



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Another title for Cippenham at the National Team Finals, Derby

Ormesby Cup Champs

In a month when individual members of Cippenham Table Tennis Club have rarely been out of the national spotlight, winning three national titles during that time, Saturday 21 May produced the Club's first national title for a men's team. Having won the women's national team knock-out championship three years in row from 2002 to 2004 and the girls' section of the Junior British League twice in 2000 and 2001, it was the turn of the men's team to triumph at Derby in the final stage of the Ormesby Cup, the table tennis equivalent of football's F. A. Cup. Cippenham qualified by winning the Slough League in 2004, as they have again in 2005, and came through two group stages, albeit as runners-up on each occasion, to qualify for the final stage.

With Mike Rhodes and Oliver Shaw, who had both featured in earlier rounds, unavailable Cippenham recalled Mark Banks, a member of the Cippenham Rogues team that won the Slough League in 2004 but who had not played for the Club this season, to make a trio that also included Slough Masters champion David Hayes and Paul Baker.

Cippenham's first match in the morning was against West Sutton and two wins for both David and Mark and another from Paul despatched the Sutton League champions 5-0. The second team to be put to the sword were Norton from the Potteries district of Staffordshire. David suffered his only defeat, to Mark Evans, in this match but it mattered little as he defeated his



Cippenham's triumphant trio: Paul Baker; Mark Banks; David Hayes

other two opponents, Mark won twice and Paul once, against David's conqueror Evans, in a 5-2 win. Meanwhile ELGRE beat Norton 5-4 and West Sutton 5-1 so the evening match between Cippenham and their Nottingham adversaries became one in which the winner would take all with the loser being runners-up in the competition.

Mark got Cippenham off to a flying start beating Adam Ellis in five games but Paul's loss to Mark Green brought the score back to 1-1. David then went two games down to John Taylor before recovering to win 3-2, Mark lost to Green, David beat Ellis and Paul lost to Taylor to bring the scores level again at 3-3. Alternate sets were going the way of Cippenham and ELGRE and that is the way it continued as

David once again fought his way back from two games down to beat Green and Mark lost out to Taylor. It was down to the last set, with play on all other tables in the other national finals having finished half an hour earlier, as Paul took on Ellis. Cippenham had never been behind in the match and Paul was not about to let that alter as he defeated his opponent 3-1 (12-10, 5-11, 11-8, 11-7) to clinch the Ormesby Cup for Cippenham.

Results:

5-0 West Sutton (Sutton)
5-2 Norton (Potteries)
5-4 ELGRE (Nottingham)

Reports of Hammersley Cup and Carter Cup overleaf >>>



Club of the Year 1996
Club of the Year 1997

**Another Great Month
Congratulations to
Paul, Mark, David, Gavin, Melanie
National Champions!**



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David is the Master; Rogues are Champs



Cippenham Rogues (l-r): Oliver Shaw; David Hayes; Ashley Shaw; Sue Hayes with the 1931 Jacaman Trophy for Slough League champions

Second in Hammersley; Third in Carter

On the Sunday of the National Team Finals the Cippenham cadet girls' team of Catherine Hayes, Lindsey Armstrong and Stephanie Mitchell, despite not playing to their potential, secured the silver medal position in the Hammersley Cup. Cippenham got off to a good start by beating Chesterfield 5-3 with Lindsey winning her three matches and Catherine winning twice. The afternoon match brought a disappointing 5-4 loss to Medway with Lindsey and Catherine winning two each but both losing to Medway's number one Emma Tovey, Catherine by the narrow margin of 12-10 in the fifth game. The curtain came down on the day with a final 5-0 defeat at the hands of a Reading team that included Cippenham's Rachel Farquhar.

However, Chesterfield beat Medway 5-4 in the evening session and this left both of those teams level with Cippenham with one victory each. Cippenham's superior sets aggregate of 9 wins and 8 losses in the matches played between the three teams secured their place at the head of the three-way tie and consequently in silver medal position.

The Slough boys' under-18 team were also playing on the Saturday with the busy David Hayes leading the team at the same time as playing such an important role in Cippenham's winning run in the Ormesby Cup. Cippenham's

David Hayes capped a fine season during which he has become the Irish National Junior champion and steered his Cippenham Rogues team to the Slough League title by becoming the Slough Masters champion on a Tuesday evening at Burnham at the start of May.

David (17) became the youngest player to win the coveted title, for which players qualify by their performances in the Slough League over the season, since Martin Rule five years ago. In the final he defeated his Rogues team mate Ashley Shaw and prior to that had eliminated the Chalfont duo John Barclay and Mike Atkinson. Ashley beat Cippenham colleague Paul Baker in the other semi-final.



Ashley Shaw and Chalfont's Ben Wiseman completed the Slough team. In the morning Slough started slowly and three wins from David were all that could be mustered in a 5-3 loss to Norwich. Then David suffered his only defeat in the competition against David Meads as Slough lost unsurprisingly 5-2 to Darlington. In the evening match against Reading all the players found their form and with David and Ashley winning twice each and Ben

one, Slough ran out 5-1 winners to finish in third position.

Hammersley Cup Results:

5-3 Chesterfield
4-5 Medway
0-5 Reading

Carter Cup Results:

3-5 Norwich
2-5 Darlington
5-1 Reading

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The season ends brightly at Cippenham with another two national titles

National Masters—Two Weekends—Two Champions!



Cippenham Table Tennis Club member Gavin Evans went undefeated to win the coveted English National Cadet Masters title over the weekend of 7th and 8th May. Spurred on by local support at Cippenham, the twelve-year prodigy, playing in an age group in which he has a further three years left, was only taken to a deciding end three times – all on the first day by Alim Hirji, Darren Reed and Matthew Dodds.

