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Last week drama in the Slough League

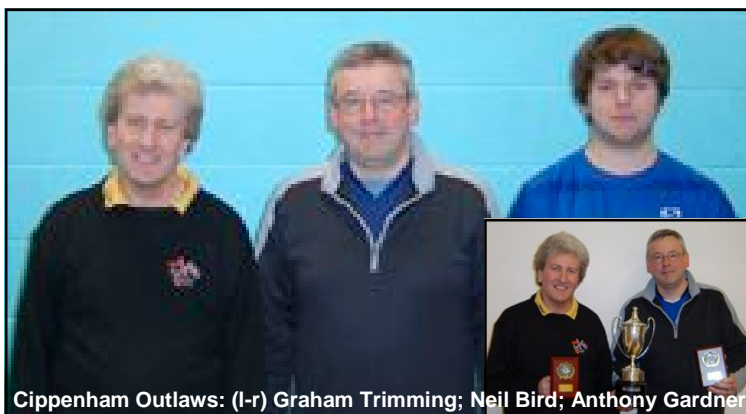
Outlaws nick the title from Buccaneers



Cippenham Outlaws are the champions, once again, of the Slough League but only after a hectic final week of the season that saw them take exactly the number of points required. To say it was close is an understatement - Outlaws pinched the title from under the noses of Cippenham Buccaneers with the final shot of the season! In fact, if the result of any one of 158 different sets during the season had been reversed then the destination of the title would also have been different!

The Thursday showdown between Outlaws and Buccaneers was not the final act as expected. Outlaws' match with Chalfont was moved to Friday and so Outlaws had the advantage of having set a target for that particular match. It nearly hardly mattered as a determined Buccaneers side brushed aside the challenge of their title contenders 9-1. That one set for Outlaws, gained at the last by Anthony Gardner with a superb 3-0 defeat of Paul Baker made all the difference. 7-3 was the result that Outlaws then needed against Chalfont rather than an improbable 9-1. Anthony was easily Outlaws' main threat to Buccaneers as he had earlier lost out 13-11 in the fifth to Ricky Hardcastle after leading by two games to nil. Neil Bird lost all his matches at deuce in the fourth while Graham Trimming never really got going. Ricky and Steve Smith both won their three for Buccaneers.

And so to Friday, last day of the season, against Chalfont that included both



Cippenham Outlaws: (l-r) Graham Trimming; Neil Bird; Anthony Gardner

Ben Wiseman and Paul Savage. 7-3 seemed a tall order for Outlaws especially after Graham had been swept aside by Wiseman 3-0 in the opening set. However, a dominant performance from Neil against Savage, sandwiched in between two somewhat easy wins for Graham and Anthony against Gerald Finesilver, saw Outlaws go 3-1 up. When Neil followed this up with a superb 3-0 win over Wiseman, Outlaws were 4-1 up and had won all the last four sets 3-0. Anthony then went down to Savage but Outlaws recovered by winning the doubles to go 5-1 up and then Neil added another with a routine win over Finesilver. Two to play. History was not on Graham's side against Savage and Anthony faced the daunting challenge of Wiseman

in the final set. As it was, the games were played concurrently on adjacent tables and Anthony's did not last long!

When Graham, having lost the first game easily, was down 3-7 in the second against Savage it seemed that the title was destined to go the way of Buccaneers. However, Graham scrambled that second game 14-12 and then playing conservatively rather than with any inspiration, won the next two both 11-8 and the title was Outlaws'.



Buccaneers: (l-r) Steve Smith; Terry Boxall; Paul Baker; Ricky Hardcastle



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Vikings clinch Maidenhead Division 3



The victorious Vikings team: (l-r) Steve Harben; Rob Evans; David Williams

Cippenham Vikings have clinched the Division 3 title in the Maidenhead League by a massive eighteen points. Vikings, for whom Rob Evans (41 out of 45) and David Williams (42 out of 47) finished first and second in the divisional averages, and helped by Steve Harben (10 from 35), were never seriously threatened for supremacy during the season.

In the Premier Division, Spartans and Saxons finished second and third respectively with Simon Wilde winning the Wilkinson Sword, despite an average of only 52%, while Trojans were third in Division One in no small way due to Ricky Hardcastle topping the averages.

Full statistics for both the Slough and Maidenhead leagues will appear in next month's newsletter once all the final results are announced.

Paul is the Master Baker



Paul Baker is the new Slough Masters champion. This popular end of season tournament, now in its twenty-seventh year, pulls together the top eight players determined by their performances in the Slough and District League over the past season.

Hot favourite to win was Rafique Sarhadi. Rafique had gone through the entire league season unbeaten and also played his part in the Cippenham first team maintaining their place in Division One of the British League. However, the draw, which was, as always, unseeded, through up the tantalising combination of Rafique against Paul Baker in the first round.

