



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Five straight wins for Cippenham as Jemma remains unbeaten

## Girls storm to JBL Div 3 title

**I**t was incredible! Starting the weekend in fourth place in Division 3 of the Junior British League, the Cippenham girls' team put in a flawless performance that propelled themselves to the title, winning all their matches along the way.

The season that had started so poorly back in October, with a 6-0 drubbing at the hands of BATTs B in their very first match, ended in exhilarating fashion with a 6-0 demolition of Pudsey. With that, and nearest rivals Urban failing against Cardiff on an adjacent table, came the title and the glory of being Division 3 champions in their first season back in the big league after having won the right to participate only through the play-offs back in July.

Although it was a huge all-round team performance, the star of the show was Jemma Walker who won all ten of her matches during the weekend. Jemma demonstrated the great progress she has made this season after having won only half of her matches back in October. Backing her up, Shristi Ghosh won eight from the number one position, and the newly crowned Bucks Women's Singles champion, Megan Ashfield, won five.

The inspiration for the weekend's performance came early on when Cippenham avenged their first half 6-0 defeat against BATTs B. Jessica Jarvis put the Harlow-based team ahead but the Cippenham spirit rose with Shristi Ghosh. Down in games 2-0, she turned the match and maybe the weekend around against Sarah Menghistab, winning the final three legs 11-9, 14-12, 12-10. Jemma Walker then began her dominance when beating Gracie Edwards 3-1 and Shristi extended Cippenham's lead with another five games against Jarvis. Once Megan had lost to Edwards it was left to Jemma to secure both points for Cippenham as she came from behind to defeat Menghistab 3-1.

Megan was again the only loser on



Jemma Walker holds the Division 3 championship trophy with teammates Shristi Ghosh and Megan Ashfield with Mike Smith from Table Tennis England

Saturday afternoon, down in five against Lydia John but by the time she returned to the table, Cippenham were 4-1 up against Cardiff with Shristi and Jemma having both bagged braces even though they both went the distance with one of their opponents. Megan then got her score up and running as Cippenham ran out 5-1 winners.

Saturday evening brought the pivotal match against top placed Urban. Shristi and Megan both found the Londoner's number one Mollie Patterson too hot to handle but everything else went Cippenham's way including Jemma's last ditch win over Ema Gadzhova. However, even that 4-2 victory over the team that had become Cippenham's closest rivals for the title did not propel

Cippenham above Urban and they left the hall on Saturday evening in second place but with a day's work well done.

It was all to play for when Sunday arrived. Cippenham were still one point behind Urban, despite having beaten their rivals the previous evening. It did not start well, either, with Shristi losing a tight 14-12 fifth end battle with Charlotte Weatherby and this was followed by Megan's defeat at the hands of Hannah Clark. Cippenham were 2-0 down to Northfield and needed a response from star player Jemma Walker. That's exactly what they got with a clinical performance against Iman Muktar and this inspired Shristi to win a tight encounter with Clark. Jemma returned to beat Weatherby 3-1 and Megan

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## Junior British League cont'd

claimed the second point and register a 4-2 win. Meanwhile Urban were playing out a 3-3 draw with BATTS but were still above Cippenham in the table but now only on sets aggregate.

The equation was fairly straightforward. Cippenham had to beat Pudsey and Urban had to drop a point against Cardiff, a team they had beaten in October. The Cippenham girls rose to the challenge and saw off the bottom team 6-0 but even that was not without its scrapes. Megan and Shristi were both taken the distance by Alice Rice while Jemma was supreme, winning both her matches 3-0. On an adjacent table Urban, who had held the lead in the division right from the start, choked. Not only did they drop the necessary



Jemma Walker

point to ensure Cippenham leapfrogged above them into the title slot but they contrived to lose to the Welsh team 4-2 and make the final table more comfortable reading for team coach Ken Phillips and his gallant players.

