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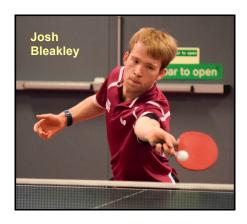
## **Second team finish strongly**

The Senior British League season concluded during March with contrasting fortunes for Cippenham's two teams. The first team have struggled all season to come to terms with an exceptionally strong Championship Division while the second team won six out of eight points, despite having players unavailable, to finish strongly in National Division C-5.

With Simon Vine injured and Shae Thakker away at a national training camp, Cippenham's second team's resources were stretched beyond their limits. The club had to reach outside of its core membership for an additional player and found Josh Bleakley who performed very well and fitted into the side nicely. For Sunday's matches, this was still not enough and Club Secretary Graham Trimming had to add to his organisational duties by also turning out for the team.

Saturday morning brought a fairly straight-forward 8-2 win over Okehampton Oilers. The Devon side have struggled all season and were no match for a Cippenham team who lost only the first and last sets. Josh started slowly, losing to Joe Cheung but then Tony West, Anthony Ellis, Paul Baker and two doubles victories brought the score to 8-1 before Paul lost out in the final rubber to young Fraser Kent.

Next up was a match against the then divisional leaders Cardiff City III. However, when the dust settled after a great Cippenham performance the Welsh team had been knocked off their perch with a 6-4 defeat. Tony and Josh got the home side off to a great start with 3-0 wins over Benedict Watson and Pouyan Javanmard. The diminutive Anna Hursey got one back for Cardiff against Anthony before Paul came back from 2-1 down to beat Ryan Crowley 3-2 and put Cippenham 3-1 ahead. That became 4-1 to Cippenham with a win in the top doubles but the second doubles went the way of the visitors. Tony then demolished Javanmard in double quick time but then Watson restored Cardiff's



hopes by beating Anthony. It came down to a fifth game win for Josh over the luckless Crowley to secure the win for Cippenham and in the dead rubber, Paul lost to the young starlet Hursey, already ranked 7 in Wales' senior women's list despite being only 10 years of age!

With Tony West absent and playing for the first team on Sunday, everyone moved up one position and Graham Trimming came into the team at number four. Sunday morning's opponents were local rivals Ashford II. However. Cippenham were too strong for Ashford at the top of the team and Josh and Anthony won all four of their singles and their doubles to give Cippenham five sets. Paul disappointingly lost to Alex Gough and Graham, despite taking an end off both opponents, was not able to add a singles. However, in the doubles, Paul and Graham swept to a great 3-0 win over Michael Silver and Katya Manavska to give Cippenham both points in a 6-4 win.

Cippenham's win against Cardiff on Saturday had put Kingfisher in a strong position to pinch the title and this was something they, with their strongest available line-up on display, was not something they intended to pass up. Three of the first five sets were lost in the fifth game and, at that stage the match was up. In the end, Kingfisher ran out 8-2 winners against Cippenham and duly collected their title.



Senior British League								
League Tables:								
	Ρ	W	D	L	F	A Pts		
Championship Divisio	n							
Urban I	12	10	1	1	75	21 21		
London Academy I	12	9	2	1	75	21 20		
Nottingham Sycamore I		8	2	2	69	27 18		
Drumchapel Glasgow II	12	4	2	6	39	57 10		
Kingfisher I	12	5	0	7	37	59 10		
Wymondham	12 12	2	1	9 12	24 17	72 5 79 0		
Cippenham I National Division C-5	12	U	U	12	17	79 0		
Kingfisher III	1/	11	1	2	88	52 23		
Cardiff City III	14		2	2	89	51 22		
Cippenham II	14	9	1	4	83	57 19		
Haywards Heath I	14	8	2	4	80	60 18		
Fusion III	14	5	3	6	70	70 13		
Ashford II	14	4	3	7	62	78 11		
Okehampton Oilers	14	1	1	12	45	95 3		
Haywards Heath II	14	1	1	12	43	97 3		
Players' Averages:								
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Cippenham I								
Josh Bennett	9		18	}	4	44		
Martin Adams	10		20	)	4	20		
Owe Karlsson	7		14	ļ	2	14		
Martin Gray	9		18		2	11		
Robert Hansell	9		18		1	6		
Tom Windram	3		6		0	0		
Tony West	1		2	-	0	0		
Cippenham II	_				40	00		
Tony West	6 4		12		10	83		
Josh Bleakley Shae Thakker	10		7 19		5 13	71 68		
Simon Vine	6		12		8	67		
Kevin Gray	4		12		4	50		
Anthony Ellis	14		28		12	43		
Paul Baker	10		19		8	42		
Graham Trimming	2		4		0	0		
Results:	_				·			
Cippenham I		C	inn	enh	am I	ı		
Cippenham ICippenham II1-7 Kingfisher I8-2 Okehampton Oilers								
2-6 Drumchapel Glasgow II 6-4 Cardiff City III								
0-8 Urban I					ord II	,		

