



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Men's first team dominant in VBL

Cippenham's three teams had very different experiences when the new season of the Veterans' British League got underway at Derby. The men's first team were all-conquering and lead their division at the half-way stage with promotion already nearly assured. The men's second team lie in mid-table in their division while the women's team, promoted out of turn from third place last season, hold up the rest of the teams in a division that is proving to be too strong for them.

The Cippenham men's first team had a glorious weekend, winning all five of their matches in Division 2B with a sets aggregate of twenty-eight for and only two against. Andy Trott and Mark Banks, who shared one place in the team, both remained unbeaten while Martin Adams and Hari Gehlot lost just once each in their ten matches and both of those were deuce in the fifth.

The rout started early with a 6-0 demolition of the Seaside team from Blackpool. Foresters D were next to face Cippenham and they became one of only two sides to take a set, losing 5-1. This was a tighter affair, as befits the team that ultimately finished second, and Hari Gehlot, especially, was engaged in two very competitive matches. Hari came back from 2-1 down to defeat Michael Robinson but roles were reversed as he surrendered a 2-1 lead to ultimately fall to Jack Boulton 12-10 in the fifth. Mark Banks came into the team for Andy Trott for the late Saturday match against Ashford but the team dynamic remained with Cippenham easing out a 6-0 victory.

Sunday morning saw Cippenham face South Essex who stunned the league leaders by going 1-0 up when Martin lost 12-10 in the fifth to Richard Hutchinson after being two games to the good. However, Andy and Hari were not going to give their opponents the same opportunity and Cippenham eventually ran out winners by 5-1. The entirely satisfactory weekend finished with a flourish as Dewsbury were left reeling 6-0 with only Martin offering any sort of chance to his opponents.



Andy Trott

Unlike the first team, the Cippenham men's second team did not have things all their own way in Division 4A and finished in fifth place out of eight with four points from their five matches. The weekend started promisingly with a 4-2 win against Archway. The Peterborough-based side got off to the perfect start as Dave Needham beat Mike Rhodes and Brett Heppenstall beat Paul Baker to give them a 2-0 lead. Tony Stead then stepped into the fray and eclipsed Stephen Williams, losing only seven points in the process. Mike equalised for Cippenham against Heppenstall and Tony completed a very impressive brace against Needham. It was left to Paul to complete Cippenham's victory with a comfortable win against Williams.

Buoyed by that success, Cippenham went into the next match against Border Reivers full of confidence. Another good performance ensued against the side that ultimately led the division at the end of the weekend. Samson Bekele replaced Tony in the Cippenham team but it was Mike who was the star for Cippenham this time with victories against Paul Stead and Geoff Saltier. Paul Baker also beat Paul Stead over five games in the final set to give Cippenham a creditable 3-3 draw. The

third match on Saturday brought a disappointing 5-1 defeat against Foresters E. Only Sammy managed to win in a dead rubber when the points had already been lost.

Another 3-3 draw followed on Sunday morning against Draycott 5. This really was a match of two halves as Cippenham went 3-0 up with Sammy, Paul and Tony all winning but then they all lost the reverse singles with Paul being especially unlucky to lose the final set of the match 18-16 in the fifth. The weekend finished with a 5-1 loss to Graham Spicer 2 with Cippenham's only success being registered by Paul.

Meanwhile, elsewhere in the same hall, the Cippenham women's team were having a tough time. Placed in Division 1 having finished only third in Division 2 last season, they found the going far too tough and lost all five of their matches. Sue Hayes and Julie Dean both won two of their ten individual matches while team captain Denise Weller won once. The best performance came against third-placed Ellenborough who won 4-2 else it was 5-1 defeats to Foresters, Fusion B and Irish Colleens and 6-0 to Lyncrest.

Photos by Mike Rhodes—thanks, Mike!

