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Shae is youngest ever champion



Shae Thakker & Simon Vine

At the tender age of just eleven, Shae Thakker became the youngest ever winner of the Open Singles title at the championships. For one so young and inexperienced, against players from the Club's British League and senior Maidenhead League teams, this was an incredible achievement. It was no fluke, either, as the unseeded youngster beat three of the four seeds en route to the title.

The first task awaiting Shae was to win his first round group. Andrew Sullivan and Saikat Ghosh were disposed of fairly easily but then Shae came up against the more experienced top seed Steve Smith. With only one player progressing into the semi-finals it was a vitally important match which Shae won 3-1 after recovering from a first game loss. The other three seeds, Simon Vine, Ricky Hardcastle and Graham Trimming all came safely through their groups.

The semi-final pitted Shae against defending champion Ricky Hardcastle. The youngster showed his immense promise with a clear 3-0 win and that set him up for the final against Simon Vine, who had defeated Graham Trimming by a similar score in the other semi-final.

The final itself was a gruelling five game epic that swung one way then the other. Shae took the first game 11-9 only for Simon, who has made a very successful return to competitive table tennis this season after more than two decades out, to hit back 11-7, 11-7. The younger player was not finished, however, and won the fourth in a canter 11-3. In the fifth game Shae was always slightly ahead and eventually won 11-7.

Two weeks earlier Shae had also won the Junior Singles and thus became



Shae Thakker

only the second player ever to win the main event and the Junior Singles at the Club Championships in the same season. The other was Gareth Herbert in both 1995 and 1996. Gareth went on to have an illustrious career playing for England which culminated in two gold medals at the Commonwealth Games of 2002. Can Shae follow in the footsteps of his famous predecessor and the 20 or so other players from Cippenham who have gone on to represent their country? Time will tell!

In the Junior Singles Shae and Ben Naylor-Smith, another emerging talent, slugged it out together in the final. When Ben took the first two games it seemed as if the title was going to the number one seed and more established player. However, Shae hit back in the third game, then won the fourth and the match was set up for an exciting decider. So it proved, with Shae growing

in consistency throughout and with lightning fast counter punches, especially on the backhand side, he clinched the match 5-11, 6-11, 11-4, 11-5, 11-8.

Neither player had been made to work too hard to get to the final, each winning their preliminary stage group in a canter. However, Shae did wobble slightly in his semi-final when the fast-improving William Fricker took the third game while, in the other half of the draw, Amandeep Dhak was no match for Ben.

The championships kicked off at the back end of April with the Veterans' Singles. With defending champion Simon Vine not entering, up stepped the 2014 runner-up Bas Mocharrafié to claim his first veterans' title. Top seeds Graham Trimming and Bas both emerged unscathed from their first stage groups.

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Doubles finalists: Zsolt Varga; Simon Vine; Steve Smith; Tony Stead



Vets finalists: Bas Mocharrafie & Sue Hayes

Then the fun really started with two semi-finals that went the full distance. In the match at the top of the draw Graham was paired with "bogey" opponent Sue Hayes who finished well from 7-3 down in the deciding game. Bas dominated the first two games of his semi-final against Dave Tant who hit back to square it 2-2. However, Bas was not about to let go that easily and earned his place in the final 3-2.

The veterans' final was a repeat of their encounter in the first round group and the result was the same with Bas beating his Trojans team-mate Sue 3-1.

There was also a doubles event in which six pairs of players were allocated into two groups with the top two seeds easily winning through. Top seeds Steve Smith and Tony Stead did need an extra game to dispose of Simon Vine and Zsolt Varga whereas, in the second group, Bas Mocharrafie and Graham Trimming conceded only 22 points over their six games.

However, in the cross-over semi-finals the seedings were upset when Simon and Zsolt eliminated Bas and Graham. Four very close games produced a 2-2 scoreline but Zsolt, in particular, upped his game in the fifth and the scratch pairing won through.

The final was a repeat of their match in the groups. However, this time Simon and Zsolt were unable to take an end and the winners' medals went to Steve and Tony who conceded just seven points in each of the three games.



Tony Stead & Steve Smith



Simon Vine



Bas Mocharrafie



Junior Singles: Ben Naylor-Smith & Shae Thakker

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Saxons finish in third place

Maidenhead League

League Tables:

P W D L F A Pts

Division 1

Cookham S Typhoons	21	20	1	0	170	40	170
Old Gords Vultures	21	13	4	4	135	75	135
Cippenham Saxons	21	11	3	7	132	78	132
Cippenham Trojans	21	13	3	5	120	90	120
Bovingdon Gn Kestrels	21	8	1	12	97	113	97
NWCA Blue Jays	21	8	2	11	96	114	96
Castle Hill Pumas	21	2	1	18	61	149	61
Old Gords Harriers	21	1	1	19	29	181	29

