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Cippenham mix it up in Slough League

The Slough League may be down to one division of nine teams but Cippenham are determined that this season will be a great competition. The past few years have seen Cippenham put most of their best players into one squad to compete against Chalfont for the title. Last season resulted in a runaway success for Cippenham Outlaws.

With the threat from Chalfont appearing to have somewhat diminished, Cippenham have decided to spread their best players amongst three of their four teams and let them fight it out against themselves for the title and against challenges from Burnham and Chalfont.

Outlaws retain Neil Bird and Graham Trimming from last year's successful team and are joined by Terry Osborne and Anthony Gardner. This is a team that has strength throughout but is without any real star performers. Paul Baker and Steve Smith have moved across to the Buccaneers team where they will be backed-up by the ever improving Ricky Hardcastle and Terry Boxall, with Steve's father, Steve Smith snr, ready to come down from Birmingham to assist when required.

In an enterprising move, Cippenham's best two players, Rafique Sarhadi and Steve Dobbins, have been teamed with Peter Gajdus and John Lloyd to form a Cippenham Rascals side. Peter is returning after two years away from



2008-9 Slough League champions Cippenham Outlaws: (l-r) Graham Trimming; Neil Bird; Steve Smith; Paul Baker

table tennis due to his studies.

It will be interesting to see whether the more consistent Outlaws can withstand the challenges of Buccaneers and Rascals with their star players.

Cippenham Scoundrels are a slightly weaker team and will be captained by Armando Borges. He is backed up by Jim Perry and a host of lesser players but with Sue Hayes and Alistair Richardson in reserve.

Update:

In the first three weeks, Buccaneers have set the standard for others to match. All three matches have been won with a sets aggregate of 26-4 and that includes an 8-2 win over Outlaws. What can Outlaws and Rascals, who drew 5-5 with Chalfont, do to stay in touch?

Maidenhead League



Cippenham Vikings: (l-r) Steve Harben; Rob Evans; David Williams

In the Maidenhead League, Cippenham Vikings have an unbeaten record in Division 3. Rob Evans is unbeaten so far and David Williams has lost just once. In the Premier Division, Spartans are well placed in second while Saxons are mid-table, as are Trojans in Division 1.



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National Junior League—Day 1

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boys' Division 1							
North Herts	3	3	0	0	23	4	23
Chiltern-CHS A	3	3	0	0	22	5	22
Ashford	3	2	0	1	18	9	18
Reading	3	1	0	2	11	16	11
Cippenham A	3	0	0	3	4	23	4
Chiltern-CHS B	3	0	0	3	3	24	3
Boys' Division 2							
Chiltern-CHS C	3	3	0	0	23	4	23
Cippenham B	3	3	0	0	21	6	21
Cippenham C	3	1	0	2	13	14	13
Chiltern-CHS D	3	1	0	2	9	18	9
Chiltern-CHS E	3	1	0	2	8	19	8
Kingfisher	3	0	0	3	7	20	7

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham A				
Elliot Ford	3	9	3	33
Piers Kemp	3	9	1	11
Cippenham B				
Duncan Calvert	3	9	9	100
George Weller	3	9	8	89
Leo Pickford	3	9	4	44
Cippenham C				
Alex Nagle	3	9	9	100
Joseph Underwood	3	9	4	44

Anniversary Party

Thursday 5 November, 7pm

Annual awards presented for:

Outstanding Contribution

Senior Player of the Year

Junior Player of the Year

Forget your fireworks, come and join in the buffet (provided) and beverages (please bring some to share) and give your thanks to our many volunteers

Junior teams off the pace

Cippenham's boys' and girls' teams found the going tough during the first weekend of matches in the Junior British League at Wolverhampton. The girls, playing in the Premier Division, managed two draws from their five matches and lie in fifth place at the half-way stage while the boys are one point and one position worse off in Division One.

