



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Runners-up success for Cippenham

A successful final weekend of the Senior British League saw Cippenham leapfrog over rivals Waterside to finish the season as runners-up in National Division B-4. Cippenham went into the weekend in third place, level on points with Waterside but knowing that victory in the match between the two would most likely secure second position in the table. However, both sides had to play champions elect Ellenborough the day before the anticipated showdown.

Waterside were first to play Ellenborough on Saturday morning and lost 7-2. Meanwhile, Cippenham were engaged in a tough match with Foresters II and were made to work hard for a 5-4 win. This was enough to promote them into second place, at least for the time being. Cippenham have been strong at the top of the team all season and Martin Adams and Rob Hansell duly delivered again, each winning both their singles matches and combining for a win in the doubles. At the bottom of the team, Steve Munson and Ricky Hardcastle both failed to register a win although both their first matches went the distance of five games.

Come Saturday afternoon and it was Cippenham's turn to face Ellenborough and what a fight they put up against the eventual champions. Rob got Cippenham off to the perfect start inflicting the season's first defeat on Mitchell Jones, ranked 40 in England, 45 places above Rob. It was by the tightest of margins, 11-9 in the fifth game. Martin and Ricky then lost 3-0 to Andy Trott and Sam Cowan respectively but Steve equalised the score by beating Lukasz Lewandowski. Martin and Rob then won their customary doubles and Martin put Cippenham further ahead winning 15-13 in the decider, inflicting a second defeat on Jones. Cippenham were 4-2 up and needed just one more to clinch a fantastic victory. However, it was not to be as Rob suffered his first loss of the season when beaten by Cowan and Steve and Ricky were unable to prevent Trott and Lewandowski winning to give the Enfield-based team a narrow 5-4 victory. Meanwhile, Waterside were



beating Horsham Spinners 5-4 to go ahead of Cippenham in the table once again.

Sunday morning and it was time for the showdown between Cippenham and Waterside with the likelihood that the winners would take the runners-up medals. Robert Hansell suffered his second defeat against Nathan Bingham right at the start of the match and that put Cippenham up against it. It was a situation that brought out the finest fighting spirit and time after time Cippenham won the close encounters and ran out 8-1 victors with five of those eight sets being won by narrow margins in the fifth game. Martin Gray took the place of Ricky Hardcastle in the team for Sunday's matches and was immediately named player of the match for his wins against Brian Hayes and Artur Caltabiano. Martin Adams beat Caltabiano and Bingham while Steve Munson rode his luck to defeat Mark Butler and Hayes. Rob's win over Butler was the only match to finish 3-0.

Cippenham just had to win their final match of the season and mission was accomplished with another 8-1 win over Brighton II. The only set that got away was when Steve lost to Brandon Bennett, otherwise Martin A, Rob and Martin G all completed their braces. In the doubles, Martin A and Rob maintained their unbeaten record for the season, 10 wins from 10.

The Cippenham team on the Sunday with their runners-up medals: (l-r) Rob Hansell; Steve Munson; Martin Adams; Martin Gray

Senior British League

League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
National Division B-4							
Ellenborough	14	14	0	0	101	25	28
Cippenham	14	11	0	3	79	47	22
Waterside I	14	10	0	4	80	46	20
Foresters II	14	8	0	6	72	54	16
Horsham Spinners I	14	5	0	9	57	69	10
Brighton TTC II	14	4	0	10	53	73	8
Generation 2 I	14	4	0	10	51	75	8
Kingfisher III	14	0	0	14	11	115	0

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Robert Hansell	10	20	18	90
Martin Adams	14	28	24	86
Martin Gray	4	8	6	75
Steve Munson	10	20	11	55
Silviu Gardui	4	8	4	50
Ricky Hardcastle	8	16	3	19
Paul Baker	5	10	0	0

Results:

5-4 Foresters II
4-5 Ellenborough
8-1 Waterside I
8-1 Brighton TTC II

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Hari takes the vets' title at the Five by Two



Hari Gehlot



Sammy Kaye



Sanjiv Malhotra & Graham Trimming

The Club held its annual Cippenham Five by Two Senior and Veterans' 1-Star Open on the last Saturday in March. The day included two separate events: veterans in the morning and open age group in the afternoon. Surprisingly, the veterans' event was stronger in standard than the later competition and this was the event that provided most of the joy for Cippenham players. In fact, three of the four semi-finalists were current or former Cippenham players.

The Veterans' Singles commenced with the thirty-two competitors arranged into six groups with the top three in each group progressing to the championship knock-out event and the remainder taking their place in the consolation event. The top three seeds all made it through in first place in their groups with the top two, Hari Gehlot and Phil Smith, winning all their matches. Third seed Mark Banks, however, lost his opening match to Sanjiv Malhotra but Malhotra lost to both Paul Martindill and Alan Papier and so Mark won the group anyway. Fourth seed Kevin Nicholls emerged second in his group, having been defeated by former champion Steve Davis. The other group winners were Dutchman Olawale Bada and Steve Buck.

