



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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**Happy Christmas to all members and visitors!**

## Hari outgunns team-mate in vets' final

**A**nother full house of 48 players contested the ninth Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' Open tournament. Perennial winner for the last three years, the top seeded Martin Gunn, however, had to settle for the runner-up award when beaten by his Cookham Social team-mate from the High Wycombe League, Hari Gehlot. However, this also counts as a home win for Cippenham as Hari represents Cippenham in the Veterans' British League.

The final was a see-saw affair with Hari taking the first game only for Martin Gunn to fire back with the next two. Both Hari and Martin are exciting attacking players but very different in style. The left-handed Hari uses a big looping fast forehand whereas Martin, one of a rare breed of players who favours the old-style hard rubber bat, uses his superb technique to control the ball and unleash hard, fast, bullet-like shots.

Of the two finalists, Gunn made lightest work of his progress to the final. Both won all five of their group matches, Gunn dropping just a solitary leg to Vadym Krevs, while Hari was made to fight all the way through five games with Thamal Udamulla. Hari also needed five games to defeat the long-range topspin defence of Kevin Nicholls in the semi-final and was extended to four games by Paul Martindill before a 3-0 quarter-final win over David Page.

Samson Bekele, who also plays for Cippenham in the Veterans' British League, had a good event, having finished second in his group, he then eliminated fifth seed Steve Davis to reach the quarter-final. There he took a game off Martin Gunn who went on to beat third seed Phil Smith in the semi-final, also 3-1.

It was refreshing that the field included six female players and all acquitted themselves well. Cippenham's Denise Weller had good wins over Jonathon Chernett and Roger Harris in the prelimi-



nary round group and then won two more games in the consolation knockout before losing narrowly to John Hope. Diane McLellan went one better, reaching the semi-final of the consolation and this included wins over Wim Faassen and reigning European over-80 champion Ramesh Bhalla. Celia Hooker beat Steve Leven in the group stage and then also progressed to the quarters of the consolation while Lynne Trussell was the one woman to make it through to the main event after a great win over Gerry Hawkins.

Vadym Krevs was the eventual winner of the consolation defeating the impressive Minesh Pitamber in the final.



The tournament was organised by Graham Trimming and refereed by Wendy Porter.



### Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 1-Star Open Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
Open	Hari Gehlot (Bk)	Martin Gunn (Av)
Cons	Vadym Krevs (He)	Minesh Pitamber (Bd)

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## First rounds completed in National leagues

Our seven teams in the National Junior and Cadet leagues have completed the first two days of play and league tables have been released for the conclusion of Round 1 (representing five of the six matches played so far).

The two "A" teams have both secured their futures in Division 1, at least for the time being, having both finished in fifth place. The "B" teams are both in Division 2, with the NCL team having finished as runners-up in the first stage.

The NCL "C" team finished bottom of Division 3 and will therefore join the "D" team in Division 4 for the second round while the "C" team in the NJL are already in the basement division.

Our most successful player has been newcomer Firas Fakhra who has won 80% of his matches for the "D" team in NCL while Anna Piercey and Rachael Iles have both performed very well in Division 2.

The only players with more than 50% in the NJL are William Saint and Isam Sousseing while Isam's brother, Kwame, has 60% for Cippenham D in Division 4 of the NCL.

## Saxons lead

Cippenham Saxons lead the way at what is approximately the half-way stage in the Maidenhead League season. Currently, Saxons are 16 points ahead of Bovingdon who have a match in hand—however, the two sides have played each other only once so far.

Trojans are also going well in Division 2 and could head the table depending on the result of their match in hand.

Stand out performances so far have come from the Saxons trio of Ashley and Oli Shaw and Ricky Hardcastle, plus Razvan Bucur and Chris Clifford.

### National Junior League

#### League Tables Round 1:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division 1</b>							
Warren Spring A	5	5	0	0	33	12	33
Ashford A	5	4	0	1	27	18	27
Kidlington A	5	2	0	3	27	18	27
Reading A	5	3	0	2	26	19	26
Cippenham A	5	1	0	4	12	33	12
Chiltern A	5	0	0	5	10	35	10
<b>Division 2</b>							
Kidlington B	5	5	0	0	32	13	32
Warren Spring B	5	3	0	2	28	17	28
Ashford B	5	2	0	3	22	23	22
Cippenham B	5	2	0	3	20	25	20
Hillingdon A	5	2	0	3	19	26	19
Reading B	5	1	0	4	14	31	14
<b>Division 4</b>							
Ashford C	5	5	0	0	35	10	35
Chiltern D	5	3	0	2	29	16	29
Reading C	5	2	0	3	23	22	23
Warren Spring D	5	2	0	3	21	24	21
Cippenham C	5	2	0	3	18	27	18
Chiltern E	5	1	0	4	9	36	9