In fact, after the overnight cut had been made from sixteen boys down to

twelve, Gavin's indomitable form saw him lose only three games on the Sunday, recording 3-0 victories in his other four matches. Runner-up Wing Yung Chan (Sy) was beaten 3-1 and third placed Damien Nicholls (Sp) 3-0.

The elder of the two competing Evans brothers, Myles, also had a good event, eventually finishing in sixth place with eight wins from his thirteen matches including a 3-0 defeat of third-placed Nicholls.

The counterpart girls' event was won by Cheshire's Caroline Hallows with national cadet champion Sarra Wang of Essex in second place.

Another International Gold for Gavin

Gavin Evans emerged from the Cadet Six Nations Tournament in Lohne, Germany with yet another international gold medal to his name. Gavin, only recently turned twelve years old, and playing against some of Europe's best under-15s, took the individual boys' gold medal after beating Mikkel Hindersson of Denmark in the final. He produced an amazing 11-7, 6-11, 9-11, 11-7, 11-3 victory to avenge a defeat against the same player in the first round groups from which Gavin emerged only as runner-up. He then picked up his game to beat the excellent Patrick Franziska (Germany) 3-1 in the quarter-final and the young Danish number two Henrik Laxby 3-0 in the semi-final.

Gavin's older brother Myles Evans also represented England in this event but lost in the groups. Together, with Damien Nicholls, Darren Reed and Wing Yung Chang, they beat Denmark 6-4 and France 8-2, but lost to Sweden 4-6, Germany 3-7 and Netherlands 4-6 to finish in fourth place in the team event.

Cippenham's Melanie Farquhar struck gold in the English National Junior Masters competition over the weekend of 14th and 15th May and completed a fantastic double for the host club for whom Gavin Evans won the counterpart cadet boys' event a week earlier.

Melanie went into the Saturday evening cut in second place in Group A behind Sarah Perks to whom she had lost but equal on points by virtue of Perks' defeat against Caroline Hallows. The Cippenham girl had also survived a

fright against Hallows when she held off the challenge of the girl from Cheshire 12-10 in the fifth and deciding game.

On Sunday, Melanie beat Cippenham colleague Emily Tucker, Sophie Byron and Sally Smith but lost to Emma Vickers. Going in to penultimate match Mel shared first position with Sarra Wang, her next opponent. Matches are usually closely contested between these two and this was no exception. First game went to the Essex girl 11-5 before Mel hit back 11-5, 11-9 to lead 2-1. Back again came Wang to win the fourth game 11-8 and a storming fifth game was finally won by the home player 11-7. Even though this catapulted Melanie into sole top place, defeat at the hands of Lisa Radford in the final match could still mean a drop to third position. It was all to play for. In the event Mel won the final match against her opponent from Devon easily 11-3, 11-6, 11-7 to confirm herself as the gold medal winner, Wang in second place and Radford third.

Meanwhile Burnham resident Emily Tucker was going steadily along, playing well in her last major event as a junior, and finished in sixth place having lost only to the five girls ahead of her and to Sophie Byron.

In the boys' event Bradley Evans finished seventh in a class field that included the top two ranked cadets in Europe. Paul Drinkhall of Cleveland, as he has done on many occasions recently, confirmed himself as the country's top junior by winning all his matches but Darius Knight, the national number two, had to settle for bronze after having been beaten by Adam Bleakley.

British League:- A move to extend the Premier Division of the British League was defeated at the annual conference, assisted by Cippenham's votes cast by representatives Sue Hayes and Martin Adams. The result is that the pyramid will remain as last season with Cippenham's three teams operating in Divisions 1 South, 2 South & Midlands and 4 South & West. We have applied to host all 4 sessions.



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Weekend Diary June/July/August

June

Sun 5th	Cippenham Banded 2-Star Open
Sun 12th	Southern Region Junior Training
Sat 18th	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival
Sun 19th	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival

July

Sun 3rd	Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2-Star Open
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August

Sat 6th	Gareth Herbert England U23 Event
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GRAHAM BECOMES CHAIRMAN



Graham Trimming is the new Chairman of Cippenham TTC having been elected at the Club's AGM on 24th May. Graham replaces Robin Farquhar who retires after one year in the post. This is the first time that Graham has been Chairman of the Club that he founded in 1973 and he also continues as Gen-

eral Secretary, a post he has held for each of those thirty-two years. Paul Baker became the new Club Captain and re-elected into their positions were: Sue Hayes (Deputy Chairman), Peter Hillier (Treasurer), Ken Phillips (Coaching Officer), Jackie Lovell (Social Officer), Anne Farquhar (Bookings Officer) and Catherine Hayes (Events Officer).

One of Graham's stated aims is to stabilise the financial position of the Club. Although the Club is still wealthy by the standards of most table tennis clubs and has cash resources that will sustain it for some years, there have been deficits for the past two years and Graham, a qualified accountant, has written two reviews of the Club's financial situation during that period. Another prime focus, through new Club Captain Paul Baker, will be to improve the communication links between the Committee, team captains and players.

Weekday Diary

Mon	5:30	Advanced Coaching
	7:30	Excellence Coaching
Tues	7:15	Slough League matches
	7:30	Practice Tables
Wed	7:30	Squad Training
Thurs	5:15	Beginners' Coaching
	7:15	Slough League matches
	7:30	Practice Tables

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2005-06

	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
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)	**£4.00	**£2.00
Coaching Fees (per term - 1 st group)		£30.00
Coaching Fees (per term - 2 nd group)		£20.00

* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members

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