Two current members of the Cippenham first team in the Veterans' British League, Hari Gehlot and Mark Banks, then carved their way through the draw and met each other in the semi-final. In the round of 16, Hari beat Paul Martindill while Mark had a comfortable win over David Page. Both faced greater tests in their quarter-final matches with Hari beating Bada 3-1 while Mark had a narrow five-game win over master topspin defender from Devon, Kevin Nicholls. Hari was the winner of the all-Cippenham semi-final encounter 3-1.

In the bottom half of the draw second

seed Phil Smith made it through to the semi beating tournament organiser Paul Baker and then Alex Aston. In the other quarter, group winner Steve Davis was well beaten by Dean Rose, one of the players of the tournament, but he then lost out to Steve Buck in the quarters. Buck came from behind to beat Smith over five games in their semi-final.

The final was then between current Cippenham player Hari Gehlot and former Cippenham player Steve Buck. Buck had performed remarkably well, having had a plaster cast on his playing hand, following a wrist fracture, removed just two days earlier. However, Hari, the higher ranked player, proved to be just too consistent and ran out a winner in four games.

Another Cippenham member, Graham Trimming, reached the final of the consolation event but was beaten over four games by Sanjiv Malhotra.

The senior event in the afternoon was numerically larger with forty-one contestants but, with the top three veterans' event seeds not playing, was weaker in standard. Indeed, the second seed was Steve Davis, who played in the morning event unseeded. Davis, though, lost to Vadym Krevs in his preliminary round group. Group winners were top seed David Ramsey, Krevs, David Page, Kevin Nicholls, Sammy Kaye, Olawale Bada, Damien Gray and Alex Aston.

Second seed Steve Davis, having been displaced in his opening group, then found himself pitched against top seed David Ramsey in the round of sixteen. It was Ramsey who prevailed and this set him up for a quarter-final match with Sammy Kaye which Kaye won 3-1. Kevin Nicholls, having beaten brothers Ollie and Damien Gray, was Kaye's opponent in the semi-final but the



Steve Buck



Olawale Bada

Cippenham 5x2 Senior & Veterans' 1-Star Open Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
SS	Sammy Kaye (Mi)	Olawale Bada (NED)
VS	Hari Gehlot (Bk)	Steve Buck (Bu)
SCons	Patrick Garlick (Ha)	Minesh Pitamber (Bd)
VCons	Sanjiv Malhotra €	Graham Trimming (Bu)

younger man won 3-0.

In the bottom half, Dean Rose was tearing up the draw, beating Alex Aston and Vadym Krevs to set up a semi-final meeting with Olawale Bada, victor over Thamal Udamulla and David Page. That signalled the end of the road, however, for Rose and Bada took his place in the final but, despite taking the first game, ultimately could not quite match the power and consistency of Sammy Kaye who took the winner's trophy 3-1.

The consolation event was won by Patrick Garlick.

The tournament was organised by Paul Baker and refereed by Sue Hayes.

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Cadet and junior leagues conclude

The final sessions of the National Junior League and National Cadet League were played in March. The regular teams turned out in the NJL and finished in fourth, fourth and sixth places in their divisions.

However, the teams in the NCL were hampered by the unavailability of four players and this resulted in players being promoted up through the team with a consequent drop in performance levels.

National Junior League

League Tables Round 3:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Warren Spring A	5	5	0	0	23	7	23
Kidlington A	5	3	1	1	18	12	18
Ashford A	5	3	0	2	17	13	17
Cippenham A	5	1	1	3	11	19	11
Ashford B	5	1	1	3	11	19	11
Reading A	5	0	1	4	10	20	10
Division 2							
Chiltern A	5	3	2	0	20	10	20
Hillingdon A	5	3	2	0	19	11	19
Warren Spring A	5	2	3	0	17	13	17
Cippenham B	5	1	2	2	14	16	14
Kidlington B	5	1	1	3	13	17	13
Reading B	5	0	0	5	7	23	7
Division 4							
Kidlington D	5	4	1	0	23	7	23
Warren Spring D	5	3	2	0	20	10	20
Chiltern D	5	2	2	1	17	13	17
Chiltern E	5	0	3	2	12	18	12
Reading C	5	0	2	3	11	19	11
Cippenham C	5	0	2	3	7	23	7

