou
Leo Desai	4		11	5	4	11	11	11	4	11
Yicheng Lim		9		5	5	11	11	11	6	5
Jack Blackman	1	11	11		7	11	11	11	11	11
Kartikey Sarin	3	11	11	11		11	11	9	8	11
Shreyas Nandanavanam		5	1	6	10		7	11	6	3
Yugandhar Dandekar		8	2	9	7	7		7	3	5
Fraser Childs		9	7	10	11	10	11		4	6
Abhishek Sathiyarayanan	2	11	11	7	11	11	11	11		11
Aaron Zhou		9	11	10	9	11	11	11	4	

If any group could be described as a rabble this one was it, with lots of scores in the wrong place or not entered at all. But Yicheng kept a cool head and made sure the scoresheet was corrected and we were able to work out the result in the end. It was another where nobody managed to win all their games.



Jack Blackman & Abhishek Sathiyarayanan

Swifts graded singles tournament

GRADE D GIRLS' SINGLES							
Group A							
Player	Pos	Erin Christian	Jessica Addy	Abigail Barnfield	Sara Kulkarni	Xiao Qing Tung	Emma Ranson
Erin Christian			11	3	11	5	8
Jessica Addy	3	15		3	15	15	5
Abigail Barnfield	1	15	12		15	15	15
Sara Kulkarni		15	12	6		9	7
Xiao Qing Tung		15	7	7	15		8
Emma Ranson	2	15	15	10	15	15	

I didn't see much of this group but it was another close one with ties to be resolved and with excellent parental support.



Emma ranson and Abigail Barnfield

Swifts graded singles tournament

BOYS' GRADE C SINGLES

Group A										
Player	Pos	James Warne	Ben Hazevoet	Sebastian Boaler	Thomas Henderson	Bradley Mayuga	William Lain	Raghav Jaikumar	Nathan Gibson	James Tyler
James Warne			21	18	4	17	13	12	13	17
Ben Hazevoet		15		16	10	w/d	w/d	w/d	5	10
Sebastian Boaler	3	21	21		17	21	21	21	17	17
Thomas Henderson	1	21	21	21		21	21	21	21	21
Bradley Mayuga		21	w/o	19	7		16	17	11	13
William Lain		21	w/o	12	4	21		10	10	21
Raghav Jaikumar	4	21	w/o	8	11	21	21		16	21
Nathan Gibson	2	21	21	21	12	21	21	21		21
James Tyler		21	21	21	8	21	20	17	12	



Thomas Henderson and Nathan Gibson

This group must have taken a good degree of stamina and fitness to succeed in. It was one of the largest grades and playing to 21 points.

Ben was unfortunate in that he pulled his hamstring and was in some pain and had to withdraw with three games unplayed.

Swifts graded singles tournament

GRADE C GIRLS' SINGLES

Group A							
Player	Pos	Eve Goodall	Holly Ranson	Temisha Veeramootoo	Sandhya Jaikumar	Leah Naish	Nayani Davies-Patel
Eve Goodall			7	8	21	12	16
Holly Ranson	1	21		21	21	21	21
Temisha Veeramootoo		21	11		21	16	13
Sandhya Jaikumar		16	8	3		7	11
Leah Naish	3	21	11	21	21		9
Nayani Davies-Patel	2	21	10	21	21	21	



Holly Ranson and Nayani Davies-Patel

We felt that the result of this group was probably the least predictable of the lot, with a great deal resting on who was playing well on the day. We were right, though Holly kept her rivals firmly in check.

Swifts graded singles tournament

BOYS' GRADE B SINGLES

Group A								
Player	Pos	Kyle Fergusson	Sebastian Grove	Izaak Mayuga	Matthew Grove	Cameron Warne	Matthew Barnfield	Kain Rafter
Kyle Fergusson			8	21	21	8	14	21
Sebastian Grove	1	21		21	21	21	21	21
Izaak Mayuga	4	18	10		21	21	16	21
Matthew Grove		11	6	14		4	9	17
Cameron Warne	3	21	12	19	21		18	21
Matthew Barnfield	2	21	9	21	21	21		21
Kain Rafter		15	7	18	21	6	7	

This was another group I didn't see much of, which is perhaps just as well as I somehow managed to give them, the wrong arrival time and they all diligently turned up at 9:45am when their section started at 10:55am. Sorry lads!