### Junior British League

#### League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Girls' Division 3</b>							
Cippenham	10	7	1	2	36	24	15
Urban	10	5	3	2	34	26	13
BATTS B	10	4	3	3	33	27	11
Cardiff	10	5	1	4	29	31	11
Northfield	10	1	4	5	27	33	6
Pudsey	10	0	4	6	21	39	4

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Jemma Walker	10	20	15	75
Shristi Ghosh	10	20	13	65
Megan Ashfield	10	20	8	40

#### Results:

4-2 BATTS B

5-1 Cardiff

4-2 Urban

4-2 Northfield

6-0 Pudsey

## Matuzevicius emerges the strongest from maximum entry

Another maximum entry assembled at Cippenham Table Tennis Centre on Saturday for the Cippenham Super 6 Senior 2-Star Open Championship. The 48 players were arranged in eight groups of six for the preliminary stage and then separated into two knock-out events including a consolation for those finishing in the lower half of their group.

The event started out as anyone's title because with so few points separating the top players any one of a dozen or so could have seen the opportunity to grasp a title. Top seed was Rajan Waterman, now living in Bristol, but a Cippenham member a few years ago. Berkshire interest surrounded the up and coming Daniel McTiernan, from Reading, while Tom Windram, the most successful player in Cippenham's first team in the Senior British League this season, was seeded seven.

All the seeded players managed to progress into the main competition from their groups but a few suffered losses along the way. Fourth seed Michael Bree was beaten by Jonny Higgins and sixth seed Martin Gunn lost narrowly to Ben Larcombe. Both went through in second place. Fifth seed Mohammed Owadally did finally win his group but only after a count-back following his defeat by Vincent Wu 15-13 in the fifth game. However, Wu lost to Michael Julian and that led to a three-way tie on

matches won.

Rajan Waterman may have dominated his group, but that was as far as the top seed was allowed to go, beaten by Jody Bevington 12-10 in the fifth of their match in the last sixteen. Bevington then came up against Michael Bree, who he had partnered to the runners-up position in the recent Cippenham Team Open. On this occasion it was Bree that emerged the winner and he then defeated Daniel McTiernan in the semi-final. Ben Larcombe made up the quarter of quarter-finalists in the top half of the draw.

In the bottom half, Jonny Higgins continued his progress at the expense of Paralympic star Dave Wetherill and made the semi-final when he put paid to the run of Neil Wright. Tom Windram also made the quarter-final by beating Patrick Green but was unable to extend his run against Martin Matuzevicius. The man from Hampshire was now flying and beat Higgins 3-0 in the semi-final to set up a final against Michael Bree.

The final was also three-straight with Matuzevicius gaining his first ever Cippenham title against Bree 11-8, 11-9, 11-8.

Best performance by a Cippenham Table Tennis Club member came from Hari Vennapusa who had a good win



Martin Matuzevicius

over Danny Lucking and made it through to the main event where he took the first game but eventually succumbed to Michael Julian

The tournament was organised by Paul Baker and refereed by Steve Smith.

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

Event	Winner	Runner-up
OS:	Martin Matuzevicius (Ha)	Michael Bree (St)
CS:	Jon Cheung (Dv)	Anthony Ellis (E)



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## Cippenham women sweep up county titles

Cippenham's female players dominated the Buckinghamshire Closed Championships when the county held its annual event at their home venue on 1st February. And to the delight of Cippenham Head Coach Ken Phillips, it was the latest crop of young players that scooped most of the honours. Altogether, Cippenham players won three of the five major events on offer.

Pride of place went to Megan Ashfield whose improvement over the past year has been immense. Megan did the double of Women's Singles and Women's Doubles, the latter in combination with Shristi Ghosh.

The Women's Singles was a keenly fought event in which no player survived unbeaten. Megan emerged top of the pile by virtue of her win over Sue Hayes who was adjudged runner-up. However, Megan's conqueror, Jemma Walker, lost to both Sue and Shristi Ghosh as the Cippenham players fought out their own battle to decide the top four places.



The successful quintet: (l-r): Jemma Walker; Carys Evans; Megan Ashfield; Shristi Ghosh; Sue Hayes

Megan's second title was in tandem with Shristi when they beat Jemma Walker and Carys Evans in the final of the Women's Doubles, a match featuring all four of Cippenham's successful young quartet.

