



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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New 2nd team top division

Cippenham's newly formed second men's team had a successful debut weekend at the Veterans' British League and they currently top Division 4B. The team comprises three of last year's only (first!) team plus debutant Simon Vine. All the players turned in good performances but it was the form of Simon, who won seven of his eight matches, that really shone through.

The division is very tight, though, with four teams level on eight points from a possible ten, and Cippenham lead the table on games aggregate. A similar performance in the new year will see the team promoted. The five matches produced three easy wins and two draws, those drawn matches being against the other two teams, Foresters D and Bristol Associates, that form a breakaway three at the top of the table.

Christos Hannides also lost once only during the weekend, while Mike Rhodes and Paul Baker both won four times. The weekend started with back to back 5-1 wins over Ilfracombe Pirates and OLOP 2 and Sunday morning produced an emphatic 6-0 whitewash of Drax.

The men's first team, promoted to Division 1A, benefited from the signings of Martin Gray and Mark Banks to complement team captain Martin Adams. A good all-round performance ensued with all players winning at least half of their matches and the team occupy third position in the table at the half-way stage.

The first team drew three of their five matches, winning once and tasting defeat once. The weekend opened with drawn matches against Norwich and Redlands Bats and the only defeat was suffered on Saturday evening, 4-2 against divisional leaders London Moberley. Twice, Cippenham players lost 11-9 in the fifth and deciding game and so the result could so easily have been better. Another 3-3 draw followed against Topspin Fusion on Sunday morning and the weekend was concluded with a heartening 5-1 win over Border Reivers.



Men A: Mark Banks; Martin Adams; Martin Gray



Men B: Mike Rhodes; Paul Baker; Simon Vine; Christos Hannides



Women: Wendy Porter; Sue Hayes; Denise Weller; Julie Dean

The women's team found the going tough in Division 1 after their promotion from Division 2 and currently lie in eighth and last place with just one point to show for their endeavours. That came against second-placed HEL and with the fifth and sixth placed sides still to play in the first round of matches, there is all to play for yet.

Milton Keynes proved too strong in the first match, winning 6-0 and a further defeat by the same scoreline occurred later on Saturday against Joola Morpeth. Sunday proved disappointing with 4-2 defeats against Fusion and Northern Belles and, in truth, the sets that Cippenham won in those two matches were all very narrow affairs. Sue Hayes was the pick of the Cippenham players, winning half of her eight matches in-

Veterans' British League

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Men's Division 1A							
London Moberley	5	3	2	0	21	9	8
Norwich	5	3	2	0	19	11	8
Cippenham 1	5	1	3	1	16	14	5
Redlands Bats	5	1	2	2	15	15	4
Topspin Fusion	5	1	2	2	11	19	4
Border Reivers	5	0	1	4	8	22	1
Men's Division 4B							
Cippenham 2	5	3	2	0	22	8	8
Bristol 1	5	3	2	0	22	8	8
Foresters D	5	3	2	0	20	10	8
OLOP 2	5	1	1	3	10	20	3
Ilfracombe Pirates	5	1	1	3	10	20	3
Drax	5	0	0	5	6	24	0
Women's Division 1							
Joola Morpeth	5	5	0	0	24	6	10
HEL	5	3	1	1	19	11	7
Fusion B	5	3	0	2	16	14	6
MK	5	2	1	2	17	13	5
Wheeler's Fusion	5	2	1	2	15	15	5
Ashford	5	1	1	3	12	18	3
Northern Belles	5	1	1	3	10	20	3
Cippenham	5	0	1	4	7	23	1

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Men's A				
Martin Gray	5	10	6	60
Martin Adams	5	10	5	50
Mark Banks	5	10	5	50
Men's B				
Simon Vine	4	8	7	88
Christos Hannides	4	8	7	86
Mike Rhodes	3	6	4	67
Paul Baker	4	8	4	50
Women				
Sue Hayes	4	8	4	50
Wendy Porter	4	8	2	25
Julie Dean	4	8	1	13
Denise Weller	3	6	0	0

Results:

Men's A	Men's B
3-3 Norwich	5-1 Ilfracombe Pirates
3-3 Redlands Bats	5-1 OLOP 2
2-4 London Moberley	3-3 Foresters D
3-3 Topspin Fusion	6-0 Drax
5-1 Border Reivers	3-3 Bristol Associates 1
Women	
0-6 MK	
3-3 HEL	
0-6 Joola Morpeth	
2-4 Fusion B	

Big thanks to Mike Rhodes for the photos

cluding a brace in the defeat against Northern Belles, while Julie Dean picked up an excellent win against Brenda Boey.

Locals inspire 2nd team in SBL

There were mixed fortunes for the two Cippenham teams when the Senior British league season got underway. Both teams held home advantage, something the second team will enjoy all season as all the matches in their division are to be played at Cippenham. The first team will play two weekends at Cippenham and the other two in Harlow.

The tables were turned from last season as, this time, it was the second team that were successful, gaining seven points out of eight from their four matches in National Division C-5. Following a restructure of the League, the Cippenham first team were awarded a place in the prestigious Championship Division but failed to pick up a point during the first weekend.

