



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Cippenham's young star remains unbeaten through NJL

## 35 unbeaten—that's Shae !



**C**ippenham's Shae Thakker has gone through the entire National Junior League season unbeaten. This is a tremendous feat unmatched by any other player from the twenty-four competing teams.

Shae, who emerged during season 2014-15 with winning performances at the SportsAble Disability Grand Prix and the Cippenham Club Championships, has really come to the fore this season. His performances have been rewarded by his inclusion in the Great Britain Para Development Squad and he has already represented GB twice on foreign soil.

Playing for Cippenham "A" in the National Junior League Division 2 this season, Shae won all thirty-five of his matches. However, despite his heroics, his team could only finish in fourth place when the final round of matches concluded on Saturday, having been second at the conclusion of the second round. Shae's team mates, Scarlett Jones and Carys Evans both won ten times during the season.

The Cippenham "B" team also finished in Division 2 but found the step up from Division 3, from where they were promoted at the end of round two, too much and finished in last place. However, Pranav Gudipati, William Fricker and Nabeel Hussain all performed well and contributed to the team's earlier success.

Cippenham "C" finished in fifth place in Division 4 with the inexperienced team of Amandeep Dhak, Sam Garrett, Gustav Colliander and Marcus Richardson all gaining some success.

Well played to all the players in our National Junior League teams this season.

### Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2-Star Open

**Saturday 23 April 2016**

**Preliminary round groups of 6 followed by  
championship and consolation knock-out**

**Entries close 9 April**

### National Junior League Round 3

#### League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division 2</b>							
Crusaders C	5	4	1	0	23	78	23
Chiltern C	5	3	1	1	18	12	18
Kidlington B	5	3	1	1	18	12	18
Cippenham A	5	1	1	3	13	17	13
Chiltern B	5	1	0	4	10	20	10
Cippenham B	5	1	0	4	8	22	8
<b>Division 4</b>							
Chiltern E	5	4	0	1	20	10	20
Reading C	5	3	0	2	19	11	19
Hillingdon	5	2	2	1	16	14	16
Ashford C	5	2	1	2	14	16	14
Cippenham C	5	0	2	3	11	19	11
Chiltern F	5	1	1	3	10	20	10

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Cippenham A:</b>				
Shae Thakker	15	35	35	100
Nabeel Hussain	1	3	2	67
Carys Evans	12	26	10	38
Scarlett Jones	14	32	10	31
<b>Cippenham B:</b>				
Pranav Gudipati	13	29	16	55
William Fricker	14	31	15	48
Nabeel Hussain	14	31	12	39
Sam Garrett	3	9	1	11
<b>Cippenham C:</b>				
Marcus Richardson	7	18	8	44
Amandeep Dhak	13	30	12	40
Sam Garrett	10	21	7	33
Gustav Colliander	13	30	9	30
Murdo Binnie	2	6	0	0

## Jemma into top 10



Congratulations to Jemma Walker, one of the stars of the Cippenham girls' team who has jumped into the top ten in the England Cadet Girls' rankings for the first time. This is a huge reward for the work she has put in to her training with coach Ken Phillips and the results she has gained over the past twelve months in national competitions.

## All Gunns blazing at Super 6

**M**artin Gunn, a regular and popular visitor to Cippenham, blazed a trail through the field at the Cippenham Super 6 Senior 2-Star Open on 6 February. The number two seed, now living locally in Old Windsor, did not even drop a game en route to the final but the final itself, against top seed Bryan Kwan, was altogether different. Kwan won the first game 13-11 in the first of three consecutive games decided at deuce. Gunn hit back to level 14-12 only for Kwan to get ahead once more with an identical score. Gunn levelled with 11-9 in the fourth game and went on to clinch the title with a few more points to spare 11-7 in the fifth. An epic final that concluded a good day's play for the forty-two competitors. Gunn, nowadays, is a rare exponent of the old-fashioned hard bat and so his win was a triumph for technical ability over technology.

After winning Group 2, Gunn's route to the final was hardly hindered as he swept away the challenges of Joe Brit-

well, Rory Scott and then, in the semi-final, fourth seed Anthony Corbin. Kwan's progress was almost as impressive as only Joshua Nashed, in the quarter-final, took a single game. The top seed won Group 1 and then beat Leslie Samuels, Nashed and, in his semi-final, the third seed Ho Yin Lee.

The results in the preliminary round group stage went primarily to form. The only player who was highest ranked in his group that did come unstuck was Nashed when he lost 3-1 to Jaroslav Klamut. Both players went on to reach the quarter-finals at which point Klamut fell victim to Anthony Corbin.

Three local Cippenham members, who all play in the Maidenhead League, made it through the group stage to take their places in the main event. However, all three lost their first match in the knock-out stage: tournament organiser Paul Baker to Thomas Lewis, Simon Vine to Jon Cheung and Hari Vennapusa to Dmitry Khakhamov.