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Veterans' BL *contd.*



Tony Stead

Veterans' British League

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Men's Division 2B							
Cippenham 1	5	5	0	0	28	2	10
Foresters D	5	3	1	1	18	12	7
Seasiders 1	5	2	2	1	15	15	6
South Essex	5	1	1	3	12	18	3
Dewsbury	5	0	3	2	10	20	3
Ashford 1	5	0	1	4	7	23	1

Men's Division 4A

Border Reivers	5	4	1	0	23	7	9
Crusaders	5	4	0	1	19	11	8
Foresters E	5	3	0	2	20	10	6
Graham Spicer 2	5	3	0	2	17	13	6
Cippenham 2	5	1	2	2	12	18	4
Ashford 3	5	2	0	3	10	20	4
Draycott 5	5	1	1	3	12	18	3
Archway 2	5	0	0	5	7	23	0

Women's Division 1

Foresters	5	4	1	0	22	8	9
Lyncrest	5	2	3	0	19	11	7
Ellenborough	5	2	3	0	17	13	7
Fusion B	5	2	2	1	16	14	6
Ashford	5	1	3	1	15	15	5
MK	5	0	4	1	13	17	4
Irish Colleens	5	1	0	4	13	17	2
Cippenham	5	0	0	5	5	25	0

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Men 1				
Andy Trott	3	6	6	100
Mark Banks	2	4	4	100
Martin Adams	5	10	9	90
Hari Gehlot	5	10	9	90
Men 2				
Paul Baker	4	8	4	50
Mike Rhodes	4	8	3	38
Tony Stead	4	8	3	38
Samson Bekele	3	6	2	33
Women				
Sue Hayes	5	10	2	20
Julie Dean	5	10	2	20
Denise Weller	5	10	1	10

Results:

Men 1	Women
6-0 Seasiders 1	1-5 Foresters
5-1 Foresters D	2-4 Ellenborough
6-0 Ashford 1	1-5 Fusion B
5-1 South Essex	0-6 Lyncrest
6-0 Dewsbury	1-5 Irish Colleens
Men 2	
4-2 Archway 2	
3-3 Border Reivers	
1-5 Foresters E	
3-3 Draycott 5	
1-5 Graham Spicer 2	

Shae unbeatable in GP

Shae Thakker won all five weeks that he entered to take the Summer Grand Prix title with ease. The young GB para star was in a class of his own and was largely untroubled. In Shae's absence, week 5 was won by Ricky Hardcastle and Ricky ultimately finished in third place having beaten Bas Mocharrafe for that honour in the last match of the series. Second place overall was taken by Seb Nimier whose consistency shone through, never finishing below third place in the five weeks that he participated.

Run as a great way for Club members to prepare themselves for the new season, the Grand Prix series attracted a fantastic entry of 47 players during the six weeks with an average of 20 competitors each week.



Seb Nimier; Shae Thakker; Ricky Hardcastle

Summer Grand Prix Results

Pos	Name	Points
1	Shae Thakker	500
2	Seb Nimier	310
3	Ricky Hardcastle	225
4	Bas Mocharrafe	220
5	Paul Baker	140
6	Michal Garski	115
7	Graham Trimming	95
8	Ludo Montiel	80
9	Joe Barraclough	75
10	Simon Pells	55

23rd Anniversary Party

Annual Prize Giving

Thursday 21 November, 7:45 pm

Honour the recipients of the annual awards:

Karen Mitchell Outstanding Contribution Award

Senior Player of the Year

Alan Farral and Terry Boxall Junior Player of the Year

Partake in the food and wine provided

"A" team top of NJL

After the first day's match in the National Junior League, Cippenham A sit proudly top of Division 1 with Pranav Gudipati unbeaten after nine matches. Can they sustain the pressure on the other team—only time will tell but we wish them good luck!

