



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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A maximum twelve points on Saturday; runners-up for third team; safety for first team

Super Saturday brings reward on Sunday

The Cippenham table tennis teams were in great form during the final session of fixtures in the British League. Early season woes were forgotten as a Super Saturday brought rewards on Sunday. There was great team effort and inspired personal performances as Cippenham's three teams plundered a maximum twelve points from their matches on the first day of the final weekend. Another six points on Sunday confirmed the safety of all the teams in their respective divisions and a runners-up spot for the third team.

For the third team, playing at Southall Sports Centre, it was true rags to riches story. At Christmas, after eight of the fourteen matches had been played, Cippenham were bottom of Division 3 South, albeit level on points in a very tight division. Two victories on the single day's play in January saw them leapfrog three teams and take fifth place. Incredibly, this run was extended to six wins on the trot with four great victories at the weekend. Even more creditable, these wins were earned without the services of top player Eddie Mitchell who was required by Buckinghamshire to play in the clashing County Championships Cadet Premier Division.

Steve Buck was drafted into the side on Saturday and his four wins from the number one position set up a 7-1 win over hosts DHS Greenhouse Progress IV and 6-2 over Horsham who were a



Cippenham A won three times to move out of the relegation zone

player short. Chris Hansell also maintained his good form with an unbeaten display while Tony Stead won his two matches against Progress and Paul Baker added the other. With Phil Prady replacing Steve for the Sunday matches it seemed that Cippenham might struggle but Phil, who had not won in four earlier matches, rose to the occasion and won all his three games. Tony also remained unbeaten during the day and Chris tasted defeat only once as Cippenham secured 6-2 victories over SEH-Britannia Ipswich and Crusaders.

The Cippenham first team went into the final weekend bottom of Division 1 South, having already lost to the team they needed to overtake to avoid relegation. It needed a heroic performance and that is what it got, not least from Rob Lemon. Rob had struggled with his form all season and went into the weekend with only three wins from twenty starts. By the time Sunday evening arrived he had added to that an incredible seven wins from eight. But it

was a team performance of the highest order with Lee Dredge winning five times, Mark Butler four and the captain Martin Adams three plus a walkover.

Three of the four matches were won as Cippenham trebled their points tally for the season to finish five points clear of relegated York Gardens but only in seventh placed despite their nine points. VRS Generation, who finished fourth, were first to suffer at Cippenham's hands. They lost 5-3. Next it was BATTs Team Peniel II on the receiving end 6-2, a result that temporarily lifted Cippenham into sixth place ahead of their Harlow-based opponents. However, BATTs won twice on Sunday while Cippenham won only once and the places were reversed once again. A disappointing 3-5 loss to third placed Woolwell was the only blemish on the weekend before fifth-placed DHS Greenhouse Progress II were despatched 6-2.

The second team also joined in the fun on Saturday with a fantastic 6-2 win

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Want to be paid for coaching?

Cippenham Table Tennis Club is pleased and excited to announce the creation of a part-time job coaching table tennis in schools in its catchment area. In conjunction with the English Table Tennis Association and the Slough and Wexham School Sport Partnership, the opportunity is to coach an average of ten hours per week (400 hours p.a.) in schools in the Slough area and at Cippenham Table Tennis Club and is for a fixed term of 18 months.

The successful candidate will be qualified to at least Level 2 (ETTA) and be paid £15 per hour. He/she will be employed by the English Table Tennis Association and report to Lisa Bosley, the South Region Development Officer, and a management support group that will include a representative of Cippenham Table Tennis Club and the Slough and Wexham School Sport Partnership.

The focus of the job will be to introduce school pupils to the sport and also to bring the more aspiring into main line table tennis by a special weekly session at the Club.

The closing date for applications is 9 March and a form will be posted on the ETTA website. Further details are available on the Club's webs site.