Finalists: Bryan Kwan and Martin Gunn

### Cippenham Super 6 Senior 2-Star Open Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
OS	Martin Gunn (Bk)	Bryan Kwan (Mi)
OC	Miroslav Danadzhev (K)	Dean Rose (K)

The consolation event, open to those players who finished between fourth and sixth places in their preliminary group, was won by Miroslav Danadzhev when he beat another tournament regular, Dean Rose, in the final.

The event was organised by Paul Baker and marked the debut, as Referee, of newly qualified Sue Hayes.

## Megan in good form as girls finish fourth

**T**he Cippenham junior girls' team maintained their fourth place position in Division 2 when the Junior British league concluded at Derby at the weekend. All three girls contributed but the standout performance came from Megan Ashfield who won six of her ten matches. Jemma Walker and Shristi Ghosh both win four times.

The weekend started promisingly for Cippenham when second-placed Ashford Brunswick were held to a 3-3 draw. Megan, playing at number three, may have had slightly the easier matches but they still have to be won, and this she did twice over Nicole Scott and Danielle Kelly, Jemma also beat Scott but Shristi drew an uncharacteristic blank.

Matters were progressing nicely when Cippenham romped to victory 5-1 over fifth-placed Draycott East Midlands 3. Shristi only just managed to get the better of Alice Dillon 11-9 in the deciding end and Jemma lost 3-0 against the same player. Apart from that, it was fairly comfortable for the Cippenham girls.

Saturday's final match was against the

champions, Sussex Alliance. Jemma, promoted to number one in the team for the second half of the season, got Cippenham off to a great start against Emma Sheen but four losses on the bounce saw any chance of league points evaporate, even though Jemma nearly secured her second when, after winning the first two games, she lost agonisingly 11-13 in the third to Holly Holder who eventually ran out the winner 3-2. Shristi added to the scoreline with victory in the dead rubber against Alice Hazell to make the final score 2-4.

The 5-1 loss to Greenhouse on Sunday morning was less than flattering to the Cippenham girls who lost three of the six sets by narrow margins in the deciding game and the one they did pick up, by Megan against Mya Sultan was a simple 3-0 affair.

A 3-3 draw in the last match against Brixham cemented Cippenham in fourth place but by then it was academic, that place would have been the final position whatever the outcome of the match, in which all three girls contributed a win apiece.



### Junior British League

#### League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Girls' Division 2</b>							
Sussex Alliance	10	7	3	0	40	20	17
Ashford Brunswick	10	5	5	0	39	21	15
Greenhouse	10	4	3	3	31	29	11
Cippenham	10	2	4	4	27	33	8
Draycott E Midlands 3	10	2	2	6	24	36	6
Brixham	10	0	3	7	19	41	3

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Jemma Walker	10	20	11	55
Megan Ashfield	10	20	9	45
Shristi Ghosh	10	20	7	34

#### Results:

3-3 Ashford Brunswick  
5-1 Draycott East Midlands 3  
2-4 Sussex Alliance  
1-5 Greenhouse  
3-3 Brixham

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## Third place finish on the cards for Cippenham in SBL

Both Cippenham teams had satisfactory results during the one-day third weekend of the Senior British League. Both lost matches to the team at the top of their divisions but the first team fought back well to defeat Urban in their other match while the second team finally gained their first point in what has otherwise been a difficult campaign.

In their first match, the Cippenham first team found themselves down 4-2 against the north London club Urban. Josh Bennett gave Cippenham the perfect start against Antony Constantinou but defeats for Martin Adams, Martin Gray and Tom Windram saw Cippenham slide into a 3-1 deficit. The doubles matches were shared and Cippenham were left needing to win all the reverse singles in order to claim both the league points at stake.

Josh, later named man of the match, started the comeback by winning 3-1 in a tightly contested encounter with Bradley Tuttle and when Martin Gray swept

past Constantinou with consummate ease the score were suddenly level. Martin Adams then played Sujay Jagannathan and won a topsy-turvy match 3-1 and Tom administered the coup-de-grace also 3-1 against Jamie Fisher. This was an important win for Cippenham that increased their advantage to five points against the team immediately below them in the table. Defeat would have cut that gap to a mere one point.

For the afternoon match, Cippenham had to take on Division 1 South leaders London Academy II. Cippenham led 2-1 after Josh and Tom had both won over the 5-game distance against Ho Yin John Lee and Karin Khassal respectively. However, London Academy stepped up through the gears and eventually won 7-3 with only a doubles win for the two Cippenham juniors, Josh and Tom, adding to the host's score. Martin Adams came closest otherwise for Cippenham when he led Khassal 2-0 only to lose 17-15 in the fifth end.

The Cippenham second team had to travel to the BATTs club in Harlow for their matches and in the tenth match of the campaign eventually won their first point against sixth-place Generation 2. This keeps them routed to the foot of the Division 3 South table but, with plans for the restructuring of the Senior British League announced this week, this is unlikely to result in relegation.

Cippenham had the doubles, introduced into the Senior British League match format at the start of this season, to thank for their first point as they won both doubles matches. The first four singles ended 2-2 with Christos Hannides beating Mike Rhodes and Paul Baker getting the better, in three games only, of Charlie Childs. After the doubles had made the score 4-2 in Cippenham's favour, it was Tony Stead's turn to get onto the scoresheet as he beat Vincent Cheung to put Cippenham 5-3 up before Paul and Steve Smith lost respectively to Rhodes and Childs to make the final score 5-5.

