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A great finish to the Junior British League season in Wolverhampton

RUNNERS-UP FOR ALL THREE TEAMS

All three Cippenham teams in the Junior British League returned home from Wolverhampton jubilant with runners-up spots in their respective divisions.

The three teams faced vastly different obstacles en route. For the girls' first team, in the Premier Division, it was a case of trying to hold on to what they already had, while the boys' team and the girls' second team had to improve upon their showings in the first weekend if they were to climb up the table.

It was unlikely, after the results of the first weekend in October, that Cippenham would retain the Girls' Premier Division title but when England junior star Sarra Wang became unavailable it became a quest to hold on to second place. Rachel Pilgrim was promoted from the second team to deputise for Sarra but the step up proved too much even though she did manage to win one match in the 5-1 defeat of Irish Girls. However, another England junior star Melanie Farquhar rose to the challenge with an incredible unblemished record over the weekend to finish the season top of the division's averages having won 19 of her 20 matches. This included a win over Emma Vickers who had just been called up into the England senior squad for a European League match. Two walkovers assisted Cippenham to also beat Bridgwater 4-2 while Reena Ardeshana came up with one each in the matches against Grantham and Wirral to secure 3-3 draws. Only champions Draycott &

Cippenham Boys – runners-up in Division 2B: (l-r) Ashley Shaw; Matthew Tucker; Edward Mitchell

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Cippenham Girls A—Premier Division runners-up: (l-r) Melanie Farquhar; Rachel Pilgrim; Reena Ardeshana

Long Eaton managed to defeat Cippenham's depleted side 4-2.

The girls' second team, without therefore the services of Rachel Pilgrim, obtained seven points from a possible ten to move up a place and secure runners-up spot in Division 2. Team Peniel B and Chelmsford were both beaten 5-1 with Lindsey Armstrong undefeated in both matches and Rachel Farquhar and Catherine Hayes each winning three of their four matches. The 3-3 draw secured against Redland Bats, who were a player short, was sufficient for Cippenham to climb above their opponents into second place but the really strong performance came against Waterside, a match that Cippenham won 4-2 after

being 2-1 down. Lindsey was once more Cippenham's strength, winning twice. The only loss was 5-1 against division winners St. Andrews.

Four wins and a solitary 4-2 loss to winners Rotherham Scorpions gave Cippenham an extraordinary weekend in which they rose from fourth place in Boys' Division 2B to end in second place three points ahead of third placed Wirral. All three boys returned good results, especially Eddie Mitchell, winless in the first weekend, who won eight of his ten matches. Ashley Shaw won seven while Matthew Tucker won six. Kingfisher, Halton and Billericay were all despatched 5-1 while it was Matthew who starred with a brace in the 4-2 win over Ormesby.



Have you entered?

Cippenham Double Group 2-Star Open

Sunday 1st April



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Found in the Club's suggestion box after the Young Players' New Year Festival—"Your table tennis tournaments are fantastic!"

British League Results

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham I				
Martin Adams	14	28	22	79
Rob Lemon	12	24	16	67
Eddie Smith	4	8	5	63
Robert Hansell	14	28	16	57
Chris Hansell	2	4	2	50
Mark Butler	8	16	5	31
Nick Hansell	2	4	0	0
Cippenham II				
Danny Baxter	6	12	8	67
Steve Buck	14	26	13	50
Krzysztof Zemelka	3	6	2	33
Phil Clarkson	2	4	1	25
Lee Dredge	10	20	4	20
Mark Jackson	12	24	4	17
Graham Trimming	7	12	0	0
Cippenham III				
Ashley Shaw	8	16	12	75
Nick Hansell	4	8	6	75
Chris Hansell	10	20	14	70
Phil Clarkson	12	24	12	50
Paul Elliott	9	18	8	44
Eris Van Looy	9	18	4	22

Results:

Cippenham I	Cippenham II
3-5 London Progress II	2-5 Oxford Fireplace Ctr
4-4 Harvey Barnets II	2-6 EBS-O Westfield I
5-3 Byng Hall I	5-3 Elgre Nottingham II
5-3 Brighton I	4-4 Bedford Modern I
Cippenham III	
3-5 Brighton II	
3-5 TTK Greenhouse II	
5-3 Hastings	
3-5 Eastbourne	

Firsts Finish Third—Again!