The girls only suffered one big defeat to league leaders Ormesby, from Middlesbrough one of the most famous clubs in English table tennis history, to whom they lost 1-5. Even in that match, Charleigh Kirby only lost 2-3 to Jessica Dawson and Natalie Slater conceded a walkover to England number one Karina Lefevre. Cippenham's win came from Haylee Potts over Dawson. Otherwise there were two 3-3 draws and two 2-4 losses. In one of these, against Irish team Ballina, Cippenham led 2-1 through Natalie and Charleigh but were unable to take full advantage. Natalie, who won four of her nine matches over the weekend, is ranked 7 in England and was signed by Cippenham, along with England number 12 Haylee, to support Charleigh in a team of Premier Division standard. Haylee won four out of ten and Charleigh three out of ten. In the other defeat, against Cliffdale Chandelers, Natalie and Haylee beat Emily Bates and Jasmine Ould respectively. This was an especially good win for Natalie over the England number two ranked player.

The two points that Cippenham did pick up, against Burton Uxbridge and Draycott & Long Eaton were both the result of full team efforts as each girl picked up a win in each match. The match sequence was identical also. Natalie beat the opponents' number two and then, with Cippenham 1-3 down, Haylee and Charleigh both came good to rescue points for us. Charleigh had her best result in the final set of the match against Burton Uxbridge when she downed Laura Robinson, eight places higher in the national ranking list, 3-0.

Local star Edward Mitchell found the challenge of being number one in a team in Division One too much and won only one of his ten matches over the weekend. Even so, Eddie only lost once to a player beaten by one of his

team-mates. Michael Ho, who has been training at Cippenham for several months, did much better from the number two slot and won half of his matches while George Downing, brought in from outside the Club's core membership to add support for Eddie and Michael, won three times.

Cippenham's one point came in the 3-3 draw with Horsham and, just as with the girls in their drawn matches, the boys came back from 1-3 down. Eddie beat Stephen Eckford and then, Michael beat Ricki Weston and George also beat Eckford to secure the result. Barnet, Team Peniel and Burton Uxbridge all managed to beat Cippenham 4-2 with Eddie twice going down 2-3 in the match against the Staffordshire club. The other result was a 0-6 defeat by DHS Greenhouse Progress 2.

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boys' Division 1							
Barnet 1	5	4	0	1	17	13	8
DHS G/h Progress 2	5	3	1	1	19	11	7
Burton Uxbridge 2	5	3	0	2	17	13	6
Team Peniel A	5	2	1	2	15	15	5
Horsham 1	5	0	3	2	13	17	3
Cippenham	5	0	1	4	9	21	1
Girls' Premier Division							
Ormesby	5	5	0	0	24	6	10
Cliffdale Chandelers	5	3	1	1	17	13	7
Ballina	5	2	2	1	18	12	6
Burton Uxbridge 1	5	0	3	2	12	18	3
Cippenham	5	0	2	3	11	19	2
Draycott & Long Eaton	5	0	2	3	8	22	2

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham Boys				
Michael Ho	5	10	5	50
George Downing	5	10	3	30
Eddie Mitchell	5	10	1	10
Cippenham Girls				
Natalie Slater	5	9	4	44
Haylee Potts	5	10	4	40
Charleigh Kirby	5	10	3	30

Results:

Cippenham Boys	Cippenham Girls
3-3 Horsham 1	3-3 Burton Uxbridge 1
2-4 Barnet 1	3-3 Draycott & L. Eaton
2-4 Burton Uxbridge 2	2-4 Cliffdale Chandelers
2-4 Team Peniel A	2-4 Ballina
0-6 DHS G/h Progress 2	1-5 Ormesby



Christmas Party

Sunday 13 December

More details next month

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British League—what a struggle!

The three Cippenham teams had their worst series of results ever in the second weekend of matches in the British League. The only points that came the Club's way were from the first team's win over Generation 2 in Division 1 South. Apart from that, it was defeat after defeat, emphasising the fact that re-organisations of the League in the past few seasons have seen the Cippenham second and third teams promoted above their natural levels.