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham A				
Jaiden Caldeira	15	35	15	43
Douglas Claridge-Hansen	15	35	12	34
Kush Tanna	15	35	4	14
Cippenham B				
William Saint	15	35	21	60
Anna Piercey	14	32	15	47
Rachael Iles	14	32	10	31
Siyuan Li	2	6	1	17
Cippenham C				
Kwame Sousseing	11	25	11	44
Jeevan Bancel	11	25	10	40
Isam Sousseing	13	31	11	35
Mateusz Skowera	10	24	7	29

National Cadet League

League Tables Round 3:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Crusaders A	5	4	1	0	25	5	25
Crusaders B	5	4	1	0	24	6	24
Warren Spring A	5	3	0	2	20	10	20
Oxford A	5	1	1	3	10	20	10
Cippenham A	5	1	1	3	10	20	10
Guildford A	5	0	0	5	1	29	1
Division 2							
Chiltern A	5	4	1	0	22	8	22
Crusaders C	5	2	3	0	18	12	18
Warren Spring B	5	2	2	1	16	14	16
Oxford B	5	1	3	1	16	14	16
Dacorum	5	0	2	3	11	19	11
Cippenham B	5	0	1	4	7	23	7
Division 3							
Chiltern B	5	4	1	0	21	9	21
Chiltern C	5	3	0	2	16	14	16
Reading	5	2	2	1	15	15	15
Warren Spring C	5	2	1	2	14	15	14
Hillingdon A	5	1	2	2	13	16	13
Cippenham C	5	0	1	4	10	20	10
Division 4							
Bourne End	5	5	0	0	24	6	24
Chiltern D	5	2	1	2	16	14	16
Warren Spring D	5	3	1	1	16	14	16
Guildford B	5	2	1	2	15	15	15
Chiltern E	5	1	1	3	14	16	14
Cippenham D	5	0	0	5	5	25	5

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham A				
Jaiden Caldeira	12	36	10	38
William Saint	15	35	12	34
Rudii Richards	3	9	3	33
James Russell	15	35	4	11
Cippenham B				
Rachael Iles	10	25	17	68
Anna Piercey	15	35	22	63
Tom Brown	10	25	11	44
Ankush Srivinas	5	10	1	10
Isam Sousseing	5	10	1	10
Cippenham C				
Isam Sousseing	10	25	15	60
George Driscoll	10	25	12	48
Mateusz Skowera	15	33	10	30
Kwame Sousseing	5	10	3	30
Nathan Richard	5	8	2	25
Cippenham D				
Kwame Sousseing	10	25	18	72
Firas Fakhera	15	35	24	69
Feras Jame	15	35	4	11
Jude Alexander	5	10	3	30

Double celebration in Maidenhead



Congratulations to the Cippenham Saxons team of Ashley Shaw, Ricky Hardcastle, Oli Shaw, Albert Cheung and Graham Trimming who have won the Maidenhead League championship for the second year running. The season concluded with an 8-2 victory over Castle Hill Pumas. However the league title was secured the previous week against nearest challengers Bovingdon Green Kestrels. For good measure, the Cippenham Trojans team of Harry Coles, Chris Clifford, Keith Hall and Sue Hayes have won Division 2, making it a double celebration for Cippenham with success in both the top two divisions.

Full statistical analysis will appear next issue once the entire league programme has been completed.

John Lloyd 1927-2019



Today we have learned the sad news that John Lloyd has passed away at the age of 91. John played 116 times for Cippenham between 2001 and 2010 and, despite being in the twilight of his playing career, was still able to complete with many players. John also served as a member of the Club's Management Committee for a short period.

First aid training

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Friday 10 May

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Club Championships

Thurs 9 May: Veterans' Singles;

Tweenies' Singles

Thurs 16 May: Open Doubles

Thurs 23 May: Open Singles

No prior booking; just register on the evening by 7:45 pm

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Weekday Timetable

Mon	19:15	Advanced Coaching Group
Tues	19:15	Local league matches (out of season)
	19:30	Practice tables
Weds	19:30	Elite Coaching Group
Thurs	17:15	Beginners' coaching
	19:15	Local league matches (out of season)
	19:30	Practice tables

Fees Season 2018-19

	Full	Conc'n
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£18.00	£9.00
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£30.00	n/a
Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.80	£0.90
Family Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£3.00	n/a
Maidenhead League Registration	£18.00	£9.00
National Junior League registration	n/a	£12.00
National Cadet League registration	n/a	£12.00
Practice Fees	*£4.00	*£2.00
Local League Match Fees	£4.00	£2.00
Coaching Fees (Thursday) (per session)	**£6.00	**£3.00
Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term)		£35.00
* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members		
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members		



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Liam Pitchford - England's No. 1.

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Weekend Diary

May 18/19 Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open
Jun 29/30 Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Annual General Meeting

Will take place on
Tuesday 4 June, 8:00 pm

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