Super Saturday (contd.)

over then second-placed OLOP IMPACT and the same scoreline against seventh-placed Carrara Polska. The result over Reading rivals OLOP was especially impressive and included physically tiring and ultimately profitable duels for David Hayes and Martin Gray over ace defender David Barr. Barr's defensive returns are like heavily loaded missiles and he is just as entertaining to watch now as he was when he was in the England squad. Steve Munson, who has been in good form all season, won all four of his matches on Saturday but was unavailable the following day as was Danny Baxter who won one in each match. Temporarily, the Cippenham second team rose to fourth place in Division 1 South and Midlands having completed four straight wins after being bottom of the table at Christmas. However, the Sunday replacements for Danny and Steve, Mark Jackson and Steve Buck, were not so successful and Cippenham slipped to defeats in their final two matches, 0-8 against a flying Elgre Nottingham side who leapfrogged OLOP into second place as a consequence and 2-6 against Kingfisher, a result that saw Cippenham slip down to fifth place behind their Reading rivals.

Rafique's Grand Prix

Rafique Sarhadi won four weekly events on the bounce to claim 400 points and the Grand Prix 19 title. He eclipsed runner-up Graham Trimming who did not play in the final two events while Ricky Hardcastle gathered enough points in his three outings to claim third prize. Rafique has a career unbeaten record in the Grand Prix although Graham did hold match point against him in one of the finals.

Graham won the first event, Ashley Shaw the second before Rafique started his sequence.

Grand Prix 19	Pts
1. Rafique Sarhadi	400
2. Graham Trimming	290
3. Ricky Hardcastle	160
4. Anthony Gardner	130
5. Ashley Shaw	100
6. Gavin Williams	100
7. Shuneil Butcher	95
7. Terry Osborne	90
9. Gerald Finesilver	70
9. Ollie Shaw	70

Senior British League

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1 South							
Urban Progress I	14	13	1	0	91	21	27
Brighton I	14	8	2	4	66	46	18
Woolwell I	14	7	4	3	63	49	18
VRS Generation I	14	5	4	5	54	58	14
Greenhouse Progress II	14	5	2	7	49	63	12
BATTS Team Peniel II	14	4	2	8	46	66	10
Cippenham I	14	3	3	8	43	69	9
York Gardens I	14	1	2	11	36	76	4
Division 1 South & Midlands							
Sycamore	14	14	0	0	89	23	28
Elgre Nottingham I	14	8	2	4	66	46	18
OLOP IMPACT I	14	8	1	5	61	51	17
Kingfisher	14	5	3	6	56	56	13
Cippenham II	14	5	2	7	48	64	12
Fusion II	14	5	1	8	49	63	11
Carrara Polska I	14	3	3	8	44	68	9
Urban Progress II	14	1	2	11	35	77	4
Division 3 South							
Ashford II	14	10	1	3	73	39	21
Cippenham III	14	9	0	5	59	53	18
Fusion III	14	6	5	3	64	48	17
Horsham III	14	6	2	6	55	57	14
Greenhouse Progress IV	14	5	3	6	54	58	13
SEH-Britannia Ipswich	14	5	2	7	49	63	12
Crusaders	14	3	4	7	51	61	10
Hastings	14	2	3	9	43	69	7

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham I				
Martin Adams	14	27	12	44
Mark Butler	14	28	10	36
Rob Lemon	14	28	10	36
Lee Dredge	14	28	10	36
Cippenham II				
Steve Munson	9	18	12	67
Danny Baxter	9	18	11	61
David Hayes	4	8	4	50
Owen Clutterbuck	9	18	8	44
Martin Gray	14	27	11	41
Mark Jackson	8	16	2	13
Steve Buck	3	6	0	0
Cippenham III				
Steve Buck	2	4	4	100
Eddie Mitchell	8	16	13	81
Tony Stead	8	14	11	79
Chris Hansell	12	24	16	67
Gemma Chapman	2	3	1	33
Phil Prady	6	11	3	27
Paul Baker	12	23	5	22
Steve Smith	6	12	2	17

Results:

Cippenham I	Cippenham III
5-3 VRS Generation I	7-1 G'house Progress IV
6-2 BATTS Peniel II	6-2 Horsham III
3-5 Woolwell I	6-2 Britannia Ipswich
6-2 G'house Progress II	6-2 Crusaders
Cippenham II	
6-2 OLOP IMPACT I	
6-2 Carrara Polska I	
0-8 Elgre Nottingham I	
2-6 Kingfisher	

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Vets Third

Another good performance from the men's veterans' team at Doncaster saw Cippenham maintain their position in Division 2A by finishing in third place. This proved to be a tight division with only two points separating second and fifth positions, i.e. the promotion and relegation spots. Cippenham filled one of the middle positions but lost out on runners-up position only on sets aggregate.

