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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

The ACDBL league season commenced on Sunday afternoon when our U14 boys' team played away to Bourne in Farnham and won 10-0. A jolly good start!

County representation

Sarah Devapragasam and Udita Sharma both played for the Surrey U17 2nd team in its win against Sussex in the Shires League on Saturday, missing the Swifts handicap tournament to do so.

National circuit results

Sarah Devapragasam had a busy weekend as on Sunday she played in the BE Sussex U15 Bronze tournament in Horsham and reached the semi-final of the girls' singles event.



Sarah Devapragasam

Swifts handicap doubles

We held the second session of competition in this year's club handicap tournament on Saturday (the doubles events), with 68 members taking part. One member let the side down by not turning up, having somehow forgotten about it, but another stepped up to fill the gap. The winners are listed below and the detailed results can be found later in the newsletter.

Event	Winners	Runners-up
U10 unisex	Verity Kwok & Miles Scott	Lalitha Jasti & Eshaan Sankaranarayanan
U13 girls	Bhavya Sharma & Lorelei Stephens	Katherine Reeve & Sally Grove
U13 boys	Reuben Gibson & Leon Mathew	Srivatsam Sriram & Arjan Malipeddi
U15 girls	Meera Ramamurthy & Ellie Rastle-Connolly	Lyla Thompson & Evie Stewart
U15 boys	Jack He & Sam Johnson	Ethan Murphy & Sonny Prasad
U18 girls	Amelia Wells	Tulika Sahay
U18 boys	Toby Gibson & Gaurav Panyam	Reilly To & Lewis Miller-Roberts

Thanks are due to all the members and parents who assisted in the hall with scoring and herding over both weekends of the tournament.

ACDBL match results

Location:	Farnham	Date:	5 Nov 2023	Opposition:	Bourne
Result:	Won 10 - 0			Away	U14 Boys
Swifts	Sam Johnson	Theo Nedham	Leon Mathew	George Manoj	
Opposition	Bailey Angus	Ben Tatam	Edgar Evers	Alfie Chapman	
Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Bailey Angus	Ben Tatam	18	21	Sam Johnson	Theo Nedham
Edgar Evers	Alfie Chapman	15	21	Leon Mathew	George Manoj
Bailey Angus	Edgar Evers	9	21	Sam Johnson	Leon Mathew
Ben Tatam	Alfie Chapman	14	21	Theo Nedham	George Manoj
Bailey Angus	Alfie Chapman	8	21	Sam Johnson	George Manoj
Ben Tatam	Edgar Evers	12	21	Theo Nedham	Leon Mathew
	Bailey Angus	10	21		Sam Johnson
	Ben Tatam	12	21		Theo Nedham
	Edgar Evers	10	21		Leon Mathew
	Alfie Chapman	4	21		George Manoj
		0	10		

Swifts handicap tournament results

U10 UNISEX DOUBLES					
Group A					
Player	Pos	Noah Gunasekera Krish Kotecha	Lalitha Jasti Eshaan Sankaranarayanan	Verity Kwok Miles Scott	Ishaar Bakhshi & various partners
Noah Gunasekera Krish Kotecha			12 9	2 4	15 15
Lalitha Jasti Eshaan Sankaranarayanan	2	15 15		15 14	15 15
Verity Kwok Miles Scott	1	15 15	14 15		15 15
Ishaar Bakhshi & various partners		12 11	10 7	8 10	

This section caused the organisers not a little extra work, and a lot of reference to the rulebook. For the first time in living memory the fourth level of tie breaking had to be resorted to, with the leading pair tied on games won, the result between them, and points scored. Verity and Miles conceded fewer points than Lalitha and Eshaan, and so were declared the winners.



**Verity Kwok, Miles Scott,
Eshaan Sankaranarayanan and Lalitha jasti**

Swifts handicap tournament results

U13 girls								
Group A								
Player	Pos	Layla Samuel Bona Masso	Bhavya Sharma Lorelei Stephens	Sanjana Satish Hayley He	Katherine Reeve Sally Grove	Cecilia Huang Lauren Reynolds	Amelia Smith Grace Manoj	Darcie Stephens Preshtti Shah
Layla Samuel Bona Masso			13	12	13	12	15	15
Bhavya Sharma Lorelei Stephens	1	15		15	15	15	15	11
Sanjana Satish Hayley He	3	15	14		10	11	15	15
Katherine Reeve Sally Grove	2	15	11	15		15	15	15
Cecilia Huang Lauren Reynolds		15	9	15	13		14	11
Amelia Smith Grace Manoj		12	13	13	13	15		13
Darcie Stephens Preshtti Shah	4	11	15	11	10	15	15	

With seven pairs, this was the joint largest section so each pair played plenty of matches. You can see from the scores that almost none of them were anything but close and every pair both won and lost at least one game. The top two pairs had to be separated on the basis of the game between them which meant the fourth placed pair was the only one to beat the winners.



