

Cippenham players once again lead the way in national events

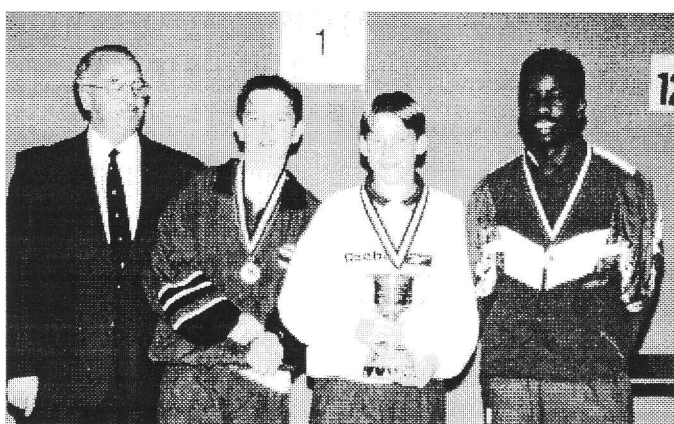
It's a double for Slough

Slough is at the very top of English junior table tennis. That fact was further verified in June when in the space of eight days, Slough teams captured both national boys' team trophies.

On 14th June at Saltash, Cornwall the cadet team (under-14) triumphed 5-1 over Hull in their final. Exactly a week later the junior team (under-17) thrashed Darlington 5-2 at Grantham to complete the double.

The cadet result is all the more remarkable in that it was achieved without Slough's top two players. Nicholas Wilson took on the mantle of number one, and together with his brother Robert and Johnny Davidson, deputising for Martin Rule and Jesper Hougard, destroyed the opposition. 5-1 in the final with a virtual reserve team! Such is the strength in depth in Slough junior table tennis.

The unavailability of Martin and Jesper was caused by international commitments. Martin was playing for England cadets in the home quadrangular tournament, while Jesper was at the Luxembourg Junior Open representing his new Danish club. Slough attempted to get the match postponed but the ETTA were not listening. Nor would they listen about the Carter Cup final (all three players were unavailable because Gareth Herbert was also in Luxembourg). However, when Slough threatened to



The victorious Carter Cup team with ETTA Deputy Chairman Tony Chatwin: - (l-r) Jesper Hougard, Martin Rule, Gareth Herbert

concede the final and their opponents did not want to win on that basis, reason prevailed.

The match then went ahead with Slough at full strength, and although Darlington's best player Michael Marsden did manage to win two sets, the remainder were all Slough's and the match was won by a comfortable 5-2. Congratulations to the Slough team of Gareth Herbert, Martin Rule and Jesper Hougard.

National Titles for Robert and Gemma

Robert Wilson and Gemma Chapman became the latest Cippenham starlets to win national titles at the Under-12 Championships at Milton Keynes in June. Robert won the Under-12 Boys Singles title while Gemma paired up with Melanie Cobley (Wiltshire) for success in the Under-12 Girls Doubles.

Sharing in Robert's success in the U12 Boys Singles were Warren Brooks, who reached the quarter-final, and Johnny Davidson and Joe Ferguson who both reached the last sixteen. Warren beat Johnny at that stage but then fell to the top seed Michael Gomersall. Robert met Gomersall in the final and after winning the first game by a narrow margin, raced to an 18-10 lead in the second before holding on to his nerve to win 21-18 and the coveted national title.

Robert also made it through to the final of the U12 Boys Doubles, partnered by Edward Qualthorpe of Surrey. Incredibly in the same event, Robert's 9-year old brother Christopher reached the semi-final with Joe Ferguson.

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Carter Cup Final:

Slough 5; Darlington 2

M Rule bt D Welsh 20, 20
J Hougard l.t. M Marsden -20, -19
G Herbert bt R Johnson 3, 2
M Rule l.t. M Marsden -19, -20
G Herbert bt D Welsh 9, 5
J Hougard bt R Johnson 7, -15, 11
G Herbert bt M Marsden 19, 15

Leach Cup Final:

Slough 5; Hull 1

J Davidson bt D Innes 16, -18, 16
R Wilson bt J Marshall 18, -18, 18
N Wilson bt C Dunn 11, 9
J Davidson l.t. J Marshall -11, -13
N Wilson bt D Innes 13, 16
R Wilson bt C Dunn 16, 13

Martin capped by England

Martin Rule was twice capped by England at the tail end of last season. Martin made his debut in the Spanish Junior Open in May, then the following month appeared in the home quadrangular as part of the England cadet boys team which won the event. Congratulations, Martin!



