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The inaugural Cippenham Series reaches its conclusion

WINNERS CROWNED



Senior Men: Abdul Wuraola



Junior Boys: James Ward



Veteran Men: Abdul Wuraola



Senior Women: Jurate Brazaityte



Junior Girls: Jasmin Ould



Veteran Women: Sue Hayes







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Final Points Tables

Senior Men

Abdul Wuraola (183) Neil Charles (167) Neil Wright (146) Owen Clutterbuck (106) Rafique Sarhadi (105) Jon Hall (68) Matthew Carter (55.5) Paul Martindill (49) Paul Beck (45) David Langham (41)

Junior Boys

James Ward (145) Eddie Mitchell (97) Reece Tan (83) Da Shuai Zhang (76) Eddie Freeman (53) Jack Coleman (46) Michael Robertson (45) Jarred Knowles (42) Matthew Rogers (40) Alex Forshaw (36)

Veteran Men

Abdul Wuraola (159) Hari Gehlot (88) John Payne (76) Steve Davis (63) Lee Middleton (58) Nigel Hodder (43.5) Kevin Caldon (38.5) Ramesh Gehlot (31) Geoff Grange (29)

Paul Marrtindill (29)

Senior Women

Jurate Brazaityte (112) Jasmin Ould (79) Julie Furber (59) Catherine Chen (47) Claire Ford (35) Sue Hayes (27) Sarah Hudson (21) Claire Rogers (11) Sasha Denby (6)

Junior Girls

Jasmin Ould (42) Feifei Pei (40) Chrissie Slot (37) Charleigh Kirby (28) Sally Hoang (20) Sayeeda Miah (12) Majeda Yasmin (9) Hannah McErlane (8) Sasha Denby (5)

Veteran Women

Sue Hayes (68) Margaret Thornton (12)

Qualification: played in more than half of the tournaments, i.e. 3 senior, 2 junior or veteran

Two Series titles for Wuraola; a hat-trick of wins for Sue

ngland's top ranked veteran player scooped two of the major cash prizes when the Cippenham Series, a season long series of open tournaments, culminated over the late May bank holiday weekend. As might be expected for a player of his pedigree, Wuraola was unbeatable in the veteran men's event, winning all three tournaments during the season. For the senior men's Series title he had to work a little harder. Wuraola, having missed the opening event in August, won both the second and fourth events but had to settle for runners-up positions in the other two. That included the latest tournament in which he succumbed to sixth seed Patrick Thomas in the final. After dropping the first game of that final, the exciting young Welsh prospect swept aside the challenge of his older opponent to win 9-11, 11-9, 11-1, 11-3.

However, reaching the final was enough for Wuraola to win the overall Series title. He had started the weekend in second place to Neil Charles, winner of the first and third tournaments. Charles was also top seed at the weekend but fell surprisingly to Keith Lesser in the first knock-out round. Lesser then went down against Thomas in the guarter-final. In the semi-finals Thomas accounted for eighth seed Joe Chacholiades while Wuraola ended the run of third seed Koji Hirota.

Best performance from a local player again came from Rafigue Sarhadi. Rafique's results in the Series this season have been very consistent. He has reached at least the quarter-final round in each of the four tournaments he played and this was enough to earn him fifth place in the final points table. Neil Wright, a regular visitor to Cippenham from Wales, also showed great consistency, also never leaving an event before the quarter-final, and this record that also included two runnersup positions over the five tournaments. earned him the third-place prize.

Jurate Brazaityte, winner of three of the four previous events, had already secured the overall senior women's Series title before the final event. Therefore it did not matter that she fell in the semi-final to her Kent colleague Jasmin Ould. Ould then went on to win



Veteran women's medallist: Denise Weller and Sue Hayes

the final against Ikue Humphrey, who had enjoyed an earlier win in the preliminary round group against Brazaityte, and elevate herself to second place in the Series above Julie Furber.

Wuraola was hardly troubled en route to his hat-trick of wins in the veteran men's event. His only dropped game came in the preliminary round group against Gerry Hawkins. After that he eased past Paul Baker in the guarters and Dave Bowles in the semi-final before despatching second seed John Payne 11-3, 11-7, 11-8 in the final. Payne had nearly succumbed to Paul in the group, having to save two match points before finally winning 12-10 in the fifth. After that it became a little easier as he saw off the challenges of brothers Ramesh and Hari Gehlot both in straight games.