Saturday morning had started promisingly for Cippenham firsts as Josh Bennett and Martin Adams put them 2-0 up against Wyomondham with wins against Lauren Charles and Neil Charles respectively. However, things went against Cippenham from that point. Josh secured his brace with a straight-forward win over Neil Charles but that was all Cippenham could muster as the match was lost 5-3. Robert Hansell, against Lauren Charles, one of four of the top eight England women on show at Cippenham over the weekend, and Tom Windram, against Jake Collins, both recovered from 2-0 down to square 2-2 but neither could win that all-important fifth game.

Cippenham then lost 8-0 in the afternoon against Nottingham Sycamore, one of three teams running away at the top of the division and then on Sunday morning it was division leaders London Academy who inflicted a 7-1 defeat with only Martin Adams registering for Cippenham.

Josh, last year's player of the year in Division 1 South, concluded his personal weekend in style with wins against David Barr and Marcus Giles but Kingfisher, local rivals from Reading, ran out 5-3 winners for a disappointing result for Cippenham. Owe Karlsson got Cippenham's other set against former England junior champion Daniel Basterfield. Both Martin Adams and Martin Gray found England number four lady Maria Tsaptsinos far too strong and both lost 3-0.



Simon Vine: unbeaten on SBL debut

Across the other side of the hall it was all very different for the Cippenham second team. After several lean seasons, the team was placed in the restructured National Division C-5. Due to unavailability of some players, Tony West and Anthony Ellis were drafted in and both performed well. However, it was the encouraging winning performances from locals Shae Thakker, Simon Vine and Paul Baker that really inspired the team.

Thirteen-years old Shae was truly inspired, winning six of his eight matches during the weekend while Simon, who played only on Saturday was unbeaten. Paul came in for Sunday and the team captain won three of his four matches.

The weekend kicked off against Fusion III. This was a hard fought match in which four of the ten sets required a deciding fifth game. However, Cippenham stayed ahead of the game winning three of their sets 3-0. No more than one set separated the teams until at 5-4 to Cippenham, the youngster Shae was given the opportunity to make a name by clinching the second league point. It took five games and the hard-working Shae had to come back from 2-1 down to secure the win 11-6 in the fifth.

Saturday afternoon proved a lot more straight-forward as Cippenham strolled past Haywards Heath II 8-2. Simon maintained his unbeaten performance on the day and Tony West also chipped in with two easy wins. Shae also picked up his two while Anthony Ellis won once and the doubles sets were shared.

The toughest match of the weekend was against Haywards Heath I on Sunday morning. Agonisingly, Cippenham lost four sets by two points in the fifth game and, as a result, had to settle for a 5-5 draw, failing just short of the win-

Senior British League

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Championship Division							
London Academy I	4	4	0	0	30	2	8
Nottingham Sycamore 1	4	4	0	0	29	3	8
Urban I	4	4	0	0	28	4	8
Kingfisher I	4	2	0	2	12	20	4
Wyomondham	4	1	1	2	12	20	3
Bristol Academy	4	0	1	3	7	25	1
Cippenham I	4	0	0	4	7	25	0
Drumchapel Glasgow II	4	0	0	4	3	29	0
National Division C-5							
Cardiff City III	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Cippenham II	4	3	1	0	26	14	7
Haywards Heath I	4	2	1	1	26	24	5
Kingfisher III	4	2	1	1	22	18	5
Ashford II	4	1	2	1	20	20	4
Fusion III	4	1	1	2	20	20	3
Okehampton Oilers	4	0	1	3	12	28	1
Haywards Heath II	4	0	0	4	7	33	0

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham I				
Josh Bennett	4	8	4	50
Martin Adams	4	8	2	25
Owe Karlsson	2	4	1	25
Robert Hansell	2	4	0	0
Martin Gray	2	4	0	0
Tom Windram	2	4	0	0
Cippenham II				
Simon Vine	2	4	4	100
Shae Thakker	4	8	6	75
Tony West	2	4	3	75
Paul Baker	2	4	3	75
Anthony Ellis	4	8	4	50
Kevin Gray	2	4	1	25

Results:

Cippenham I	Cippenham II
3-5 Wyomondham	6-4 Fusion III
0-8 Nottingham Sycamore I	8-2 Haywards Heath II
1-7 London Academy I	5-5 Haywards Heath I
3-5 Kingfisher I	7-3 Okehampton Oilers

ning line. Two of these narrow losses were in the final two sets after Cippenham had opened up a 5-3 lead. This was a team effort with all four players contributing a singles win apiece while the doubles were shared between the two teams.

After Cippenham went behind 2-0, both by two points in the fifth game, Shae and Paul then inspired a resurgence and a 7-3 win over Okehampton Oilers in the final match. Anthony also won once while Cippenham secured both doubles for a final result that sees them second in the division table, separated only on sets aggregate from the leaders Cardiff City III.

Shae Thakker also represented England South East at the recent School Games and left with three medals—two gold and a silver. Well done, Shae! See the website for more details.