British League

Non-availability is a growing problem with our BL teams

The British League season concluded at the end of February with the three Cippenham teams retaining their positions in their respective divisions. The non-availability of some players meant that none of the teams were at full strength throughout the weekend but still they managed satisfactory results.

The first team especially, at full strength on Saturday when they won only one point, hardly missed Rob Lemon on Sunday as a maximum four points were gained. Rob's deputy Chris Hansell, fresh from representing Oxford in the university varsity match the day before, secured wins in both matches with the score at 4-3 to give Cippenham maximum points from 5-3 results over Byng Hall and Brighton.

It was a tight finish in Division 1 South with the Cippenham first team occupying third position, one point behind runners-up Harvey Barnets II and one ahead of York Gardens. After losing 5-3 to divisional champions DHS London Progress II on Saturday morning the 4-4 draw in the afternoon against Barnets was ultimately not quite enough to clinch second spot and with it promotion to the Premier Division. In the end it came down to narrowest of margins. If Rob Lemon had beaten Eser Maniga 14-12 in the deciding fifth game rather than losing Cippenham would now be celebrating promotion to the top flight for the first time ever. Sport is so often about "what-if's". There again, Cippenham were fortunate that their match against York Gardens had been played and won during the previous session because the Battersea-based club fielded their England senior international and European junior runner-up Darius Knight for the first time in a last ditch push for promotion. However, two drawn matches against Fusion and London Progress on the last day put paid to their hopes.

Martin Adams again led his side in majestic form winning six of his eight matches during the weekend to finish with 22 out of 28 for the season. Rob Lemon and Robert Hansell also won many more than they lost overall and Mark Butler regained some form this weekend after losing much of his early

season due to personal circumstances.

The second team were helped in their desire to stay in Division 1 South and Midlands by an Elgre Nottingham side that were unable to win a point all season. Cippenham finished comfortably ahead on seven points, albeit in seventh position. Non-availability hit the team hard and they were a player short on Saturday despite reserve Graham Trimming being called up for the entire weekend. Saturday's matches were lost 5-2 against Oxford Fireplace Centre II and 6-2 against EBS-Orange Westfield but with Mark Jackson joining the team for Sunday results improved. A depleted Nottingham team were defeated 5-3 and then Bedford Modern were held to a 4-4 draw. Danny Baxter was unbeaten on Sunday while Steve Buck's three wins earned him a fifty percent return on the season.

The third team travelled to Southall and had to play a man short in all four matches. This handicap proved too much to overcome in three of the matches that were all lost 5-3 against Brighton II, TTK Greenhouse II and Eastbourne. However, two wins each from Nick Hansell, who played well throughout the weekend and registered six wins, and Phil Clarkson and one from Eric Van Looy secured the two points from a 5-3 win over Hastings on Sunday morning.

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1 South							
London Progress II	14	11	2	1	77	35	24
Harvey Barnets II	14	9	2	3	70	42	20
Cippenham I	14	9	1	4	66	46	19
York Gardens I	14	7	4	3	64	48	18
Fusion I	14	4	4	6	56	56	12
Byng Hall I	14	5	2	7	48	64	12
Brighton I	14	2	2	10	42	70	6
Horsham I	14	0	1	13	25	87	1
Division 1 South & Midlands							
TTK Greenhouse I	14	12	2	0	91	21	26
OLOP IMPACT I	14	9	3	2	77	35	21
London Progress III	14	8	3	3	67	45	19
EBS-Orange Westfield I	14	5	3	6	55	57	13
Oxford Fireplace Ctr II	14	6	1	7	49	62	13
Bedford Modern I	14	6	1	7	49	63	13
Cippenham II	14	3	1	10	36	75	7
Elgre Nottingham II	14	0	0	14	23	89	0
Division 3 South table not available at time of going to press							