The trip to Okehampton, Devon is rarely fruitful for the Cippenham first team and this time proved to be no different as they lost three of their four matches, but a win against fellow strugglers Generation means that they stayed out of the drop zone. The weekend started against BATTS Team Peniel II, a match that was, on paper, always going to be tight. Martin Adams was edged out by the ever-reliable Sean Gibson but Cedric Brion evened up the scores with a good win over Martin Kurbt. BATTS' Dotov proved too consistent for Mark Butler but Cippenham newcomer, Rafique Sarhadi, gained victory against leading lady Abilgail Embling to level up the scores. Gibson put BATTS in the lead again but that was quickly cancelled out by Martin with a win over Dotov. Kurbt was able to read Rafique's unusual style of play well and Embling upped her game against the struggling Mark to give BATTS a 5-3 victory. The afternoon match saw Cippenham completely outplayed by the division leaders Fusion. Mark Smith, ranked 25 in England, was at number 3 for the opposition and that gives some indication of the task faced by Cippenham. However, with the match already lost, Eddie Mitchell showed his spirit on his first team debut by beating John Denison to avoid the whitewash.

The Sunday matches started against old rivals London Progress. Despite some close matches such as Martin losing close in the fifth to highly ranked Ashley Willetts and Rafique seeing a 2-0 lead over Egle Adomeleyte being slowly eaten away, a 2-6 defeat ensued. Cippenham's victories came from Martin over James Sprackling and Cedric over Jerome Jonah. Cippenham saved their best performance for last. Despite signing up an

extremely good Chinese player who had impressed all weekend, and against whom Martin failed to convert two match points, Cippenham out-gunned their relegation rivals 6-2 with both Rafique and Eddie scoring maximum wins. The Generation 2 team also included three of Cippenham's Veterans' British League squad in Mike Rhodes, Charlie Childs and Roger Hookey, who were unable to trouble the scorers on this occasion.

Four defeats saw the Cippenham second team drop from third to bottom in Division 1 South and Midlands, played at their home venue. However, the division is very tight and one additional point could have seen Cippenham gain three places and only three points separate them from third place.

Nick Brown won twice and Mark Jackson once as Cippenham lost the opening match 3-5 against Brighton City. Both the sets that extended to five games went against the host team. Mark and Martin Gray then got one each in the Saturday afternoon 2-6 defeat by Mossford. It was the Sunday morning match against Sportingbet Guernsey that left the bitterest taste. One again, the result was a 3-5 defeat in a match Cippenham had hoped to win against the national squad from the Channel Islands. Owen Clutterbuck added to wins by Martin and Mark but it was not enough. The final match, against runaway leaders TTK Greenhouse, who included double Commonwealth Games gold medallist Gareth Herbert, was always going to be an uphill struggle and Steve Munson's excellent win against Jide Owolabi was all the Cippenham could muster in a 1-7 defeat.

The Cippenham third team, playing at Ashford, Middlesex in Division 2 South & West, fared no better. With Steve Buck unavailable and Kevin Gray injured, Cippenham called in Chris Hansell and Steve Smith. Despite four losses to Club Cornwall 3-5, Woolwell II 2-6, Ashford 1-7 and B&S Group 0-8, Cippenham remain three points clear of bottom team Urban Progress II who are still pointless after eight matches. Chris and Steve both won two of their eight matches over the weekend while Paul Baker and Tony Stead won one each.

Rafique Sarhadi



League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1 South							
Current table not available							
Division 1 South & Midlands							
TTK Greenhouse	8	8	0	0	50	14	16
OLOP IMPACT I	8	5	0	3	38	26	10
Mossford I	8	3	2	3	31	33	8
Brighton City I	8	3	1	4	29	35	7
Sportingbet Guernsey I	8	2	2	4	29	35	6
Fusion II	8	2	2	4	27	37	6
Kingfisher	8	2	2	4	27	37	6
Cippenham II	8	2	1	5	25	39	5
Division 2 South & West							
Ashford I	8	5	2	1	43	21	12
B&S Group	8	5	2	1	42	22	12
Horsham I	8	5	2	1	37	27	12
York Gardens II	8	4	3	1	41	23	11
Woolwell II	8	4	2	2	34	30	10
Club Cornwall	8	2	0	6	23	41	4
Cippenham III	8	1	1	6	20	44	3
Urban Progress II	8	0	0	8	16	48	0