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FAREWELL TO THE HOUGAARDS

Cippenham TTC bade farewell to Flemming and Jesper Hougaard in July. They have now returned to their native Denmark after four years stay in England. A party was hosted at the Centre in their honour on 5th July and a great time was had by all. The bar was open, the barbecue was blazing and the youngsters had a bouncy castle to keep them occupied.

Both have been popular members of the Club and will be sorely missed. We will see them from time to time in the future, and one day we hope to see Jesper wear the international colours of Denmark.

So long!

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Gemma and Melanie Copley progressed easily to the semi-final of their U12 Girls Doubles and then dismissed the top seeds with some powerful table tennis. In the final, they lost the first game against the second seeds, but then showing great tactical awareness beyond their years, fought back to win the second and third games and the championship.

In a most successful weekend, Gemma was also runner-up in the U11 Girls Singles and reached the quarter-final of the U12 Girls Singles, losing to the number two seed.

Warren Brooks was another finalist in the U11 Boys Singles, losing in the third game to the top seeded player, while Jonathan Attenborough is a name to look out for. He reached the quarters of the U10 Boys Singles in his first ever tournament.

Team selections for season 1997-8

Slough League:

Pirates (D1-Tues): Steve Joel (c); Paul Baker; Frank Earis; Mike Levene; Chris Lusher
Vagabonds (D1-Tues): Rhys Evans (c); Gareth Herbert, Martin Rule; Nicholas Wilson, Robert Wilson
Brigands (D1-Tues): Steve Fawcett (c); Neil Charles; Kimber Choda; David Paterson
Outlaws (D1-Tues): Mike Rhodes (c); Gary Crick; Samantha Marling; Graham Trimming
Rogues (D1-Tues): Robert Dawson (c); Ronnie Bartholomew; Mike Harris; Gareth Lovell; Jacquie Lovell
Buccaneers (D2-Thurs): Jeremy Bateman (c); Hamid Bahader; Peter Hillier; Clive Perry; Mike Snape
Villains (D2-Tues): Dave Richards (c); Wendy Barlow; Stephen Rule; Jackie Thomas
Rascals (D2-Tues): Chris Davies (c); Philip Davies; Stephen Davies; Simon Mellish
Bandits (D4-Thurs): Jane Dickens (c); Aaron Brown; Christine Gaillard; Georgia Veneer
Rebels (D4-Tues): Jonathan Branfield (c); Katie Dickens; Elza Lusher; Daniel Savage
Vandals (D4-Tues): George Appleby (c); Barnabas Tandy; Gerry Wanford

Maidenhead League:

Spartans (PD-Thurs): Gareth Lovell (c); Robert Dawson; Jim Perry; Mike Rhodes
Trojans (D1-Thurs): Ken Phillips (c); Ben Beveridge, Johnny Davidson; Jane Dickens; Robert Hansell

Large entry for Vets' Summer Open

The Cippenham Veterans' 2 Star Summer Open on 7th June attracted a larger than expected entry of 61. The event was singles only, commencing with groups of five or six players, culminating in knock-out championship and consolation competitions.

The mens' event followed a tradition started at the first open tournament at Cippenham when a home club player was the runner-up in the male event. Jesper Hougaard (twice) and Mike Rhodes (also twice) have accomplished this feat in all four events at the Centre.

Mike did very well to reach the final, having a semi-final victory over Derek Woods (Essex), the man who beat him in February's final. Derek Holman justified his number one seeding by getting to the final and then beating Mike fairly comfortably. Holman's semi-final victim was Fred Dove who had beaten fourth seed Norman Swift in the quarters.

The surprise of the day was the elimination of eighth seed Stan Battrick, who could finish only fifth in a keenly fought first round group won by Reading's Colin Dyke. Cippenham member Dave Hyder had a good win over Bucks county player Brian Savage in this group.