National Junior League

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Cippenham A	3	3	0	0	18	9	18
Hillingdon A	3	3	0	0	17	10	17
Kingfisher A	3	2	0	1	15	12	15
Warren Spring A	3	1	0	2	15	12	15
Ashford A	3	0	0	3	11	16	11
Guildford	3	0	0	3	5	22	5
Division 2							
Reading A	3	3	0	0	26	1	26
Chiltern A	3	2	0	1	18	9	18
Ashford B	3	1	0	2	14	13	14
Warren Spring B	3	1	0	2	11	16	11
Cippenham B	3	2	0	1	10	17	10
Reading B	3	0	0	3	2	25	2
Division 3							
Chiltern B	3	3	0	0	21	6	21
Kingfisher B	3	2	0	1	15	12	15
Warren Spring C	3	1	0	2	13	14	13
Cippenham C	3	0	0	3	12	15	12
Ashford C	3	2	0	1	10	17	10
Warren Spring D	3	1	0	2	10	17	10
Division 4							
Chiltern C	3	3	0	0	22	5	22
Hillingdon B	3	3	0	0	20	7	20
Chiltern D	3	2	0	1	18	9	18
Cippenham D	3	0	0	3	10	17	10
Chiltern E	3	1	0	2	7	20	7
Warren Spring E	3	0	0	3	4	23	4

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham A				
Pranav Gudipati	3	9	9	100
Jaiden Caldeira	3	9	5	56
William Saint	3	9	4	44
Cippenham B				
Douglas Claridge-Hansen	3	9	5	56
Kush Tanna	3	9	4	44
James Russell	3	9	1	11
Cippenham C				
Nick Carter	3	9	6	67
Edward Meacock	3	9	5	56
Nathan Richard	3	9	1	11
Cippenham D				
Rishi Nanda	2	6	3	50
Jeeven Bancel	3	9	4	44
Jude Alexander	2	6	2	33
Esher Thind	2	6	1	17

Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 1-Star Open

Sunday 14 November

Entry form available online

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Second place in division after first weekend of SBL

Cippenham commenced another season on Senior British League fixtures with three wins and one defeat to finish second in National Division B-4 after the first weekend of matches. The Club is once again hosting all the matches in this division over four weekends between now and April on behalf of Table Tennis England.

Martin Adams, Rob Hansell, Steve Munson and Shae Thakker formed the quartet of players representing the host club for the first weekend and all performed well. The top three all finished with six wins from their eight singles matches while Shae won three times. One disappointment was the solitary victory from four doubles matches for the combination of Martin and Rob, a feature that Cippenham have come to rely upon for success in the last few seasons.

The weekend got underway with a 7-2 win over Portishead although the scoreline belies the tightness of the early exchanges. Martin lost the opening set to Adda Duhan over five games but Robert and Steve edged Cippenham ahead against Joe Ratajczak and Josh Gallen although both also needed a fifth and deciding game to close out victory. Shae put Cippenham further ahead 3-1 over Andrew Smith then

Martin and Rob got was to prove their only doubles success of the weekend and thus the winning margin and consequent two league points were assured. Duhan beat Steve to make it 5-2 and then Rob and Shae cleaned up the final two singles to give Cippenham their ultimate margin.

Bottom team Horsham Spinners were Cippenham's next opponents but were no match for the hosts with the winning margin being 6-3. Martin, Rob and Steve won all their six singles matches between them with Martin being especially dominant dropping only thirty-four points in total.

Sunday morning's opponents were Foresters 2 from Crawley. Steve was the star for Cippenham in this match with his two singles wins over Lewis Mayhew and Mark Collins being critical. Martin, Rob and Shae each added a singles win to give Cippenham both points with a 5-4 victory. Three of Cippenham's five wins required a deciding game including the clincher between Shae and Mayhew.

The one disappointing result for Cippenham came in the final match of the weekend which resulted in a 4-5 loss to Joola Plymouth. Cippenham's captain, Martin, beat both Oliver Cornish and

Senior British League

League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
National Division B-4							
Waterside 1	4	4	0	0	24	12	8
Cippenham	4	3	0	1	22	14	6
Haywards Heath 1	4	3	0	1	20	16	6
Joola Plymouth 1	4	2	0	2	19	17	4
Brighton 2	4	2	0	2	16	20	4
Portishead 1	4	1	0	3	16	20	2
Foresters 2	4	1	0	3	15	21	2
Horsham Spinners 1	4	0	0	4	12	24	0