Jemma then teamed up with another Cippenham protégé Ben Naylor-Smith and reached the final of the Mixed Doubles where they lost to mother and son combination of Susana and Robert Hansell. Robert, who is one of Cippenham's star players in the Senior British League, completed the family affair when partnering his father Nick to the final of the Men's Doubles where they lost to Ian Mush and Steve Munson. Earlier Ben Naylor-Smith and Shae

Thakker, another of the emerging stars at Cippenham, upset the form guide with a superb victory over Alan Cherry and Craig Brown in the quarter-final of the doubles.



Megan Ashfield: Women's Singles champion

## Just one point for a whole season's toil!

After finishing only third in Division 3 last season, and unexpectedly promoted to Division 2 of the Women's British League for this season it was always going to be hard going. So it proved, with only a solitary point being gained from the season.

That one point, in the very final match of the season, came courtesy of a 3-3 draw with Halton 2 and all three Cippenham players got on the scoresheet, albeit for the first time in the season. Wendy Porter beat Linda Sanderson before Denise Weller won a tightly-fought contest with Nicole Scott 11-8 in the fifth to put Cippenham ahead. For Halton, Sandra Rider completed her brace beating Wendy but Sue Hayes put Cippenham in front once again by beating Scott. However, Denise was unable to seal the victory against Sanderson.

There was no joy at all in the other matches, all of which were lost 6-0 to

### Women's British League

#### League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division 2</b>							
Draycott E Midlands 2	10	5	4	1	40	20	14
Formby	10	5	4	1	39	21	14
Pink Pong South West	10	5	3	2	38	22	13
Leeds	10	5	2	3	36	24	12
Halton 2	10	2	2	6	23	37	6
Cippenham	10	0	1	9	4	56	1

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Denise Weller	7	14	1	7
Sue Hayes	8	15	1	7
Wendy Porter	8	16	1	6
Julie Dean	7	14	0	0

#### Results:

0-6 Draycott East Midlands 2  
0-6 Formby  
0-6 Leeds  
0-6 Pink Pong South West  
3-3 Halton 2

Draycott East Midlands 2, Formby, Leeds and Pink Pong South West.

### And Shristi is Wycombe champion

In a month when all of our top girls played a starring role, congratulations also to Shristi Ghosh who won the High Wycombe League Women's Singles title.

### National Cadet League (Round 2)

#### League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division 1</b>							
Crusaders A	5	5	0	0	23	7	23
Oxford A	5	3	0	2	18	12	18
Reading A	5	3	0	2	17	13	17
Guildford A	5	3	0	2	13	17	13
Chiltern A	5	1	0	4	13	17	13
Cippenham	5	0	0	5	6	24	6

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Shae Thakker	10	25	14	56
Reeshabh Hamal	6	17	5	29
Carys Evans	10	25	2	8
Murdo Binnie	4	8	0	0

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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
<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 2014-15

	<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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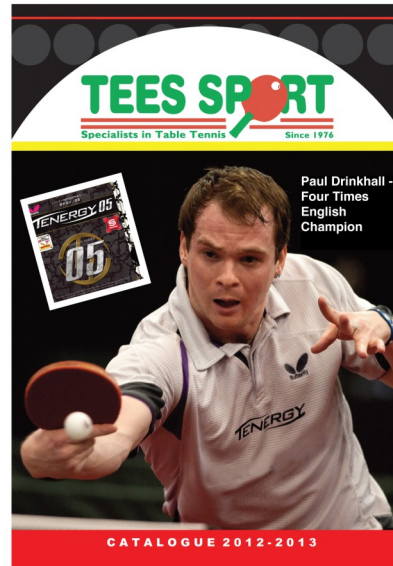
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## Weekend Diary

Mar	7	County Championships Junior Div 1B
	8	National Cadet League
	14/15	Maidenhead Closed Championships
	21/22	County Championships Senior Div 1B
	28/29	Senior British League Div1S & Div5S
Apr	11	Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2* Open
	12	English National U11/12/13/14 Qualifiers
	18/19	Senior British League Play-Offs
May	24	Heritage Oil Cup Qualification
Jun	20/21	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest

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