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Team Format A Success

Our Club, never shy of trying new formats, ran its first Team Open Championship in February. Extremely positive feedback from the players at the end of the day makes it a certainty that the event will be repeated next season. The conventional open tournament in Britain is for individual players and played on a knock-out basis so when you lose you quit. This event was different: players combined into teams of two and progressed through the draw on the basis of the team result. Furthermore, the format of a preliminary round with four groups each of four teams, followed by cross-over matches, and then four final round groups again of four teams meant that each player was guaranteed at least seven matches. The end product was a complete ranking of all 16 teams.

On the table it was the players from the London Progress club that prevailed. The top seeds, brothers Umair and Yasir Mauthoor, playing as Frenford Club, and second seeds, the Hampshire-based Matt Ware and Garth Kinlocke, playing as DHS London Progress, met in the final match of the final group having progressed through the day all unbeaten.

The format seemed to favour Frenford and the first set went to plan. Ware raised his game as he beat Umair Mauthoor 3-0. Then came the crunch. Would Yasir Mauthoor make the score 1-1 with the expected win over Kinlocke? No. Kinlocke showed the progress he has made in the last couple of years and, despite dropping the fourth game to his determined opponent, ran out a 3-1 winner to give London Progress 1 a win by 2-0 and the title.

Father and son pairing of Peter and Daniel Ives, from Kent, in the guise of The Dosey Duo, took third spot while The Dragons (Andy Holmes and Dipan Shah) finished fourth.

The best of locals were Cippenham III, comprising of two of the host club's British League third team players Phil Clarkson and Eric Van Looy. They finished sixth while Cippenham Buccaneers (Terry Boxall and John Lloyd) were twelfth.

Second GP Title
for Peter



Cippenham Table Tennis Club is buzzing at its Thursday evening open sessions at the moment and one of the main reasons for this is the popular Grand Prix events taking place there most weeks. The Grand Prix is a weekly competition between members of the Club on a less formal basis than the Slough League programme in which the Club's teams play against teams from other clubs. Each Grand Prix is a series of six weekly competitions.

The latest winner is 15 years-old Peter Gajdus, who also won the inaugural Grand Prix last summer. Peter led the Grand Prix after five weeks but was then called up for promotion into the Cippenham Outlaws team for a match in Slough League Division One on the same evening as the final session. Undaunted, Peter juggled himself between the two events and his third place finish on the night gained him enough points to secure the overall Grand Prix title. It was sheer consistency over the six-week period that proved decisive. Peter never won an event but picked up points each week and twice finished second.

Krzysztof Zemelka (2), Eric Van Looy (2), Steve Buck and Gerald Finesilver won the weekly events with the latter also picking up further points to earn him third place overall.

The current Grand Prix started on Thursday 22nd February and runs until 30th March.

	Pts
1. Peter Gajdus	310
2. Krzysztof Zemelka	270
3. Gerald Finesilver	210
4. Eric Van Looy	200
5. Jack McCandless	160
5. Amar Abid-Ali	160
7. Ollie Valdez	132
8. Tim Kiteley	120
9. Steve Buck	100
10. Paul Chandler	70

Junior British League Results



Cippenham Girls B—Division 2 runners-up: (l-r) Rachel Farquhar; Catherine Hayes; Lindsey Armstrong