Josh supreme at Junior 4-Star



Josh Bennett

Josh Bennett, who spearheads the Cippenham team in the Senior British League, justified his top billing by winning the Junior Boys' Singles title at the 2nd Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open Championships at the weekend. In the final, Josh beat his Kent county colleague James Smith in a match that swung one way and then the other. Smith made the faster start and took the first game only for Josh to hit back to lead 2-1. It might have seemed that Josh had the title in his pocket at that stage but the second seed was having none of it and tied the match up at 2-2. In the end, however, it was the top seed that prevailed.

Prior to that, Josh had dropped only one game and that was to George Hazell in the last sixteen. In the next round, Josh made short work of surprise quarter-finalist Ugur Saglik, who had earlier only qualified from his group in second place to Jamie Liu. However, it was the diminutive Liu that was making people sit up and take notice. The Kingfisher Reading youngster reached the semi-final from an unseeded position beating Carl Breindel, Carl Baldry, cadet losing finalist Amiral Hussain and Gaurav Aravind all 3-0 before finding Smith too hot to handle the semi-final.

Joseph Hee had announced his recent arrival from Singapore the previous day when he won the cadet title and was expected to do well also in the older age group. The powerful Eren Gozcu, though,



Kate Cheer

saw to it that Hee did not make it a double success. He set about the defensively-minded Singaporean with a passion that showed through whenever he won important points. Gozcu then beat Ben Foster in the next round before losing out to last year's runner-up Jonny McMullan in the quarter final, despite winning the first two games.

The Junior Girls' Singles was also won by the top seed, Kate Cheer. After an uneventful progression through the rounds, Cheer was tested to the limit in the semi-final by Sarah Mengistab, being 2-1 down at one stage. However, she survived comfortably in the fifth game and that set up a final showdown with the 2015 champion Zahna Hall in the final. Hall, seeded only three, eliminated second seed Charlotte Bardsley in the semi-final but, despite taking the second game, could not influence the final enough to stop the top seed.

The Cadet Boys' Singles, played on the Saturday, showed Joseph Hee to be in a class all of his own. Unknown to the organisers and without any national ranking points, Hee was not seeded. It subsequent turned out, despite being of cadet age, that he was the top junior player in Singapore and also ranked in the top ten of their overall men's list. Hee carved his way imperiously through the draw and gave notice that he would be a serious contender for the junior event the following day.

Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open		
Event	Winner	Runner-up
JBS	Josh Bennett (K)	James Smith (K)
JGS	Kate Cheer (Sx)	Zahna Hall (Mi)
CBS	Joseph Hee (Mi)	Amiral Hussain (La)
CGS	Charlotte Bardsley (St)	Darcie Proud (Li)
JBC	Edan Regan (Co)	Josh Amanor (Mi)
JGC	Charlotte Weatherby (Du)	Mya Sultan (Mi)
CBC	Fraser Kent (Sx)	William Fricker (Bu)
CGC	Amy Marriott (Ys)	Mari-G Baldwin (Dv)

Hee was placed in the top half of the draw and it was therefore top seed Ethan Walsh that drew the short straw, beaten 11-7, 11-2, 11-6 in the semi-final. Meanwhile, in the bottom half, it was business as usual with the second and third seeds, Amiral Hussain and Jamie Liu, meeting in their semi. This went with seeding and it was therefore Hussain who faced up to Hee in the final, a match Hee won 3-0.

The Cadet Boys' Singles proved to be the only event during the weekend that was not won by the top seed as the counterpart girls' event went to form with Charlotte Bardsley winning without the concession of a single game. However, the event was not without its upsets with second seed Danielle Kelly losing to Jasmine Williams in the preliminary group stage. Kelly progressed, however, until she was beaten again by third seed Katie Holt in the quarter-final. Williams reached the same stage but was then beaten by fourth seed Darcie Proud who went on to defeat Lara Whitton in the semi but was no match for Bardsley in the final.

Cippenham Table Tennis Club would like to thank the large army of volunteers who made this prestigious event possible, including the band of thirteen umpires. Referee Steve Smith and his deputy Mike Atkinson, kept the tournament moving while the tireless Ken Phillips collated all the entries. Jan Chapman, who coordinated the umpires, and Becky Hayes, on the check-in desk, did much to ensure the smooth running of the event while Graham Trimming took and published a large album of photographs (available on the Cippenham TTC Flickr site).

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Weekday Timetable

Mon	19:15	Advanced Coaching Group
Tues	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables
	19:40	Grand Prix (when run)
Weds	19:30	Elite Coaching Group
Thurs	17:15	Beginners' coaching
	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables

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	Full	Conc'n
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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Weekend Diary

Oct 15	National Junior League (1)
Oct 22	Cippenham Super 6 Senior 2* Open
Oct 29/30	County Championships Senior Premier
Nov 5	County Championships Veterans' Div 1B
Nov 6	National Cadet League (1)
Nov 12/13	Senior British League (2)
Nov 26	National Junior League (2)
Nov 27	Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2* Open
Dec 3	County Champion ships Junior Divi3C
Dec 4	National Cadet League (2)
Dec 10/11	Senior British League (3)
Jan 7	Cippenham Team 2-Star Open
Jan 29	National Cadet League (3)

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