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Men's 2 runners-up in division



Division 4B r-u (l-r): Christos Hannides; Simon Vine; Paul Baker; Mike Rhodes

It was another successful weekend for Cippenham's two men's teams as the Veterans' British League season concluded at Derby. Building on from strong performances in the first weekend back in September, the first team finished third in Division 1A while the second team went one better and secured the runners-up medals in Division 4B, earning promotion to Division 3 for next season.

First team captain Martin Adams had an especially fruitful weekend, winning nine of his ten matches and was well backed up by Mark Banks, who won seven, and Martin Gray, who won six. As a team they won three of their five matches and drew the other two.

The first team started by beating Redlands Bats 4-2 in a close and competitive match and then swept aside Border Reivers 6-0 on Saturday afternoon. However, divisional champions Norwich were a different prospect in the later match and Neil Charles inflicted on Martin Adams his only defeat of the weekend as the match was drawn 3-3 with all three Cippenham players con-

tributing to the scoreline.

The match that ultimately decided between second and third place was played on Sunday morning. Martin Adams was again in great form as he beat both David Buck and Hari Gehlot and Mark Banks beat former Cippenham player Steve Buck. However, Martin Gray lost to both of the Buck brothers and the match was drawn 3-3. The weekend concluded with another 6-0 romp over Topspin Fusion. However, the match was not as one-sided as might first appear as Cippenham won three sets close in the deciding game.

Division 4B started with three teams locked on eight points at the top of the division and the matches that were important in deciding the medal positions were played out between these three with the Cippenham second team playing both the other two protagonists on Sunday. Saturday's matches, against the three teams in the lower half of the table, were all won. Drax were the first to suffer at Cippenham's hands, being beaten 5-1 on Saturday morning. Ilfracombe Pirates put up a little more resis-

Veterans' British League

League Tables:

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Men's Division 1A | | | | | | | |
| Norwich | 10 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 42 | 18 | 17 |
| London Moberley | 10 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 37 | 23 | 14 |
| Cippenham 1 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 38 | 22 | 13 |
| Topspin Fusion | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 22 | 38 | 8 |
| Redlands Bats | 10 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 24 | 36 | 4 |
| Border Reivers | 10 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 17 | 43 | 4 |
| Men's Division 4B | | | | | | | |
| Foresters D | 10 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 41 | 19 | 17 |
| Cippenham 2 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 42 | 18 | 16 |
| Bristol Associates 1 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 43 | 17 | 15 |
| Ilfracombe Pirates | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 22 | 38 | 6 |
| OLOP 2 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 20 | 40 | 5 |
| Drax | 10 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 12 | 48 | 1 |
| Women's Division 1B | | | | | | | |
| Fusion B | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 31 | 29 | 10 |
| Ashford | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 29 | 31 | 9 |
| Northern Belles | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 24 | 36 | 8 |
| Cippenham | 10 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 12 | 48 | 2 |
| Women's Division 1 | | | | | | | |
| Joola Morpeth | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 8 | 14 |
| HEL | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 27 | 15 | 10 |
| Wheeler's Fusion | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 26 | 16 | 9 |
| MK | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 21 | 6 |
| Fusion B | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 19 | 23 | 6 |
| Ashford | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 18 | 24 | 5 |
| Northern Belles | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 27 | 5 |
| Cippenham | 7 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 34 | 1 |

Players' Averages:

| | M | P | W | Av |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Men 1 | | | | |
| Martin Adams | 10 | 20 | 14 | 70 |
| Martin Gray | 10 | 20 | 12 | 60 |
| Mark Banks | 10 | 20 | 12 | 60 |
| Men 2 | | | | |
| Simon Vine | 8 | 16 | 13 | 81 |
| Mike Rhodes | 7 | 14 | 10 | 71 |
| Christos Hannides | 8 | 15 | 10 | 67 |
| Paul Baker | 7 | 14 | 8 | 57 |
| Women | | | | |
| Sue Hayes | 8 | 15 | 6 | 31 |
| Julie Dean | 8 | 16 | 3 | 19 |
| Wendy Porter | 8 | 16 | 3 | 19 |
| Denise Weller | 6 | 12 | 1 | 8 |