2-8 Kingfisher III

#### **Senior British League cont'd**



After so narrowly losing out on the Division 1 South title last year, and play-off place for entry to the Premier Division, this season in the newly created Championship Division has been a bit of an eye-opener for the first team. The division has been exceptionally strong, not least because some teams elected not to go into the revamped home and away Premier Division and opted, instead, to play in the sessional Championship Division. That being said, twelve defeats from twelve matches, with exactly the same squad as last year, has been hard to take and relegation to National Division A next year will be eagerly anticipated.

The final throes of an undistinguished season saw losses 7-1 to Kingfisher I, 6-2 to Drumchapel Glasgow II and, finally, 8-0 to champions Urban I. Owe Karlsson, Martin Adams and Martin Gray had a win apiece over the weekend.

# Ricky beats Mark Banks to Maidenhead Men's Singles title

icky Hardcastle sensationally won four events at the recent Maidenhead Closed Championships, including beating hot favourite Mark Banks in the final of the coveted Men's Singles.

Banks, who has been beaten only once in more than seven years in the league competition, and that by Ricky in the autumn of 2014, won the last of his seven Men's Singles titles in 2015, was beaten in five games by Ricky, who also won the same title in 2014.

For good measure, Ricky also triumphed in the Tweenies' Singles and the Division One Singles, beating Maciej Dlugozima in both finals, and teamed up with Wendy Porter to win the Mixed Doubles. In the latter final the beaten finalists were Banks and Cippenham's Elena Tant. Elena was also runner-up in the Ladies' Singles.

Another Cippenham winner was Ike Greenberg who won the Division Three Singles title at his first attempt.

Wendy Porter, who plays for Cippenham in the British leagues but not the Maidenhead League, also won the Ladies' Singles, Veteran Ladies' Singles and Division Two Singles to match Ricky's haul of four titles.

Ricky was also runner-up in two events: the Men's Doubles with Maciej and the Drawn Doubles with Keith Hall.



Ricky photographed by Maciej with the Men's Singles trophy

#### **Maidenhead Closed Championships Results** Winner Runner-up Ricky Hardcastle MS Mark Banks Wendy Porter Elena Tant MD Mark Banks Ricky Hardcastle Lawrence Russell Maciei Dlugozima XD Ricky Hardcastle Mark Banks Wendy Porter Elena Tant **VMS** Dave Hyder Nick Sears Wendy Porter **VLS** Louise Forster TS

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D2S

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**VMSC** 

DHS

Ricky Hardcastle Maciej Dlogozima Ricky Hardcastle Maciej Dlogozima Wendy Porter Mark Kirton Ike Greenberg Rajin Soni Maciej Dlogozima Elroy Hull Mark Kirton Peter Chipperton Maciej Dlogozima Rajin Soni Ricky Hardcastle Nick Sears

Keith Hall

### **First international medals for Shae**

Cippenham's Shae Thakker has made his first mark on the international scene with two medals at the Romanian International Table Tennis Open Championships, held at Cluj-Napoca towards the end of March.

The tournament started with the junior events, under-23 in this case, with 13-years old Shae giving away 10 years! Playing in the Men's Class 10 round robin of four players, Shae secured the gold medal by winning all of his three matches including a very close 14-12 in the fifth defeat of compatriot Lawrence John, the runner-up,

Shae was quoted on the BTTAD webs-

bite saying "I am really pleased with the gold that I have achieved in the junior singles. This has really improved my confidence in my game and I am really ecstatic to see that my training is being very influential. This has inspired me to work even harder so that I can achieve this success again."

Later in the week, Shae teamed up with Ryan Henry as they won the bronze medal in the Men's Class 9-10 team event

Lucie Bouron was also in Romania but, unfortunately, was not able to register a win in either of her singles events.



Peter Chipperton



**National Junior League** 

# Junior and cadet leagues conclude

The National Junior League and National Cadet League have both concluded their seasons within the last few weeks. Star player Shae Thakker was unavailable at the end of the season and that resulted in the NJL A team finishing bottom of Division 1 in the final round of matches (but 4th overall on aggregate) and relegation to Division 2 for the NCL A team.

A total of 19 players represented the Club across the six teams during the season and all will have gained valuable experience and will be looking to push on further next season.



NJL A team (I-r): Jaiden Caldeira; William Fricker; Pranav Gudipati.