Sally Grove, Katherine Reeve, Lorelei Stephens and Bhavya Sharma

Swifts handicap tournament results

U13 BOYS' DOUBLES

Group A						
Player	Pos	Philip Gunasekera Samuel Gunasekera	Srivatsam Sriram Arjan Malipeddi	Lukas Steel Lucas Crook	Vidit Vishwakarma Havish Nalagesigari	Reuben Gibson Leon Mathew
Philip Gunasekera Samuel Gunasekera			15 12	5 11	12 14	15 13
Srivatsam Sriram Arjan Malipeddi	2	9 15		15 15	13 15	7 9
Lukas Steel Lucas Crook		15 15	10 9		15 13	14 12
Vidit Vishwakarma Havish Nalagesigari	3	15 15	11 15	11 15		11 11
Reuben Gibson Leon Mathew	1	14 15	15 15	15 15	15 15	

Reuben and Leon were clear winners here but there was a great scrap for the silver medal with Srivatsam and Arjan getting the nod on the basis of the games between the tied pairs. Every pair won at least two games, with the last-place pair beating the clear winners, so the play was pretty close.



Leon Mathew, Reuben Gibson, Srivatsam Sriram and Arjan Malipeddi

Swifts handicap tournament results

U15 GIRLS' DOUBLES

Group A						
Player	Pos	Lyla Thompson Evie Stewart	Kallie Chung Shawna Huang	Sanjana Mage- shwaran Cassidy Mata	Meera Rama- murthy Ellie Rastle- Connolly	Veda Pabbisetty Jessica Pearson
Lyla Thompson Evie Stewart	2		21 21	21 21	21 8	18 21
Kallie Chung Shawna Huang		6 20		21 21	12 20	21 10
Sanjana Mageshwaran Cassidy Mata		18 19	19 20		10 17	15 20
Meera Ramamurthy Ellie Rastle-Connolly	1	18 21	21 21	21 21		21 20
Veda Pabbisetty Jessica Pearson	3	21 18	10 21	21 21	13 21	

This group wins the prize for the most ornately decorated score sheet (though the U13 girls were not far behind), as well as the hardest to decipher. A quarter of the games went to 20-20 so it was a very intense competition despite all the doodling.



Ellie Rastle-Connolly, Meera Ramamurthy, Evie Stewart and Lyla Thompson

Swifts handicap tournament results

U15 boys								
Group A								
Player	Pos	Jack He Sam Johnson	Ansh Parate Justin Jung	Theo Nedham Leo Robson-Sankey	Ethan Murphy Sonny Prasad	Toby Gibson Nikhil Saikia	Guy Claydon Philip O'Hara	Leo Mingoia Ethan Woods
Jack He Sam Johnson	1		15	11	15	15	15	15
Ansh Parate Justin Jung		10		14	11	12	11	12
Theo Nedham Leo Robson-Sankey	3	15	15		15	15	12	8
Ethan Murphy Sonny Prasad	2	7	15	14		15	15	15
Toby Gibson Nikhil Saikia		10	15	12	13		4	8
Guy Claydon Philip O'Hara	4	9	15	15	8	15		15
Leo Mingoia Ethan Woods		12	15	15	12	15	13	

Another large entry and this time there was a three-way tie for the silver medal which kept the organisers tapping into their calculators for quite some time.



Sam Johnson, Jack He, Ethan Murphy and Sonny Prasad

Swifts handicap tournament results

Group A

		Game Scores										Points		
Player	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Wins	Total For	Total Against
Jasmine Byrne		21	13	7	18	21	14	18	19	21	21	4		
Isobel Noviss		19	21	21	21	18	20	19	21	14	16	4		
Amelia Wells	1	21	15	21	21	21	21	21	15	21	21	8		
Tulika Sahay	2	13	21	21	21	16	21	21	15	21	16	6		
Atika Sahay		19	15	7	16	16	21	18	21	21	17	3		
Abigail Barnfield	3	21	21	16	21	14	20	21	17	14	21	5		



Amelia Wells and Tulika Sahay

You will see by the grid above that this was a unique section in this tournament. With exactly six entrants we judged it better to use the bubble format that we devised for the bubble tournament we held during the pandemic (remember that?) than to simply have three pairs playing one another. This way every competitor plays with every other competitor as a partner twice and against every combination of the other players. At the end of the event one person emerges as winner which is, admittedly, unusual for a doubles tournament but we are nothing if not creative at Swifts. Every game, of course, has to be individually handicapped.

The play was close; every player won at least three of her games and the winner lost twice.

Swifts handicap tournament results

U18 BOYS' DOUBLES

Group A					
Player	Pos	Toby Gibson Gaurav Panyam	Jack Blackman Aaron Underwood	Reilly To Lewis Miller-Roberts	Nathan Gibson Thomas Mott
Toby Gibson Gaurav Panyam	1		21 21	21 21	20 21
Jack Blackman Aaron Underwood		19 12		16 13	21 15
Reilly To Lewis Miller-Roberts	2	17 14	21 21		21 21
Nathan Gibson Thomas Mott		21 18	16 21	11 11	



**Reilly To, Lewis Miller-Roberts,
Gaurav Panyam and Toby Gibson**

He who shall not be named here managed to forget that the tournament was taking place (but he knows who he is) and Toby stepped forward from the U15 section and was asked to play in two simultaneous tournaments. Fortunately, Toby rarely needs a rest and Christine was able to meld the matches of the two groups in a way that ensured a timely finish. And, guess what? Toby was a winner (along with Gaurav, of course)!

Don't you be the one who forgets to turn up. Next time I might decide to name the embarrassed culprit!