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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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Match summary

As you have probably guessed by now, there is not much chance of us having a satisfactory league this season, though it is vaguely possible that we might be able to hold a half-season if things improve. I suspect there won't be many tournaments outside Swifts either. We hope (but don't promise) to be able to organise some friendly matches against other clubs where we can control the match format in a covid-compliant way.

At Swifts we will certainly do our best to make the most of a bad job and make sure you can still develop your badminton skills and enjoy the sport.

Bubble tournament singles

Well, the handicap tournament door was firmly closed by the pandemic but another one was opened—the bubble tournament! Because we have not actively recruited new members our membership is quite low at only 80 at the moment. Nevertheless, the turnout this Saturday was proportionally very high at 66 (81.3%, the highest ever for a Swifts singles tournament, despite some late losses due to illness) and our twelve sets of bubblers seemed to enjoy their chance to compete in what I hereby claim as the world's first ever bubble tournament. I challenge anyone to prove me wrong. The details can be found later in the newsletter, but the medal winners can be found below:

Bubble	Winner	Runner-up
Bubble 1	Reuben Gibson	Sanjana Satish
Bubble 2	Advait Neelakandan	Evie Stewart
Bubble 3	Isabelle Bengé	Meera Ramamurthy
Bubble 4	Jimmy Brazendale	Vincent Yuan
Bubble 5	Shaurya Chhabra	Krish Patel
Bubble 6	Joe Robinson	Aaron Underwood
Bubble 7	Temisha Veeramootoo	Nived Neelakandan
Bubble 8	Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen	Amelia Wells
Bubble 9	Nathan Gibson	Aditya Shobin
Bubble 10	Will Lain	Jack Blackman
Bubble 11	Sebastian Grove	Matthew Barnfield
Bubble 12	Christopher Chong	Jacob Sheffield

On 17 October it will be the doubles bubble, and the entry is even higher!

Swifts bubble tournament singles

Bubble 1						
Group A						
Player	Pos	Megan Johnson	Reuben Gibson	Sanjana Satish	Lukas Steel	Sylvie Stewart
Megan Johnson			3 3	9 11	1 11	4 6
Reuben Gibson	1	11 11		8 11	11 11	11 11
Sanjana Satish	2	11 10	11 6		11 11	10 11
Lukas Steel		6 4	8 6	9 5		5 4
Sylvie Stewart	3	11 11	6 6	11 11	11 11	

As you might expect this bubble was composed of our youngest, least experienced members and they played each other twice to 11 points. Nobody managed to win all their games.



Reuben Gibson and Sanjana Satish

ACDBL match scores

Bubble 2							
Group A							
Player	Pos	Sally Grove	Atika Sahay	Advait Neelakandan	Evie Stewart	Lyla Thompson	Sam Johnson
Sally Grove			15	2	9	11	1
Atika Sahay		13		0	6	6	6
Advait Neelakandan	1	15	15		15	15	15
Evie Stewart	2	15	15	12		15	15
Lyla Thompson		15	15	4	8		8
Sam Johnson	3	15	15	3	9	15	

You'll see from the photographs that social distancing was an important feature of this tournament. Nobody was allowed to leave their own court, and they couldn't even rub shoulders for the photographer.



Advait Neelakandan and Evie Stewart

ACDBL match scores

Bubble 3							
Group A							
Player	Pos	Meera Ramamurthy	James Waite	Gyorgy Posta	Isabelle Benge	Nikhil Saikia	Jessica Pearson
Meera Ramamurthy	2		21	21	18	20	21
James Waite		20		13	10	21	21
Gyorgy Posta	3	20	21		21	18	21
Isabelle Benge	1	21	21	18		21	21
Nikhil Saikia		21	14	21	18		15
Jessica Pearson		19	16	20	14	21	

A bit more experience was on show here (or would have been if spectators had been allowed), and it was the first bubble of the day in which girls prevailed over the boys.



Isabelle Benge and Meera Ramamurthy

ACDBL match scores

Bubble 4						
Group A						
Player	Pos	Vincent Yuan	Jimmy Brazendale	Udita Sharma	Veda Pabbisetty	Christian Jeremiah
Vincent Yuan	2		15 4	15 13	15 15	15 10
Jimmy Brazendale	1	12 15		11 15	15 15	15 15
Udita Sharma		8 10	15 14		15 11	13 13
Veda Pabbisetty		10 12	6 9	10 15		6 15
Christian Jeremiah	3	13 15	7 14	15 15	15 13	

This was a close group with everyone winning at least two games and also losing at least two. It may even be the one where a young ten-year old was heard to respond to the comments of a coach about how close things were with the exclamation "I know! My blood pressure is going through the roof!"



Jimmy Brazendale and Vincent Yuan

ACDBL match scores

Bubble 5						
Group A						
Player	Pos	Shaurya Chhabra	Chloe Randles	Gaurav Panyam	Tulika Sahay	Krish Patel
Shaurya Chhabra	1		15 15	15 15	15 15	15 15
Chloe Randles		6 7		3 10	13 9	10 13
Gaurav Panyam	3	13 11	15 15		15 15	10 15
Tulika Sahay		11 6	15 15	14 12		14 12
Krish Patel	2	6 5	15 15	15 12	15 15	

Shaurya may have won all his games but the competition here was very close and lots of games could have gone the other way.