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Cippenham A</b>				
Douglas Claridge-Hansen	5	15	6	40
Jaiden Caldeira	5	15	5	33
Kush Tanna	5	15	1	7
<b>Cippenham B</b>				
William Saint	5	15	9	60
Anna Piercey	4	12	6	50
Rachael Iles	4	12	4	33
Siyuan Li	2	6	1	17
<b>Cippenham C</b>				
Isam Sousseing	5	15	8	53
Mateusz Skowera	4	12	5	42
Jeeven Bancil	3	9	3	33
Kwame Sousseing	3	9	2	22

### National Cadet League

#### League Tables Round 1:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division 1</b>							
Warren Spring A	5	5	0	0	38	7	38
Crusaders A	5	4	0	1	36	9	36
Crusaders B	5	3	0	2	30	15	30
Oxford A	5	2	0	3	15	30	15
Cippenham A	5	1	0	4	10	35	10
Guildford A	5	0	0	5	6	39	6
<b>Division 2</b>							
Chiltern A	5	5	0	0	38	7	38
Cippenham B	5	4	0	1	28	17	28
Crusaders C	5	2	0	3	27	18	27
Warren Spring B	5	2	0	3	22	23	22
Reading	5	2	0	3	14	31	14
Guildford B	5	0	0	5	6	39	6
<b>Division 3</b>							
Oxford B	5	5	0	0	28	17	28
Chiltern B	5	4	0	1	28	17	28
Dacorum	5	2	0	3	26	19	26
Warren Spring C	5	2	0	3	21	24	21
Hillingdon	5	2	0	3	21	24	21
Cippenham C	5	0	0	5	11	34	11
<b>Division 4</b>							
Chiltern C	5	4	0	1	30	15	30
Chiltern E	5	4	0	1	26	19	26
Cippenham D	5	3	0	2	23	22	23
Chiltern D	5	3	0	2	23	22	23
Warren Spring D	5	1	0	4	17	28	17
Bourne End	5	0	0	5	16	29	16

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Cippenham A</b>				
Jaiden Caldeira	2	6	4	67
Rudii Richards	3	9	3	33
William Saint	5	15	3	20
James Russell	5	15	0	0
<b>Cippenham B</b>				
Anna Piercey	5	15	11	73
Rachael Iles	5	15	10	67
Tom Brown	5	15	7	47
<b>Cippenham C</b>				
Isam Sousseing	5	15	5	33
George Driscoll	5	15	3	20
Mateusz Skowera	5	15	3	20
<b>Cippenham D</b>				
Firas Fakhra	5	15	12	80
Kwame Sousseing	5	15	9	60
Feras Jame	5	15	2	13

### Maidenhead League

#### League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division 1</b>							
Cippenham Saxons	9	9	0	0	69	21	69
Bovingdon Gn Kestrels	8	5	1	2	53	27	53
Castle Hill Pumas	9	5	1	3	52	38	52
Cippenham Cossacks	8	4	0	4	37	43	37
NWCA Bluejays	8	2	1	5	35	45	35
Old Gords Vultures	8	2	1	5	31	49	31
Boyne Hill CC	8	0	0	8	13	67	13
<b>Division 2</b>							
Old Gords Harriers	8	6	2	0	50	30	50
Cippenham Trojans	7	5	1	1	47	23	47
NWCA Raiders	8	3	0	5	40	40	40
Bovingdon Gn Hawks	7	5	0	2	36	34	36
Cippenham Titans	9	2	1	6	36	54	36
OLOP Bears	6	3	0	3	28	32	28
Cippenham Spartans	7	0	0	7	23	47	23

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Saxons</b>				
Ashley Shaw	5	14	12	86
Oli Shaw	4	12	10	83
Ricky Hardcastle	6	17	14	82
Albert Cheung	6	17	12	71
Graham Trimming	6	16	12	67
<b>Cossacks</b>				
Razvan Bucur	6	18	15	83
Igor Liiko	7	21	11	52
Volodimir Mihajlina	6	18	8	44
Keith Hall	1	3	0	0
<b>Trojans</b>				
Chris Clifford	6	18	16	89
Harry Coles	6	18	13	72
Sue Hayes	1	3	2	67
Keith Hall	6	18	11	61
Ike Greenberg	2	6	1	17
<b>Titans</b>				
Akeel Mir	8	23	11	48
Walter Aldridge	9	26	12	46
Lucie Bouron	5	14	6	43
Tony Jackson	1	3	1	33
Jan Chapman	2	6	0	0
Clive Chapman	2	6	0	0
<b>Spartans</b>				
Dave Tant	5	15	10	67
Armando Borges	4	12	6	50
Zsolt Varga	5	15	6	40
Elena Tant	6	12	0	0



## Welcome return to JBL for boys' team

The Cippenham boys' team made a welcome return to the Junior British League after an absence of six years, numerically replacing the girls' team that had represented the club more recently.