Top seed Penny Perry was in a class of her own in the Womens Singles. The England international beat surprise finalist Shirley Carroll in the final.

Results

Mens Singles:

D Holman (Bromley) bt M Rhodes (Slough) 15, 11

Womens Singles:

P Perry (Exeter) bt S Carroll (Burnham-on-Sea) 9, 14

Consolation Mens Singles:

D Harse (Oxford) bt S Battrick (Dagenham) 17, 11

Consolation Womens Singles:

J Brown (Oxford) bt A Robinson (Milton Keynes) -11, 21, 14

KAI CLOSE AT EURO VETS



New signing Kai Milvek came close to gaining a medal at the European Veterans Championships in Prague in July. Seeded fifth in both singles and doubles, Kai reached her allotted quarter-final position in the doubles with Katrin Marks, but then lost 21-19, 21-14 to the top seeds and eventual winners from Denmark, Susanne Pedersen and Annie Ramberg. In the singles Kai lost out 21-19, 21-19 in the last sixteen to the unseeded Dana Bayerova from the host country. Bayerova went on to win the quarters and semi easily and defeated the World Champion in the final!

Jackie Thomas had a great win over Irina Shevtchenko in her group but could still not progress, losing out in a three way tie. The Ukrainian went on to beat the second seed to reach the quarters.

Mike Rhodes, Muriel Hooker and Georgia Veneer all progressed from their singles groups but could go no further. Jackie reached the third round of her consolation, while Peter Bradley reached round 6 of his O50 event and Graham Trimming lost in round 2. Peter also had a good run in his doubles consolation, reaching the semi-final.

Gareth withdrawn from Euro Youth

After having a great win over the top Russian junior, Gareth Herbert was on track to win the Consolation Boys Singles at the European Youth Championships in Slovakia in July. At the quarter-final stage he was withdrawn by the England team captain. Why? - there was a plane to catch, and the team management had booked tickets before the conclusion of the event!

With organization like this, no wonder England is so low in the World standings!!

Cippenham enters SIX teams in British Leagues

Cippenham Goes For GOLD ...



Cippenham will have three teams operating in the Woolwich Junior British League this season. Last season our boys' team finished fifth in Division One. For this season Gareth Herbert has chosen to represent his home town club and bring with him England number three Scott Friday from last season's champion team. Add Martin Rule (England no. 12) to these two and Cippenham has a high powered team capable potentially of winning the national title for the Club.

A second boys team will be added, probably in Division Three, and application has also been made for a girls' team. The second boys' team will comprise Nicholas Wilson, Robert Wilson, Johnny Davidson and Warren Brooks. The girls will be Jane Dickens, Gemma Chapman, Claire Maher and Emma Human. Five of these players are still under 13.



New signing Scott Friday

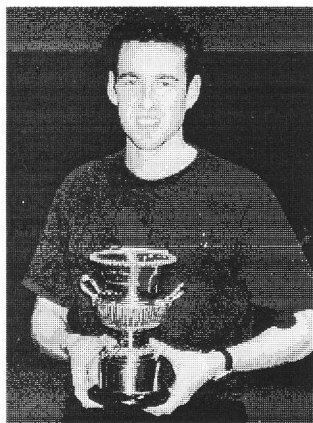
The Woolwich Junior British League is run over two weekends and starts at Kettering on November 22nd.

There's a mens' team as well!

Cippenham will also have a team playing in the main British League for the first time since 1985.

Team captain Steve Joel, the Slough champion, is assembling a team which includes Kimber Choda, Martin Rule, Paul Baker and Mike Rhodes. He is still on the look out, however, for a number one player to strengthen the squad.

This team will play separate matches on fourteen Sundays, home and away, and kicks off on 7th September. Your support will always be appreciated at home matches. Watch the notice board and this newsletter for fixture details.



Mens' team captain Steve Joel

...And Joins International Transfer Market

All the Premier League soccer clubs do it, Grove TTC did it, now Cippenham are doing it!

In the team's debut season last year, Cippenham won Division 3 of the Womens' British League and are now promoted to Division 2. In a bid to further strengthen the squad the Club has signed Kai Milvek from Tallinn in Estonia. Ranked number four woman in Estonia, Kai reached the last eight of the Veterans' World Championship singles last year, and is unbeaten in five tournaments on the English veterans' circuit. She has been champion of Estonia an incredible 23 times in singles and doubles.