Results:

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Men 1 | Women |
| 4-2 Redlands Bats | 0-6 Wheelers Fusion |
| 6-0 Border Reivers | 1-5 Ashford |
| 3-3 Norwich | 1-5 Ashford |
| 3-3 London Moberley | 0-6 Fusion B |
| 6-0 Topspin Fusion | 3-3 Northern Belles |
| Men 2 | |
| 5-1 Drax | 2-4 Foresters D |
| 4-2 Ilfracombe Pirates | 4-2 Bristol Associates 1 |
| 5-1 OLOP 2 | |

tance before succumbing 4-2 and then OLOP 2 were defeated 5-1 in the evening. Team captain Paul Baker was undefeated on the Saturday, winning all of his four matches.

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Veterans' British League contd.

The crunch came on Sunday morning against Foresters D. The pivotal game came right at the start of play with Christos Hannides losing 3-2 to Alex Rorke. Mike Rhodes equalised for Cippenham against Roger Pingram and later Christos got the better of Daniel Lucking but this was not enough as Foresters ran out 4-2 winners.

The final match of the weekend, on Sunday afternoon, would decide second and third positions. Cippenham went into match having dropped to third place following the defeat in the morning and needed to beat Bristol Associates if they were to secure the runners-up position. Mike got Cippenham off to the perfect start, beating Mark Farrow 3-0 but Anthony Briscoe responded for Bristol against Christos. Then followed a run of three sets that determined the final outcome. All three sets went to a deciding fifth games and all were ultimately won by Cippenham. Simon Vine was responsible for two of these against Mike Bishop and Farrow while, sandwiched in between, Mike Rhodes came back from 2-0 to score a great win over Briscoe. It mattered little that Christos lost the final set to Bishop as Cippenham had won 4-2 and secured second place in the division.

Meanwhile, the Cippenham ladies team were not having such a great time and never threatened to pull away from bottom place in Division 1. There were two matches to complete the division table before it was split into a top and a bottom half. Wheelers Fusion won the first of these 6-0 and then Ashford triumphed 5-1. After the split, Cippenham had to play Ashford again and the same scoreline prevailed and then Fusion won 6-0 on Sunday morning, despite three of the six sets requiring a deciding game. The final match of the weekend did provide some respite and a point in a 3-3 drawn with Northern Belles with Julie Dean, Sue Hayes and Denise Weller all contributed one win apiece.

Both WBL teams stranded at foot of table

Another poor weekend of results saw both Cippenham teams finish bottom of their divisions in the Women's British League. However, both teams improved on their performances from the first weekend in October, but both seem doomed to be relegated to lower divisions next season.

The one bright spot for the first team, playing in Division 3, came in the match on Sunday morning against third-placed Sycamore. A heavy defeat in October was reversed in the return fixture with Cippenham running out winners 4-2. Denise Weller was the star for Cippenham, beating both Lisa Lewis and Amber Zygadio while Sycamore's two sets were both won by Maria Lebedeva as she beat Sue Hayes and Wendy Porter.

Saturday's matches had seen three consecutive 5-1 defeats to Burton Uxbridge 2, Fusion III and Cardiff City. However, Denise again performed well and won one of her two singles in all three of these matches.

The weekend concluded with another defeat, this time 4-2 against Halton 3. Despite being on the losing side, Sue Hayes picked up the player of the match award for her wins over Rachael Scott and Molly Hancock.