Star of the show was Roger Hookey who won six of his eight matches. The many times Isle of Wight champion was well backed up by Paul Baker and Charlie Childs, who won three each, and Mike Rhodes who won two from the unenviable top position in the team.

Highlight of the weekend was undoubtedly the 5-1 thrashing of runners-up Holme Park Developments 2 and that result was secured after Cippenham "rested" their top player Mike Rhodes. Roger and Paul both weighed in with two wins while Charlie got the other. Roger again got a brace in the 4-2 win over Ashford. Perhaps it was a case of the better performances coming against the stiffer opposition as champions Bribar Fusion beat Cippenham only 4-2 only after Mike had lost a tight game against Simon Phillips 3-2. Cippenham raced into a 3-0 lead against fourth-placed Seasiders but the Blackpool-based team hit back with the last three.

League Table:						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Men's Division 2A						
Bribar Fusion	10	9	1	0	46	14 19
Holme Park Dev 2	10	4	3	3	32	28 11
Cippenham	10	5	1	4	29	31 11
Seasiders 1	10	4	2	4	29	31 10
Norwich	10	4	1	5	31	29 9
Ashford	10	0	0	10	13	47 0
Players' Averages:						
	M	P	W	Av		
Roger Hookey	9	18	10	56		
Paul Baker	7	14	7	50		
Charlie Childs	6	12	6	50		
Mike Rhodes	8	16	6	38		
Results:						
5-1	Holme Park Developments 2					
4-2	Ashford					
3-3	Seasiders 1					
2-4	Bribar Fusion					
0-6	Norwich					

Eddie Stars in JBL as Boys finish fourth ...

Eddie Mitchell won nine of his ten matches as the Cippenham boys' team enjoyed a prosperous time at Wolverhampton in the second and final weekend of the Junior British League. Six wins also from Ruihao Zhang and three from Andrew Linz helped Cippenham to seven points out of a possible ten and elevated the team into fourth position in Division 2A, losing out on third place only on sets difference. It was a hugely improved performance after an indifferent first weekend in October.

Eddie's only loss came in the match against Dumfries, the Scottish winners of the division. Eddie and Andrew both beat Perry Nash in this match but Cippenham suffered their only defeat of the weekend 2-4. Runners-up DHS Greenhouse Progress 3 were held to a 3-3 draw and there were fine wins by 4-2 over third-placed Burton Uxbridge 2 and fifth-placed Ael-y-Bryn, while bottom team Sheffield were trounced 5-1.

The inexperienced girls' team were less successful. The highlights were three wins for Stephanie Mitchell, sister of Eddie, but neither Emma Elliston nor Angela Oetiker were able to add to her success. These came in the three 1-5 defeats to Morpeth School A and B and York Road. A 2-4 result was gained against Waterside B through them being a player short and a 6-0 walkover was recorded against the absent Spicer/York Gardens.

... and at Maidenhead

Eddie Mitchell, after eliminating former champion Mark Banks, very nearly caused a major shock in the Men's Singles final of the Maidenhead Closed. Eddie led Hari Gehlot 2-1 in games before finally losing in the fifth. It was the second meeting between the two players with Gehlot having won the final of the Premier Division Singles 3-0.

There were titles for other Cippenham members. Jan and Gemma Chapman won the Ladies' Doubles, a springboard to a hat-trick of titles for Gemma who also won the Ladies' Singles and the Tweenies' Singles. Gemma was also runner-up in the Mixed Doubles as was Elroy Hull in the Division One Singles.