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham I				
Eddie Mitchell	2	4	3	75
Cedric Brion	8	16	7	44
Martin Adams	8	16	7	44
Rafique Sarhadi	4	8	3	38
Robert Hansell	4	8	3	38
Lee Dredge	4	8	3	38
Mark Butler	2	4	0	0
Cippenham II				
David Hayes	2	4	3	75
Owen Clutterbuck	7	14	7	50
Mark Jackson	5	10	5	50
Steve Munson	4	8	3	38
Martin Gray	8	15	5	33
Nick Brown	6	12	2	17
Cippenham III				
Steve Buck	4	8	4	50
Paul Baker	8	16	5	31
Tony Stead	8	16	5	31
Chris Hansell	4	8	2	25
Kevin Gray	4	8	2	25
Steve Smith	4	8	2	25

Results:

Cippenham I	Cippenham III
3-5 BATTS Peniel II	1-7 Ashford I
1-7 Fusion I	2-6 Woolwell II
2-6 DHS Progress II	3-5 Club Cornwall
6-2 Generation 2 I	0-8 B&S Group
Cippenham II	
3-5 Brighton City I	
2-6 Mossford I	
3-5 Sportingbet Guernsey I	
1-7 TTK Greenhouse	

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Weekend Diary November/December

November

Sat 7 National Junior League (1)
 Sun 22 Cippenham Team 2-Star Open
 Sat 28 National Junior League (2)
 Sun 29 UKCC Level 1 coach education course

December

Sat 5 County Championships Senior Premier Div (1)
 Sun 6 County Championships Senior Premier Div (1)
 Sat 12 County Championships Senior Division 2D
 Sun 13 Christmas Party
 Sun 20 Southern Region junior training



Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

Jan 9 County Champs Junior Division 1B
 Jan 10 Southern Region coaches' workshop
 Jan 17 British League (3) Divisions 1S and 1S&M
 Jan 23/24 UKCC level 2 coach education course
 Jan 30/31 Cippenham Young Players' New Year Fest
 Feb 6 National Junior League (3)
 Feb 7 Southern Region junior training
 Feb 13/14 Maidenhead Closed Championships
 Feb 20 Bucks Junior Closed Championships
 Feb 27/28 Cippenham Series 3 2* Open
 Mar 6 National Junior League (4)
 Mar 13/14 British League (4) Divisions 1S & 1S&M
 Mar 20/21 UKCC Level 2 coach education course
 Mar 27 County Champs Junior Division 1B
 Apr 3/4 Cippenham Series 4 2* Open
 Apr 10 County Champs Senior Division 2D
 Apr 17/18 Reading Closed Championships
 Apr 24/25 Cippenham Series 5 2* Open
 May 1/2 National Cadet Masters
 May 8/9 British League Division 1 Play-offs
 May 22/23 Cippenham Series 6 2* Open
 Jun 12/13 Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest
 Jun 20 Southern Region junior training

Weekday Diary

Mon 7:15 Advanced Coaching
Tues 7:15 Local league matches
 7:30 Practice Tables
 7:40 Grand Prix
Wed 7:30 Squad Training
Thurs 5:15 Beginners' Coaching
 7:15 Local league matches
 7:30 Practice Tables
Fri 7:00 Open practice evening

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2009-10

	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
Maidenhead 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		

Events away from Cippenham

Nov 7/8 Veterans' British League (1) (Hereford)
 Jan 30/31 Veterans' British League (2) (Doncaster)
 Feb 6/7 Women's British League (2) (Doncaster)
 Feb 13/14 Junior British League (2) (Wolverhampton)

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