The young second team started with a 6-0 defeat at the hands of Division 4 champions Milton Keynes Vixens. Next came the only point won during the weekend in a 3-3 draw with Clifffdale Chandlers. It was a real team performance with all three girls picking up a win apiece. Jemma Walker got Cippenham off to a great start by beating Kris Sumner, then Lucie Bouron opened her account for the season against Alex Robinson. 2-1 became 2-3 before Shristi Ghosh secured the point for the

Women's British League

League Tables:

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Division 3 | | | | | | | |
| Burton Uxbridge 2 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 45 | 15 | 16 |
| Fusion III | 10 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 35 | 25 | 14 |
| Sycamore | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 29 | 31 | 10 |
| Cardiff City | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 28 | 32 | 9 |
| Halton 3 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 28 | 32 | 8 |
| Cippenham A | 10 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 45 | 3 |
| Division 4 | | | | | | | |
| MK Vixens | 10 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 52 | 8 | 19 |
| Graham Spicer | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 36 | 24 | 14 |
| Byng Hall B | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 30 | 30 | 9 |
| Clifffdale Chandlers | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 27 | 33 | 9 |
| Stantek Old Spots | 10 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 25 | 35 | 8 |
| Cippenham B | 10 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 10 | 50 | 1 |

Players' Averages:

| | M | P | W | Av |
|--------------------|----|----|---|----|
| Cippenham A | | | | |
| Denise Weller | 10 | 20 | 8 | 40 |
| Sue Hayes | 5 | 10 | 3 | 30 |
| Wendy Porter | 10 | 20 | 3 | 15 |
| Julie Dean | 5 | 10 | 1 | 10 |
| Cippenham B | | | | |
| Jemma Walker | 3 | 6 | 2 | 33 |
| Shristi Ghosh | 9 | 18 | 4 | 22 |
| Lucie Bouron | 10 | 20 | 3 | 15 |
| Megan Ashfield | 5 | 10 | 1 | 10 |

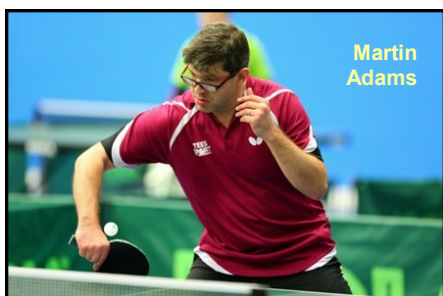
Results:

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Cippenham A | Cippenham B |
| 1-5 Burton Uxbridge 2 | 0-6 MK Vixens |
| 1-5 Fusion III | 3-3 Clifffdale Chandlers |
| 1-5 Cardiff City | 2-4 Stantek Old Spots |
| 4-2 Sycamore | 0-6 Graham Spicer |
| 2-4 Halton 3 | 1-5 Byng Hall B |

draw by also defeating Robinson.

Jemma and Lucie both beat Lesley Slack as Saturday's play ended with a 4-2 defeat to Stantek Old Spots. Unfortunately, Jemma Walker, Cippenham's best player, was unavailable for the matches on Sunday and Cippenham slumped to heavy defeats, 6-0 against Graham Spicer and 5-1 against Byng Hall B.

Thanks to Mike Rhodes for these great photos from the VBL



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Maximum entry for 5x2—Bush and Esposito the winners

Cippenham TTC ran a highly successful open tournament at the end of February. The Cippenham Five by Two Senior and Veterans' 1-Star Open was supported by players from across the south and midlands and from Wales, resulting in a maximum forty-five entries for each of the two events.

Two new winners emerged as previous champions were eliminated one by one.

The day commenced with the veterans' events. Multi-times champion Martin Gunn was the first of the favourites to lose. He lost his very first match in the preliminary round group. However, it turned out that his conqueror was a former Philippines international in the shape of Julious Esposito. The first two games were shared, both by deuce scores, but then Esposito showed his prowess by pulling away to win 3-1. Third seed Jojo Seniorin was next to fall. He lost to Henry Arthur and, after a three-way tie was calculated, found himself in third position and out of the championship event and into the consolation. Another of the top players, Pat Glynn was beaten by Hiroshi Furuta but this was not terminal for Glynn as he finished runner-up in the group and still qualified for the championship event. Maidenhead player Mark Banks was also expected to win his group but he also had to be content with runner-up as he lost to Chris Maiden.

And so into the competition proper. Julious Esposito, now occupying the place at the top of the draw made serene progress, showing his undoubted class throughout. He accounted for Raj Singh, Alex Aston and Pat Glynn without dropping a game. Defending champion Steve Davis was a victim of the



penholder style of Glynn in the quarter-finals. Martin Gunn's run was ended by Rory Scott while Mike Browne, who had lost to Samson Bekele at the group stage, progressed to the semi-final by beating Phil Snelson.