Sebastian Grove and Matthew Barnfield

Swifts graded singles tournament

GIRLS' GRADE B SINGLES

Group A						
Player	Pos	Katie Remment	Lottie Sweby	Phoebe Ridsdill-Smith	Charlotte Addy	Ruth Devapragasam
Katie Remment	1		21	21	21	21
Lottie Sweby	3	9		21	21	13
Phoebe Ridsdill-Smith		10	18		16	10
Charlotte Addy		6	18	21		8
Ruth Devapragasam	2	20	21	21	21	

GIRLS' GRADE A FINAL

Serena Farrelly

21 v 6

Katie Remment



Ruth Devapragasam, Katie Remment and Serena Farrelly

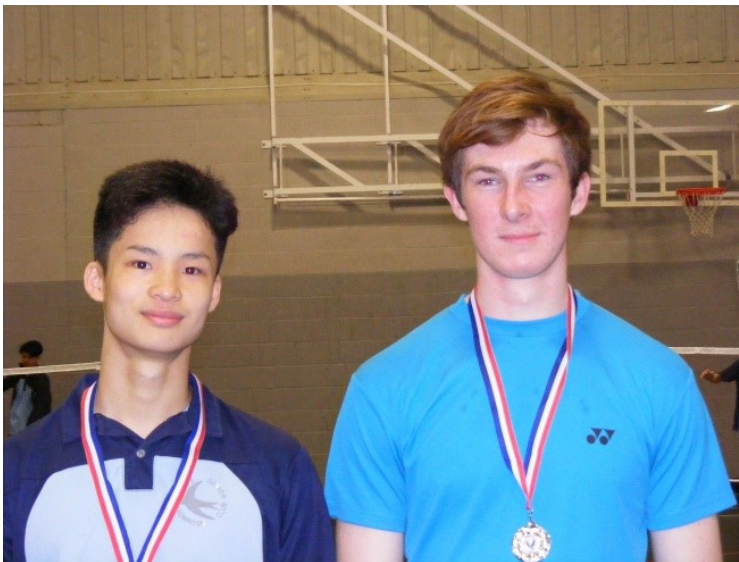
It is fair to say that the outcome of this group was the closest of the day—the winner was decided by a single point in the final match, with Katie just edging out Ruth in a tense finale.

Katie went on to challenge Serena Farrelly (who had played with the grade A boys, see the next page) for the Christine Meades Trophy, but Serena proved to be too strong and carried the trophy away.

Swifts graded singles tournament

UNISEX GRADE A SINGLES

Group A						
Player	Pos	Serena Farrelly	Max Curtis	Chris Chong	William Salt	Ollie Dunford
Serena Farrelly	3		13	6	21	21
Max Curtis	2	21		16	21	21
Chris Chong	1	21	21		21	21
William Salt		17	18	13		21
Ollie Dunford		10	7	9	9	



Chris Chong and Max Curtis

We now reach the top of the tree—the best players of those who entered. This year two things were unprecedented: one girl in among the grade A boys and a challenge round so that the winning grade B girl could fairly challenge for the Christine Meades Trophy that is awarded to the winning girl each year.

We have, a long time ago now, placed three grade A girls into the boys' grade B section. But never a single girl and never into grade A.

The top grade brings plenty of speed and power and it was always going to be interesting to see if this power (and some of our oldest boys are very big and powerful, indeed almost as powerful as me) would defeat Serena.

But nobody entertained a serious thought that Chris would lose the title and he has now equalled the long-standing record by winning the A grade (and accompanying Dudley Trophy) three times in a row. Can he make it four next year? Who will stop him?