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Boys' Division 2A						
Dumfries	10	7	3	0	39	21 17
Greenhouse Progress 3	10	5	4	1	38	22 14
Burton Uxbridge 2	10	5	0	5	31	29 10
Cippenham	10	4	2	4	29	31 10
Ael-y-Bryn	10	3	1	6	25	35 7
Sheffield	10	0	2	8	18	42 2

Girls' Division 2

Morpeth School A	10	8	2	0	47	13 18
Waterside B	10	5	3	2	36	24 13
York Road	10	6	0	4	36	24 12
Spicer/York Gardens	10	3	2	5	24	36 8
Morpeth School B	10	3	1	6	23	37 7
Cippenham	10	1	0	9	14	46 2

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham Boys				
Eddie Mitchell	10	20	13	65
Ruihao Zhang	10	20	10	50
Andrew Linz	10	20	6	30
Cippenham Girls				
Stephanie Mitchell	9	17	5	29
Emma Elliston	9	17	1	6
Angela Oetiker	9	18	0	0

Results:

Cippenham Boys	Cippenham Girls
5-1 Sheffield	6-0 w/o Spicer/York Gdns
4-2 Ael-y-Bryn	2-4 Waterside B
4-2 Burton Uxbridge 2	1-5 Morpeth School A
3-3 G'house Progress 3	1-5 York Road
2-4 Dumfries	1-5 Morpeth School B

Sue on Top



Sue Hayes kept up her unbeaten run to lead the points chart in the Women's Veterans' event in the Cippenham Series. The defining match was probably also the match of the day as Sue led Diane Melville 2-0 in games and by 10-6 in the third, only to lose that and the fourth game. It went all the way to 15-13 in the fifth before Sue made sure of her victory.

Rafique Sarhadi enjoyed another good event as he reached the quarter-final of the Men's Singles.

Series 3—Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
MS	Neil Charles (Mi)	Abdul Wuraola (Sy)
WS	Catherine Chen (Sy)	Jurate Brazaityte (K)
VMS	Abdul Wuraola (Sy)	Hari Gehlot (Bk)
VWS	Sue Hayes (Bu)	Diane Melville (Sy)
MC	Ray Jordan (K)	Matt Rogers (Do)
VMC	Kevison Caldon (E)	Michael Wilkins (Bu)

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Weekend Diary March/April

March

Sun 1	County Championships Senior Division 1B
Sat 7	National Junior League
Sun 8	UKCC Level 1 coach education course
Sat 14	Reading Closed Championships
Sun 15	Reading Closed Championships
Sat 21	County Championships Junior Division 1B
Sat 28	Cippenham Series 4—Senior 4 2-Star Open
Sun 29	Cippenham Series 4—Junior 2 2-Star Open



Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

May 2	Cippenham Series 5—Cadet & U13 Open
May 3	Cippenham Series 5—Junior 3 Open
May 9/10	ETTA National Junior Masters
May 17	UKCC level 1 Coach Education Course
May 23	Cippenham Series 6—Veterans' 3 Open
May 24	Cippenham Series 6—Senior 5 Open
Jun 6/7	Gareth Herbert coaching weekend
Jun 13/14	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
Jul 11/12	Gareth Herbert coaching weekend
Aug 8/9	Gareth Herbert coaching weekend

Weekday Diary

Mon	7:15	Advanced Coaching
Tues	7:15	Slough & Maidenhead league matches
	7:30	Practice Tables
	7:40	Grand Prix
Wed	7:30	Squad Training
Thurs	5:15	Beginners' Coaching
	7:15	Slough & Maidenhead league matches
	7:30	Practice Tables
Fri	7:00	Open practice evening

Next Season's Dates

Open Tournaments at Cippenham

Aug 29/30	Cippenham Series 1
Oct 31/Nov 1	Cippenham Series 2
Nov 22	Cippenham Team Open
Jan 30/31	Cippenham Young Players' New Year Fest
Feb 27/28	Cippenham Series 3
Apr 3/4	Cippenham Series 4
Apr 24/25	Cippenham Series 5
May 22/23	Cippenham Series 6
Jun 12/13	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2008-09

	Full	Conc'n
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£15.00	£7.50
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£25.00	n/a
Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.50	£0.75
Family Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£2.50	n/a
Slough League Registration	£15.00	£7.50
Maidenhead League Registration	£15.00	£7.50
National Junior League registration	n/a	£12.00
Practice Fees	*£3.50	*£1.75
Slough League Match Fees	£3.50	£1.75
Coaching Fees (per session)	**£5.00	**£2.50
Coaching Fees (per term - 1st group)		£30.00
Coaching Fees (per term - 2nd group)		£20.00
	* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members	
	** plus 50p (25p) for non-members	

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