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Martin Adams	4	8	6	75
Robert Hansell	4	8	6	75
Steve Munson	4	8	6	75
Shae Thakker	4	8	3	38

Results:

7-2 Portishead 1
6-3 Horsham Spinners 1
5-4 Foresters 2
4-5 Joola Plymouth 1

Richard Marshall while Rob demolished Paul Giles to put Cippenham 4-3 up after seven sets. However, Steve, who had earlier beaten Daniel Kerr over five games, was no match for Cornish and Shae just lost out in a ding-dong battle with Kerr 14-12 in the fifth game in a set that included two further deuce games.

Also unbeaten in first half of WBL

Cippenham's team in the Women's British League completed the first half of the season unbeaten with three wins and two draws from their five matches. The matches were staged in Wolverhampton and Cippenham emerged placed second in Division 5, equal on points with leaders Wensum.

In a good all-round team performance, Julie Dean and Mary Heffernan both won six of their eight matches, Denise Weller won four out of six and Sue Hayes won half of her eight encounters.

Cippenham got the weekend off to a great start with a 4-2 victory over Sutton at Hone. Julie beat Heidi Smith and then Sue extended Cippenham's lead with a tight five-game thriller with former national number one veteran Helen Shields. Mary then gave Cippenham a 3-0 lead with a dominating display against Carol Homewood. Julie lost to Shields before Mary completed her brace against Smith and, with it, secured the Slough-based club the maximum number of

league points. Sue lost the last set to Homewood but by then it hardly mattered.

Another 4-2 victory followed, this time against Fastbats. Denise replaced Julie in the Cippenham team and made her mark immediately winning 3-0 against Ellen Adams to equalise Sue's loss to Yin Wing Choy. Denise also lost to Choy but apart from that it was all Cippenham with Mary beating both Ulricha Zhang and Adams while Sue also beat Zhang.

Denise, Julie and Mary teamed up for the late Saturday match against Halton 4 and romped home 6-0. Only Mary suffered some resistance as she had to come back from 2-1 down to defeat Milly Hanrahan.

Sunday morning saw the clash between the division's top two teams and the result was a creditable 3-3 draw. Each of the Cippenham players won one match each, Denise and Sue both defeating Saskia Key while Julie got the better of Isabelle Lacorte.

Women's British League

League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 5							
Wensum	5	3	2	0	22	8	8
Cippenham	5	3	2	0	20	10	8
Stantek	5	2	2	1	14	16	6
Fastbats	5	1	2	2	15	15	4
Sutton at Hone	5	1	1	3	12	18	3
Halton 4	5	0	1	4	7	23	1

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Mary Heffernan	4	8	6	75
Julie Dean	4	8	6	75
Denise Weller	3	6	4	67
Sue Hayes	4	8	4	50

Results:

4-2 Sutton at Hone
4-2 Fastbats
6-0 Halton 4
3-3 Wensum
3-3 Stantek

The weekend finished with another 3-3 draw, this time against Stantek. Julie was Cippenham's star player in this match with wins against Kim Selfe and Melanie Boulton, both 3-0. Sue also beat Slack but Mary lost her unbeaten record losing to both Slack and Selfe.

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Weekday Timetable

Mon	19:15	Advanced Coaching Group
Tues	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables
Weds	19:30	Elite Coaching Group
Thurs	17:15	Beginners' coaching
	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables

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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		
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members		

Weekend Diary

Nov 2/3	County Championships Cadet Division 2A
Nov 10	National Cadet League (1) Umpires' training course
Nov 17	Umpires' training course
Nov 23	National Junior League (2)
Nov 24	Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 1-Star Open
Nov 30	Senior British League National Division B4
Dec 1	Senior British League National Division B4
Dec 7/8	Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open
Dec 14	Bucks Closed Championships
Dec 15	National Cadet League (2)
Jan 11	National Junior League (3)
Jan 18	County Championships Veterans' Div 2B
Jan 19	Berkshire Inter-Town



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