Steve had been the only winner for Cippenham in the earlier match when beating Steve Pound in the final set of a 9-1 defeat to divisional leaders Horsham Blades.

### Senior British League

#### League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division 1 South</b>							
London Academy II	10	8	1	1	64	35	17
Greenhouse I	10	8	0	2	70	30	16
Cippenham I	10	6	1	3	57	43	13
Urban I	10	3	2	5	48	52	8
York Gardens I	10	3	2	5	44	56	8
Joola Plymouth	10	3	1	6	39	61	7
Godalming Simply Let	10	3	1	6	38	62	7
Fusion II	10	1	2	7	39	61	4
<b>Division 3 South</b>							
Horsham Blades I	10	9	1	0	71	29	19
Brighton TTC I	10	8	1	1	73	27	17
London Academy III	10	6	1	3	58	42	13
Foresters I	10	5	1	4	58	42	11
Fusion III	10	4	2	4	47	53	10
Generation 2	10	2	2	6	37	63	6
York Gardens IV	10	1	1	8	29	71	3
Cippenham II	10	0	1	9	27	73	1

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Cippenham I:</b>				
Josh Bennett	10	19	13	68
Tom Windram	8	16	9	56
Martin Adams	8	16	6	38
Robert Hansell	6	11	4	36
Owe Karlsson	4	8	5	63
Martin Gray	4	8	4	50
<b>Cippenham II:</b>				
Ben Naylor-Smith	2	4	2	50
Becca George	8	16	7	44
Christos Hannides	6	12	4	33
Tony Stead	2	4	1	25
Simon Vine	2	4	1	25
Steve Smith	8	16	2	13
Paul Baker	10	20	2	10

#### Results:

<b>Cippenham I:</b>	<b>Cippenham II:</b>
6-4 Urban I	1-9 Horsham Blades I
3-7 London Academy II	5-5 Generation 2

### Changes to Senior British League planned for next season

Table Tennis England is planning a massive shake-up in the structure of the Senior British League from next season.

The current structure of three geographical divisions at all levels below the Premier Division will be torn apart and replaced with a Championship Division, two at Division One, four at Division Two and eight at Division Three, building a pyramid akin to the model used extensively on the European continent.

Also, matches in the Premier Division will return to being staged home and away rather than the current four weekends at central venues. The idea is to bring about a stronger and more professional club structure at the top and funding will encourage the paying of players and the inclusion of foreign stars.

### National Cadet League Round 2

#### League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division 1</b>							
Crusaders A	5	5	0	0	28	2	28
Chiltern A	5	3	1	1	23	7	23
Reading A	5	3	1	1	18	12	18
Crusaders B	5	2	0	3	10	20	10
Warren Spring A	5	0	0	5	6	24	6
Cippenham A	5	1	0	4	5	25	5
<b>Division 4</b>							
Reading C	5	4	1	0	24	6	24
Cippenham B	5	3	0	2	18	12	18
Chiltern G	5	0	3	2	14	16	14
Chiltern D	5	0	3	2	13	17	13
Chiltern E	5	1	3	1	11	19	11
Chiltern F	5	0	2	3	10	20	10

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Cippenham A:</b>				
Shae Thakker	3	9	7	78
Pranav Gudipati	10	25	7	28
William Fricker	7	17	4	24
Amandeep Dhak	3	8	1	13
Sean Berry	7	16	1	6
<b>Cippenham B:</b>				
Gustav Colliander	3	6	4	67
Rudii Richards	6	14	5	36
Ryan Berry	9	23	8	35
James Western-Kaye	9	23	7	30
Sean Berry	3	9	2	22



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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
	19:40	Grand Prix (when run)
<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 2015-16

	<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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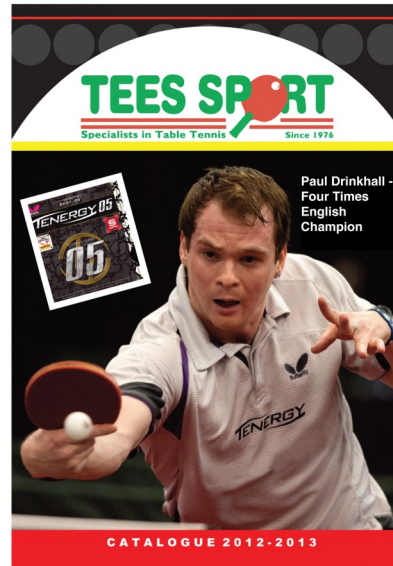


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## Weekend Diary

Mar	5	County Championships Cadet Division 1B
	6	National Cadet League (4)
	12/13	County Championships Senior Division 2
	19/20	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Apr	9/10	Senior British League Div 1S & 2S (4)
	23	Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2* Open
May	21/22	Senior British League Play-Offs
Jun	18/19	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.

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