National Cadet League								
L	eague Tables Round 3			_		_		<b>D</b> .
Г	Division 2	٢	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
_		5	4	0	1	20	10	20
(		5	3	1	1	19	11	19
		5	2	2	1	18	12	
		5	2	2	1	16	14	
		5	0	1	4	10	20	
		5	0	2	3	7	23	7
_	Division 4	_	_	^	^	07	^	07
		5	5 3	0	0	27 18	3 12	
		5	ა 1	3	1	14	16	
		5	1	2	2		17	
		5	0	3	2	10	20	
		5	0	1	4	8	22	8
F	Players' Averages:							
,	21		M		Р	W		Αv
	Cippenham A Shae Thakker		6		17	16		94
	Pranav Gudipati		15		1 <i>1</i> 35	19		54 54
	Douglas Claridge-Hanser		15	-	35 35	16		46
	Sean Berry		5	-	10	3		30
	Cippenham B		Ĭ			ŭ		
	Jaiden Caldeira		13	3	30	17		57
Ş	Sonny Dalston		14	3	33	17		52
	lames Western-Kaye		13		31	9		29
	Rudii Richards		5	1	11	2		18
	Cippenham C							
	Jack Mailey		8	_	20	16		80
	Luke Mailey		9		23	16		70
	Gustav Colliander Nikolai Hinterreither		8 13		18 30	11 16		61 53
1	Nikolai Hinterreither Anna Piercey		5		50 10	4		53 40
,	Allia Fieldey		J		U	4		40

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League Tables:	Р	w	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Round 3:			_		-		
Division 1							
Reading A	5	5	0	0	28	2	28
Crusaders A	5	3	0	2	17	13	17
Kidlington A	5	2	1	2	16	14	16
Crusaders C	5	2	2	1	15	15	15
Ashford A	5	1	1	3	9	21	9
Cippenham A	5	0	0	5	5	25	5
Division 4							
Reading B	5	4	1	0	23	7	23
Ashford D	5	4	1	0	22	8	22
Cippenham B	5	3	0	2	19	11	19
Cippenham C	5	2	0	3	12	18	12
Chiltern F	5	1	0	4	8	22	8
Chiltern E	5	0	0	5	6	24	6
Round 2: Division 1							
Crusaders A	5	5	0	0	25	5	25
Reading A	5	2	1	2	16	14	16
Cippenham A	5	2	2	1	16	14	16
Kidlington A	5	2	2	1	16	14	16
Ashford A	5	1	1	3	9	21	9
Crusaders B	5	0	0	5	8	22	8
Division 4	Ŭ	Ŭ	Ŭ	Ŭ	Ū		Ŭ
Chiltern D	5	4	0	1	22	8	22
Cippenham B	5	3	2	0	18	12	18
Ashford D	5	2	1	2	15	15	15
Chiltern E	5	1	1	3	13	17	13
Cippenham C	5	2	0	3	12	18	12
Chiltern F	5	1	0	4	10	20	10
Players' Averages:							
		M		Р	W		Αv
Cippenham A							
Shae Thakker		10		23	23		00
William Fricker		15		33	15		45
Pranav Gudipati		11		25	4		15
Jaiden Caldeira		5		10	0		0
Cippenham B Jaiden Caldeira		9	,	23	12		52
James Western-Kaye		5		10	5		50
Nikolai Hinterreither		5		10	5		50
Holly Long		3		9	4		44
Amandeep Dhak		6	1	14	6		43
Marcus Richardson		10		25	5		20
Sean Berry		5		10	2		20
Cippenham C		•		•			
Harry Coles		12	2	26	17		65
Amandeep Dhak		5	1	10	6		60
James Western-Kaye		10		25	13		57
Marcus Richardson		5	1	10	5	,	50
Jace Heath		3		9	2		22
Nikolai Hinterreither		6	1	17	3		18

## 20 years ago ...

A look back to news in March and April 1997.

#### **ETTA National Masters**



A double for Cippenham in one of the Club's greatest weekends! Gareth Herbert and Jesper Hougaard won the Junior Boys' and Cadet Boys' titles at the National Masters held on their home territory.



#### **Commonwealth Championships**

Gareth Herbert was part of the England team that won gold in Glasgow. Gareth later became the first Cippenham member ever to complete in the World Championships the following month.

#### **Slough Closed Championships**



Martin Rule and Samantha Marling took three titles each. Men's Singles winner was Steve Joel (pictured), beating Mike Rhodes in the final. Cippenham players had a clean sweep of all the championship events.

#### **Club Championships**

Steve Joel repeated his Slough Closed win over Mike Rhodes in the Men's Singles final. A staggering 28 different players gained awards across the 18 events (which included parents' handicapped events) all run on one weekend day.

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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



Fees S	Season	201	6-17

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

#### **Weekend Diary**

Apr 2 Inter-Regional Qualification, Southern
Apr 22/23 Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open
Jun 10/11 Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest



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