Shaurya Chhabra and Krish Patel

ACDBL match scores

Bubble 6							
Group A							
Player	Pos	Sarah Devapragasam	Aaron Underwood	Millie Thompson	Joe Robinson	Emma Ranson	Sara Kulkarni
Sarah Devapragasam	3		17	21	8	21	21
Aaron Underwood	2	21		21	20	21	21
Millie Thompson		9	15		15	21	21
Joe Robinson	1	21	21	21		21	21
Emma Ranson		9	20	12	4		8
Sara Kulkarni		15	16	12	13	21	

The medals here were decided with a test of nerve at 20-all and Joe showed that he didn't have any. Either that or he controlled them well.



Joe Robinson and Aaron Underwood

ACDBL match scores

Bubble 7

Group A							
Player	Pos	Katie Stevens	Nived Neelakandan	Temisha Veeramootoo	Ella Henderson	Connie Vooght	Fraser Childs
Katie Stevens			5	19	19	21	20
Nived Neelakandan	2	21		19	21	21	21
Temisha Veeramootoo	1	21	21		21	21	21
Ella Henderson	3	21	17	16		21	21
Connie Vooght		11	11	12	18		21
Fraser Childs		21	11	12	15	15	

This was the first bubble of the second sitting, so to speak, and it had a high proportion of close games, with Temisha twice coming close to losing. She hung on to remain unbeaten though.



Temish Veeramootoo and Nived Neelakandan

ACDBL match scores

Bubble 8							
Group A							
Player	Pos	Amelia Wells	Abhishek Sathiyana- rayanan	Abigail Barnfield	Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen	Sam Carter	Ben Hazevoet
Amelia Wells	2		21	17	21	21	15
Abhishek Sathiyana- rayanan		12		21	20	14	19
Abigail Barnfield		21	11		18	17	21
Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen	1	20	21	21		21	21
Sam Carter	3	8	21	21	20		21
Ben Hazevoet		21	21	13	11	18	

An unusual group as the eventual winner lost to the runner-up, and was very nearly beaten by the last-placed played. It must have been pretty close.



Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen and Amelia Wells

ACDBL match scores

Bubble 9						
Group A						
Player	Pos	Siddhi Kansare	Aditya Shobin	James Warne	Liam O'Hara	Nathan Gibson
Siddhi Kansare	3		8	21	21	21
Aditya Shobin	2	21		21	21	17
James Warne		15	16		21	15
Liam O'Hara		13	14	12		19
Nathan Gibson	1	18	21	21	21	

This was the only three-way tie of the day and I'm told that three pencils and a calculator were broken in trying to work out the result.



Nathan Gibson and Aditya Shobin

ACDBL match scores

Bubble 10							
Group A							
Player	Pos	Lottie Sweby	Jack Blackman	Katie Remment	Will Lain	Amelia Sheffield	Raghav Jaikumar
Lottie Sweby	4		14	10	21	21	21
Jack Blackman	2	21		13	17	21	21
Katie Remment	3	21	21		13	12	21
Will Lain	1	17	21	21		21	21
Amelia Sheffield		12	15	21	9		21
Raghav Jaikumar		17	18	8	13	19	

All right, there was a three-way tie here too, but it was for second place, not first. Will was the clear winner, even though he had lost to the fourth-placed player. The silver medal had to be decided on points scored, the third tie break. Tricky.



Will Lain and Jack Blackman

ACDBL match scores

Bubble 11						
Group A						
Player	Pos	Sebastian Grove	Matthew Barnfield	Holly Ranson	Thomas Henderson	Matthew Ellis
Sebastian Grove	1		15 15	15 15	15 13	15 15
Matthew Barnfield	2	13 14		15 15	15 15	15 15
Holly Ranson		12 5	11 11		11 15	15 15
Thomas Henderson	3	13 15	14 12	15 12		15 15
Matthew Ellis		10 12	13 11	12 12	8 7	

Sebastian returns in triumph after a year away. He couldn't resist coming back, could he? But Tom made sure he did not have it entirely his own way.



Sebastian Grove and Matthew Barnfield

ACDBL match scores

Bubble 12						
Group A						
Player	Pos	Lila Dundas	Christopher Chong	Hayden Mitchell	William Salt	Jacob Sheffield
Lila Dundas			5 6	13 w/d	15 w/d	15 10
Christopher Chong	1	15 15		15 15	15 w/o	15 6
Hayden Mitchell	3	5 15	11 w/d		15 12	12 8
William Salt		10 w/o	10 4	12 15		5 4
Jacob Sheffield	2	10 15	14 15	15 15	15 15	

I'm not sure what was going on in the last bubble but two players did not manage to complete their games though feeling ill or sustaining a minor injury. I hope they recover in time for the doubles bubble in a fortnight's time. They won't want to miss that. I can promise it will be different and that they will never have played in a doubles tournament like it. In fact, it will be another world first at Swifts.



Christopher Chong and Jacob Sheffield