Cippenham were dealt a blow in the week before the event with an injury to William Fricker but Londoner Mihnea Dascalu was signed up as a replacement. Mihnea, benefiting from playing in the number three position, turned out to be Cippenham's most successful player, winning eight of his ten singles matches. Cippenham's number one, Shae Thakker, contributed six wins and Pranav Gudipati one in a team effort that saw Cippenham tied on five points with three of the other five teams in a congested Division 4B.

The event was played in the imposing Derby Arena and Cippenham were quickly into their stride with a 4-2 win over Fusion 3. Shae and Mihnea secured two wins apiece while Pranav can consider himself unlucky not to add to the scoreline after being 2-1 to the good against Daniel Nzekwe.

That was as good as it got on Saturday as Cippenham were defeated 4-2 by Halton 2 and 5-1 by Mid Ulster. Mihnea and Shae actually put their team 2-0 up but Widnes-based Halton then took charge with only Mihnea stretching his opponent to a deciding game. Mihnea was also Cippenham's only winner against the Irish team, beating Daniel Urwin easily while Shae and Pranav both suffered losses in the fifth game of their encounters with Joe Shear and Urwin respectively.

After a good night's rest results improved on Sunday. Bottom team Colebridge B were dispatched 5-1 although Mihnea and Pranav only narrowly beat Jake Crawshaw and Henry Belcher over five games. Shae was more in control and defeated his opponents a little easier.

The weekend concluded with a 3-3 draw with BATTS B. Mihnea got Cippenham off to the perfect start, beating Fin Cameron-Prior 14-12 in the deciding game and then Shae consolidated his team's position winning 3-0 against Ray Jiang Yan. However, the Harlow club fought back when Charlie Read beat Pranav and Cameron-Prior beat Shae,

# Junior British League

## League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boys' Division 4B							
Halton 2	5	4	0	1	22	8	8
BATTS B	5	2	1	2	16	14	5
Cippenham	5	2	1	2	15	15	5
Fusion 3	5	2	1	2	15	15	5
Mid Ulster	5	2	1	2	14	16	5
Colebridge B	5	1	0	4	8	22	2

## Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Mihnea Dascalu	5	10	8	80
Shae Thakker	5	10	6	60
Pranav Gudipati	5	10	1	10

## Results:

4-2 Fusion 3

2-4 Halton 2

1-5 Mid Ulster

5-1 Colebridge B

3-3 BATTS B

both over four games. Mihnea restored Cippenham's lead against Read and it was left to Pranav to try to win the match for Cippenham against Yan. Pranav player won the first and third games but eventually it was Yan that prevailed 11-9 in the fifth.

## What's on at Cippenham around Christmas

Start Christmas off with a bang!

**Festive Grand Prix**

**Thursday 20 December**

No need to book, no special fees, just turn up and register by 7:45 pm

**Free mulled wine and mince pies!**

**Cippenham Team 2-Star Open**

**Sunday 6 January 2019**

Teams of 2 players. Preliminary round groups of 3 followed by progressive knock-out to rank all teams from 1 to 24

**Entries close 23 December**

**Christmas Closure**

Members are asked to note that the Club will close for Christmas after the Festive Grand Prix on Thursday 20 December and re-open on Thursday 3 January.

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## Weekday Timetable

<b>Mon</b>	19:15	Advanced Coaching Group
<b>Tues</b>	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables
<b>Weds</b>	19:30	Elite Coaching Group
<b>Thurs</b>	17:15	Beginners' coaching
	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables

## Fees Season 2018-19

	<b>Full</b>	<b>Conc'n</b>
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		
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## Weekend Diary

Dec 15/16	County Championships Over-60 Div 1B
Jan 6	Cippenham Team 2-Star Open
Jan 12	Independent Schools Association tourn.
Jan 13	National Cadet League
Jan 20	Berkshire Inter-Town
Jan 26	National Junior League (3)
Feb 10	Reading Senior Closed Championships
Feb 16	Senior British League Nat Divs A-2 & B-4
Feb 17	Reading Junior Closed Championships
Feb 23/24	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Mar 2/3	County Championships Over-60 Div 1B
Mar 9	National Junior League (4)
Mar 16/17	Senior British League Nat Divs A-2 & B4
Mar 24	National cadet League (4)

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