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boys' Division 2B							
Rotherham Scorpions A	10	8	2	0	46	14	18
Cippenham	10	6	0	4	34	26	12
Kingfisher B	10	4	1	5	28	32	9
Billericay	10	4	0	6	26	34	8
Halton	10	3	1	6	23	37	7
Ormesby B	10	3	0	7	23	37	6
Girls' Premier Division							
Draycott & Long Eaton	10	10	0	0	49	11	20
Cippenham A	10	5	3	2	38	22	13
Wirral Premier	10	5	2	3	30	30	12
Grantham Tornadoes	10	2	3	5	23	37	7
Irish Girls	10	1	3	6	22	38	5
Bridgwater	10	0	3	7	18	42	3
Girls' Division 2							
St. Andrews A	10	9	1	0	47	13	19
Cippenham B	10	6	1	3	37	23	13
Redland Bats	10	4	3	3	33	27	11
Waterside B	10	2	3	5	24	36	7
Chelmsford	10	2	1	7	22	38	5
Team Peniel B	10	1	3	6	17	43	5
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Boys							
Ashley Shaw	8	16	10	63			
Matthew Tucker	9	16	9	56			
Edward Mitchell	9	17	8	47			
Andrew Linz	4	7	3	43			
Girls' A							
Melanie Farquhar	10	20	19	95			
Sarra Wang	5	10	7	70			
Reena Ardeshana	10	19	9	47			
Rachel Pilgrim	5	9	1	11			
Girls' B							
Rachel Pilgrim	5	10	8	80			
Lindsey Armstrong	10	20	12	60			
Catherine Hayes	10	18	10	56			
Rachel Farquhar	5	9	5	56			
Results:							
Boys				Girls' A			
5-1 Kingfisher B				5-1 Irish Girls			
5-1 Billericay				4-2 Bridgwater			
5-1 Halton				3-3 Wirral Premier			
4-2 Ormesby B				3-3 Grantham Tornadoe			
2-4 Rotherham Scorpion				2-4 Draycott & L. Eaton			
Girls' B							
5-1 Chelmsford							
5-1 Team Peniel B							
4-2 Waterside B							
3-3 Redland Bats							
1-5 St. Andrews A							

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Weekend Diary March/April

March

Sat 3 National Junior League Southern Region (4)
 Sat 17 Cippenham Cadet and U13 2-Star Open
 Sun 18 Southern Region Junior Training
 Sun 25 Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open

April

Sun 1 Cippenham Double Group 2-Star Open



Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

May 5/6 ETTA National Cadet Masters
 May 12/13 ETTA National Junior Masters
 May 19/20 Southern Region Junior Training
 Jun 9/10 Cippenham YP Summer Festival
 Jun 16/17 Southern Region Junior Training
 Jul 1 Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2* Open

Weekday Diary

Mon 7:00 Advanced 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
 7:40 Grand Prix

Slough League Tables

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Chalfont Argonauts	14	13	1	0	119	21	81
Burnham Nomads	16	9	3	4	90	70	59
Cippenham Buccaneers	16	8	0	8	81	78	50
Cippenham Outlaws	16	6	4	6	77	83	46
Chalfont Bohemians	14	6	2	6	65	74	38
George Green Goblins	17	5	2	10	68	102	35
Burnham Leopards	15	6	1	8	63	87	34
Burnham Pumas	12	0	1	11	36	84	16
Division 2							
Burnham Lions	10	9	1	0	80	20	53
Cippenham Rascals	9	6	0	3	58	32	37
Cippenham Vagabonds	10	6	0	4	55	45	37
George Green Gremlins	10	3	2	5	42	58	23
Cippenham Scoundrels	10	2	0	8	32	67	14
WAMDSAD A	9	1	1	7	22	67	9

Mel Down Under with Team GB

Melanie Farquhar received one of her greatest honours when chosen to represent Team GB in the Australia Youth Olympic Festival in the second half of January. Mel teamed up with Emma Vickers for Team GB and although they did not win any of their team matches, the girls did combine to reach the quarter-finals of the Women's Doubles before losing out to Hsuing and Kung of Chinese Taipei.

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2006-07

	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)	**£5.00	**£2.50
Coaching Fees (per term - 1st group)		£30.00
Coaching Fees (per term - 2nd group)		£20.00

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

Only one match remains outstanding in Division 2 with Rascals already confirmed as runners-up. That division has now embarked on a handicapped competition in which each of the six teams play each other with the top four qualifying for the play-off semi-finals. The final will be played alongside the Slough Masters tournament at Burnham on May 1st.

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