Hari Gehlot's progress in to the final was spectacular. His first match in the knock-out stage was against his Cookham Social team-mate Mark Banks. Gehlot won this in a canter but then had to come back from 2-1 to defeat Rory Scott in the quarters. He then eased past Mike Browne in the semi-final to set up a final against Esposito. Gehlot battled bravely and took the third game but in the end was no match for the former Philippines player.

The Veterans' Consolation was won, not surprisingly, by Jojo Seniorin although he did have to fight back from 2-1 down against Gary Keers in the semi-final. Cippenham's Paul Baker awaited Seniorin in the final but went down 3-1.

Half of the veteran players stayed on for the Open Singles in the afternoon and pitted their skills against younger contenders. All the top four seeds came through their groups comfortably, but

that was not the case for the next highest ranked players. In Group 6, Mohammad Owadally lost in five games to the veterans' champion Julious Esposito, Jojo Seniorin lost out to Vadym Krevs while Steve Davis succumbed to Sam Ricks.

Sam Ricks then went on a great run that saw him beat Jacob Goss and Martin Gunn to take his place in the semi-finals alongside the seeds Federico Viterbo, Pat Glynn and Chris Bush. Jojo Seniorin, winner of the veterans' consolation in the morning beat the veterans' champion Julious Esposito in the first round, a reversal in form if there ever was one. At the same stage Phil Snelson got the better of Steve Davis and Rory Scott eliminated Mohammad Owadally.

The quarter-final provided four top class matches. Two of these required a deciding game as Sam Ricks defeated Martin Gunn and Pat Glynn put out Phil Snelson. Federico Viterbo eliminated Rory Scott and Chris Bush got through Seniorin, both in four games. Bush's next two games were much quicker as he first beat Glynn in the semi-final and then reversed the seeding against Viterbo in the final itself.

The consolation event was won by Joseph Goss who beat Akash Shah in the final.

Cippenham 5x2 Senior & Veterans' 1-Star Open

| Event | Winner | Runner-up |
|-------|------------------------|------------------------|
| OS | Chris Bush (Sy) | Federico Viterbo (ITA) |
| VS | Julious Esposito (PHI) | Hari Gehlot (Bk) |
| OC | Joseph Goss (Nk) | Akash Shah (He) |
| VC | Jogenes Seniorin (Mi) | Paul Baker (Sy) |

Cippenham invests £1,500 in new floor cleaning machine

Since replacing the floor in the playing hall in January 2016, Cippenham Table Tennis Club has been plagued by bouts of slipperiness that were not experienced with the earlier floor which had lasted nearly twenty years. A really good clean during the Easter weekend last year saw the trend reversed and the floor then became quite tacky. However, some slipperiness soon re-appeared, presumably caused by settling dust.

The Club has recently invested £1,500

in a powerful electric floor cleaner. The floor has now received a thorough clean, and it is hoped that this will rid the Club of this particular ailment for good, returning the premises to the state previous enjoyed and required to host the many prestigious events held throughout the season at one of Table Tennis England's most favoured venues.

The photo shows Megan Ashfield and Dave Tant setting the machine to work.



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Weekday Timetable

| | | |
|--------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Mon | 19:15 | Advanced Coaching Group |
| Tues | 19:15 | Local league matches |
| | 19:30 | Practice tables |
| | 19:40 | Grand Prix (when run) |
| Weds | 19:30 | Elite Coaching Group |
| Thurs | 17:15 | Beginners' coaching |
| | 19:15 | Local league matches |
| | 19:30 | Practice tables |

Fees Season 2016-17

| | 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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Weekend Diary

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| Mar 4/5 | Maidenhead Closed Championships |
| Mar 18/19 | Senior British League Nat Divs C-5 & C-7 |
| Mar 26 | National Cadet League (4) |
| Apr 22/23 | Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open |
| Jun 10/11 | Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest |

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