Division 2

Stoke Poges Bees	21	14	3	4	142	68	142
Old Gords Kestrels	21	16	3	2	138	72	138
Boyne Hill CC	21	12	3	6	130	80	130
Outcasts	21	12	2	7	119	91	119
BBC Bears	21	8	4	9	109	101	109
Cippenham Vikings	21	5	5	11	86	124	86
Cippenham Spartans	21	3	4	14	68	142	68
SportsAble Whirlwinds	21	2	0	19	48	162	48

Players' Averages:

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Saxons:

Simon Wilde	18	52	36	69
Sebastian Nimier	3	9	6	67
Albert Cheung	18	52	32	62
Graham Trimming	20	58	33	57
Chee Lai	1	3	0	0

Trojans:

Simon Vine	12	33	29	88
Ricky Hardcastle	12	35	29	83
Bas Mocharrafe	6	16	10	63
Terry Osborne	7	20	10	50
Denise Weller	10	20	11	39
Sue Hayes	14	39	6	15

Vikings:

Sebastian Nimier	13	37	31	84
Armando Borges	18	52	22	42
Zsolt Varga	21	61	20	33
Chris Pye	5	15	1	7
Patrick Gaughan	1	3	0	0

Spartans:

Dave Tant	21	61	34	56
Chee Lai	16	46	22	48
Elena Tant	21	61	1	2

PR Dept pulls in great figures

During the past year the Club's press coverage in the local newspapers has more than doubled and there have been 40 photographs printed. The number of Facebook followers is up 81% and Twitter is up 38%. Plus the small matter of 2,846 views of 13 photo albums on Flickr! Wow!

Club Championships Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
OS:	Shae Thakker	Simon Vine
VS:	Bas Mocharrafe	Sue Hayes
JS:	Shae Thakker	Ben Naylor-Smith
OD:	Steve Smith	Simon Vine
	Tony Stead	Zsolt Varga

Cippenham Saxons, having looked odds-on favourites for a second-placed finish in the Maidenhead League for most of the season, slipped up right at the end and eventually had to settle for third place.

Saxons, themselves, finished poorly and the 10-0 thrashing by champions Cookham Social Typhoons in the penultimate match did not help their cause. However, credit must be given to Old Gords Vulture who came on strong after Christmas with the availability of Maciej Dlugozima helping them considerably.

Trojans did their best to help Saxons. In their end of season double-header with Vultures, Trojans took twelve points out of twenty with Ricky Hardcastle winning all six and Simon Vine unbeaten in the three he played. Old Gords were without Dlugozima for these matches and Trevor Griffiths deputised for his only appearances of the season.

Cookham Social, who are still improving, were worthy champions and the only match they failed to win all season was an early 5-5 draw with Saxons when they were not at full strength.

However, this was the first time since 2009 that Cippenham Saxons have not finished in the top two and, of course, were champions three years ago.

The highlight of the Division 1 campaign was probably the results that Simon Vine enjoyed in his first season back in competitive table tennis for more than two decades. Simon himself say that practising at Cippenham since the Spring of 2014 and his season in the Maidenhead League "has put five points on my game". His results suggest he is correct!

Our two teams in Division 2 did not have the best of results and both finished in the bottom three. However, there were some highlights.

Sebastian Nimier, who we always knew really warranted a place in Division 1 had there been one available, performed very well and also contributed when called upon to do so for Saxons in Division 1.

Dave Tant, in his second season, produced improved results and Zsolt Varga improved a great deal as the season



Dave Tant



Zsolt Varga



Seb Nimier

progressed and should be able to look forward to better results next time around.

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Young Players' Summer Festival

(1-star open tournament)

Sat/Sun 20/21 June

Saturday: U12 and U14 events

Sunday: U16 and U18 events

Closing date for entries extended to 7 June

Get your entry in now!

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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
	19:40	Grand Prix
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 2014-15

	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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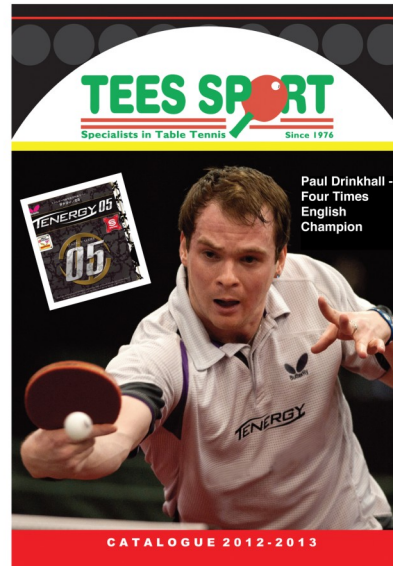


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Weekend Diary

Jun 20/21 Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest

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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 2 June 2015, 8:00 pm

All members are urged to attend

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