Cippenham's Sue Hayes was another who had already secured her Series title in the veteran women's before the weekend. However, she made it three out of three from a small field with Denise Weller runner-up on the day and Margaret Thornton runner-up in the Series.

The tournament was organized by Paul Baker and refereed by Ken Phillips.

Series 6—Results **Event Winner** Runner-up Patr'kThomas (WAL) Abdul Wuraola (Sy) MS WS Jasmin Ould (K) Ikue Humphrey (Mi) **VMS** Abdul Wuraola (Sy) John Payne (Mi) Sue Hayes (Bu) Denise Weller (Bk) **VWS** MC. Ping Ho (Mi) Simon Dilkes (K) Claire Ford (WAL) Chrissie Slot (Ha) WC Eddie Herrity (Ox) Phillip Walker (E)

Charleigh breaks Carey's dominance

large entry of about 65 players contested the annual Cippenham Cadet and Under-13 2-Star Open Championships on 2 May. This year the event was tagged with the final event in the Cippenham Junior Series that took place the following day, enabling table tennis playing kids the opportunity of two days' play before the holiday Monday. Groups of players arrived from far and wide and several of the titles made their way back to destinations as far flung as Wales and Staffordshire.

The weekend started with the under-13 events on Saturday morning. In both the top seeds from Wales prevailed in the form of Lewis Williams and Charlotte Carey, both regular visitors to events at Cippenham. Williams was head and shoulders above the rest of the boys' field and did not drop a game en route to his title. In the final he outgunned second seed Eddie Freeman 3-0 although two of the games were decided at deuce. Freeman was to have his day later in the cadet event. Best performance from a Cippenham member came from Daniel McTiernan who upset the seeding by beating fourth seed George Heath in the group stage and took his form forward into the semi-final where he became another victim of the peerless Williams. George did make it through to the quarters where he lost to the third seed Jesse Kendrick-Hill.

Charlotte Carey only dropped one game and that was in the final against Chrissie Slot. Slot's place at the bottom of the draw came after she defeated second seed Megan Knowles in the group stage. However, Knowles was suffering from a shoulder injury that prevented her participation the following day. Knowles and Letitia McMullen were the semi-finalists.

In the Cadet Boys' event local hopes rested with Eddie Mitchell. However, on this occasion, Eddie disappointed and capitulated to Eddie Freeman in the quarter-final. This was no freak result as the boy from the developing Uxbridge club in Burton went on to beat fourth seed Matthew Outhwaite in the semi-final and then third seed Michael Ho 3-0 in the final. That was the start of a good weekend for the boys from the Uxbridge club. Another Cippenham member did reach the semis and that was Liam McTiernan. The



Cadet girls finalists: Charleigh Kirby & Charlotte Carey

sixth seed powered through his group and then dispatched Scott Dowsett and second seed Jesse Kendrick-Hill before falling victim to Ho. The new under-13 champion Lewis Williams made it through to the quarters and led Ho 2-1 before falling in the fifth.

Charleigh Kirby, who had been practising at Cippenham for a couple of months, justified her top billing by winning the Cadet Girls' event. Charleigh beat her four opponents in the group stage for the loss of only two games and then brushed aside the challenge of Chantal Wilson 3-0 in the semi-final. Waiting for her in the final was Charlotte Carey, who had eliminated Nicole Hall in her semi, and it was Charleigh who prevailed, inflicting upon the Welsh girl what proved to be her only defeat of the weekend in three events.

Eddie takes Series runner-up prize

The junior events in the inaugural Cippenham Series completed on 3 May. James Ward, from the Uxbridge club in Burton, having won the first boys' event in August, was never

headed and the top seed added the winner's award from this latest event to ensure that he took home the £100 first prize. Cippenham's Eddie Mitchell had a better day and reached the final and in doing so leapfrogged over a couple of absent players to take the Series runner-up prize of £75. Reece Tan won the £50 third prize after his results in the first two tournaments.