Kai will play at number two in a team spearheaded by local super star Sue Collier, and assisted by team captain Jacquie Lovell, Isabel Walker and Claire Plumridge.

The Womens' British League team get underway at Andover this month, 13/14th September.



Kai Milvek from Estonia

Veterans will play at home

The veteran mens' team will play in the feeder league Division 4 or 5. This will be played over two weekends and this season the entire competition will be at Cippenham.

The Club team will be as last season: Mike Rhodes, Frank Earis and Graham Trimming.

Plans for a junior national league

Plans are advancing for the ETTA to introduce a Junior National League, giving opportunities for players below Woolwich Junior British League status. Cippenham expects to enter teams in this competition which will be played on an area basis over four Saturdays. Our area will be played at...you guessed it...Cippenham!

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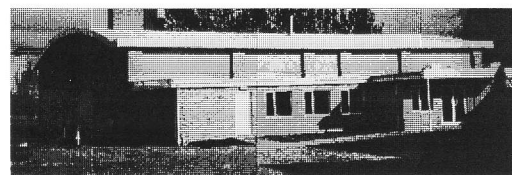
September/October Weekend Diary

September

Sat 13th 10.00am Cippenham Invitation Tournament
Sun 14th 9.00am Southern Region Junior Training Day
Sun 21st 3.00pm BL v. OLOP ANCS (UK) Ltd II
Sun 28th 12.30pm Slough Woolwich Junior League

October

Sun 5th 12.30pm Slough Woolwich Junior League
Sat 11th 10.30am Woolwich Junior National League
Sun 12th 9.00am Southern Region Junior Preliminary Trials
Sat 18th 10.00am Level 2 Coach Education Course
Sun 19th 10.00am Level 2 Coach Education Course
9.00am Southern Region Junior Training Day
Sat 25th 10.00am Cippenham Handicap Tournament
Sun 26th 3.00pm BL v. Barnet II



Summer League Success!

Congratulations to Cippenham Alpha - Samantha Marling; Steve Joel; Graham Trimming - who have won the Slough Summer League title for the Club.

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Weekday Diary for September

Mon 5.30 Advanced Coaching
7.30 Excellence Coaching
Tues 5.00 Beginners' Coaching
7.15 League Matches
7.30 Practice Tables
Wed 8.00 Super 12 (fortnightly)
Thurs 5.00 Beginners' Coaching
7.15 League Matches
7.30 Practice Tables

Bar Opening Times

Tuesday to Thursday
9pm - 11pm

Wednesday only when Super
12 being played

Plans for new Super 12 competition

From mid September alternative Wednesdays at the Centre will see the staging of the Super 12 competition. This is the brain child of Steve Joel and will give top players the opportunity for fortnightly top class competition. Players will be drawn from the Club's existing membership and from outside. However, all must join the Club. Players will pair up and play each of the other eleven pairs over the course of the season. This competition replaces the Wednesday Grand Prix which failed in the summer due to lack of interest.

Further Dates For Your Diary

Nov 2 Slough Woolwich Junior League	Feb 14 Woolwich Junior National League
Nov 16 SR Junior Training Day	Feb 15 Slough Woolwich Junior League
Nov 22 Woolwich Junior National League	Feb 28 Cippenham Veterans 2 Star Open
Nov 30 Bucks Mens Inter-League	Mar 14/15 Veterans British League Feeder
Dec 6 Cippenham Cadet 3 Star Open	Mar 21/22 Slough Closed
Dec 7 Bucks Junior or Cadet Inter-League	Mar 28 Woolwich Junior National League
Dec 14 SR Junior Training Day	Mar 29 SR Junior Training Day
Dec 21 Bucks Junior Closed	Apr 4 Cippenham Junior 3 Star Open
Jan 11 Bucks Mens Inter-League	Apr 18 Club Championships
Jan 18 SR Junior Training Day	Apr 19 Slough Woolwich Junior League
Jan 24 Bucks Junior or Cadet Inter-League	May 10 SR Junior Training Day
Jan 25 Slough Woolwich Junior League	May 16/17 National Junior/Cadet Masters

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