Ward's victory was secured without the loss of a single game although the final against Eddie nearly interrupted his progression. This was a wonderful match with both players at the height of their game. Eddie stood

up to the table more, swinging his lefthanded forehand top spin to all parts of the court. Ward was more defensive, using his counter-hitting and topspin shots from deeper in the court. At

times, it seemed there were few ways that the young Cippenham maestro could break down the Ward resilience.

Cadet champion Eddie Freeman fell in the first knock-out round to Tony Zeqiri and he in turn fell in the quarters to Ward. Fourth seed Lewis Williams, the under-13 champion from the previous day, became another Ward victim in the semi-final, a round that also saw Eddie dismiss the challenge of Rafi Conn-Kowlessar.

The girls' event was played as a round robin of seven players, ensuring that all participants got a full quota of matches. Charlotte Carey rounded off

a near perfect weekend by winning all her six matches 3-0 to take the title. Included in this was revenge for her only defeat of the weekend sustained in the final of the cadet event the day before to Charleigh Kirby. Charleigh, the top seed, was also beaten by Sally Hoang and so had to settle for third place with Hoang second.

The weekend was organized by Graham Trimming and refereed by Mick Strode.

Series 5—Results				
Event	Winner	Runner-up		
JBS	James Ward (St)	Eddie Mitchell (Bu)		
JGS	Charl't Carey (WAL)	Sally Hoang (Mi)		
CBS	Eddie Freeman (St)	Michael Ho (Sy)		
CGS	Charleigh Kirby (Mi)	Charl't Carey (WAL)		
U13BS	Lewis Williams (WAL)Eddie Freeman (St)		
U13GS	Chal't Carey (WAL)	Chrissie Slot (Ha)		
JBC	Alex Forshaw (Sx)	Matt Outhwaite (Wa)		
CBC	Tyrone Wells (Mi)	Brand Crouchman (E)		
CGC	Chrissie Slot (Ha)	Nicole Bird (Np)		
U13BC	Hugo Pang (Do)	Daniel Pound (Sx)		
U13GC	Sasha Denby (WAL)	Nicole Bird (Np)		

Weekend Diary June-August

June	
Sat 6	Gareth Herbert coaching weekend
Sun 7	Gareth Herbert coaching weekend
Sat 13	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival
Sun 14	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival
July	
<i>Sat 11</i>	Gareth Herbert coaching weekend
Sun 12	Gareth Herbert coaching weekend
August	
Sat 8	Gareth Herbert coaching weekend
Sun 9	Gareth Herbert coaching weekend
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Weekday Diary

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

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees	Season	2008-09
	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		

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Nationally Ranked Third

very year we do an analysis of English clubs' positions in the various British leagues. It is a very simple system—if there are 48 teams in a league the team coming first is awarded 48 points, the team finishing second 47 and so on down to 1 for the bottom team. All divisions of the (senior) British League, Women's British League, Junior British League and Veterans' British League are taken into consideration.

Despite dropping one team down to six in 2008-9, we still managed to hold on to our unofficial position as the third most successful club in the country out of 115 in the survey.

National			
Pos	Club	Pts	
1	G'hse Progress	491	
2	Ormesby	313	
3	Cippenham	242	
4	Peniel Adademy	238	
5	Fusion	230	
6	Urban Progress	217	
7	Woolwell	191	
8	Horsham	188	
9	Uxbridge Burton	168	
10	BATTS	167	
11	Westfield	165	
12	Brighton	154	
13	Ashford	152	
14	Derwent	151	
15	York Gardens	151	
16	Elgre Notting'm	145	
17	Ellenborough	137	
18	Halton	124	
19	OLOP	124	
20	Roth'm Scorp's	123	

Southern Region			
Pos	Club	Pts	
1	Cippenham	242	
2	Horsham	188	
3	Brighton	154	
4	Ashford	152	
5	OLOP	124	
6	Generation 2	121	
7	Kingfisher	116	
8	Byng Hall	83	
9	Brighton City	71	
10	Waterside	67	
11	Poole	28	
12	Hastings	26	
13	Hollington	25	
14	Kidlington Forum	23	
15	Bognor Regis	23	
16	Southampton W	21	
17	Howard	20	
18	Reading YMCA	13	
19	Sutton at Hone	9	
20	Twymark	7	

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