The match did not disappoint with Paul reeling off a succession of brilliant winners against his higher ranked and clever opponent. Only one of the five games was decided by more than two points as Paul won through the epic encounter 10-12, 12-10, 11-9, 6-11, 13-11.

The opening match of the event was decided in similar fashion, 13-11 in the fifth. This match pitched two of Cippenham Outlaws' championship winning team of Neil Bird and Graham Trimming. First two games went to Graham but Neil stormed back the win by the narrowest of margins, albeit only after Graham had staged a recovery from 10-5 down in the fifth.

Dave Hyder put paid to the aspirations of title holder Steve Smith in another first round battle that went the distance. Hyder won the first two games but Steve responded strongly to square the match at 2-2. However, Hyder unleashed powerful attacking shots from both wings to decide the final game.

The other first round encounter saw Russell Holbrook, a late replacement for the unwell Anthony Gardner, beat event organiser Elroy Hull in four games.

Holbrook went on to book a place in the final by beating Hyder in one semi-final while Paul made short work of Neil, both matches needing only three straight games.

Holbrook did respond by taking the third game of the final but, in truth, there was never much likelihood of Paul failing to regain the title he won way back in 1996.

Series Leaders

Men's Singles

Neil Wright (WAL)	96
Hari Gehlot (Bk)	80
Garth Kinlocke (Ha)	77
Rafique Sarhadi (Bu)	57
Steve Buck (WAL)	55

Women's Singles

Julie Furber (WAL)	48
Charlotte Carey (WAL)	39
Ikue Humphrey (Mi)	19
Jasmin Ould (K)	15
Chloe Thomas (WAL)	15

Junior Boys' Singles

Alex Forshaw (Sx)	69
Liam McTiernan (Bk)	55
Pritesh Kakad (He)	31
Finny Wilson (Sx)	28
Daniel McTiernan (Bk)	28

Junior Girls' Singles

Lucy Burks (Sy)	26
Jasmin Ould (K)	25
Feifei Pei	1

Veteran Men's Singles

Hari Gehlot (Bk)	38
Kevin Caldon (E)	30
Steve Kerns (E)	24
Paul Martindill (E)	24
Phil Goulding (Dv)	21

Veteran Women's Singles

Janice Lee (Sy)	24
Sue Hayes (Bu)	13
Diane Melville (Mi)	4
Denise Weller (Bk)	4

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It's Johnson all the way from the USA

Ben Johnson, once of Reading but now resident in the USA, showed that his ability has not diminished during the years he has been away from the England table tennis scene when he won the Men's Singles title at the Cippenham Series 3 2-Star Open at the beginning of April. Once he had seen of the challenge of Cippenham's Rafique Sarhadi, seeded three, 3-0 in his opening match he dropped only two games en route to the title. One of these was to Paul Martindill in the preliminary round groups; the other was against Hari Gehlot in the quarter-final.

Jogenes Seniorin's entry had got mislaid in the post but he turned up anyway. He will be pleased that he did. He took the place of an absent player in Group 1 and made his mark by winning the group, displacing top seed Gehlot in the process. Seniorin thus took his place at the top of the draw and passed Dave Randall and Neil Wright en route to a final showdown with Johnson.

It was a day of calamity for the top three seeds. As well as Rafique and Gehlot, Neil Wright also lost his allotted place in the knock-out draw when beaten by Cippenham's Steve Buck who went on to win the group but departed when beaten by Philip Walker in the quarter-final. Rafique went out in the same round to Wright.

The Women's Singles may have had only four entries but it was a tough competition with four of the six matches being decided in the fifth game and the other two in the fourth. At the end of all of that it was Julie Furber of Wales that prevailed with Jasmin Ould in second place.

The following day it was the turn on the juniors. The final of the Boys' Singles turned out to be a family affair as Reading-based brothers, former Cippenham members, Liam and Daniel McTiernan fought out the final. Liam eventually won 3-1 even though Daniel led throughout much of the fourth and looked likely to take his older sibling the distance. Quite remarkable that two members of the same family should meet in the final but it nearly didn't happen for either of them. Liam faced match points in both the fourth and fifth games of his semi-final against Michael White in a game full of fast and entertaining top spin counter attacking ral-



Hari Gehlot and Steve Buck

lies. Daniel, earlier, had finished only third in his preliminary stage group behind Daniel Barna and Damon Wilson. Barna, the fourth seed, won the group but then lost to White in the quarters. Wilson also lost in the quarters in five games to Alex Forshaw.

Daniel McTiernan, meanwhile, was progressing through the draw the hard way. His first knock-out match required four games to dispose of Finny Wilson, then five games were needed both in the quarters and semi before James Meyers and Forshaw were eliminated.

Jasmin Ould, runner-up in the Women's Singles the day before, went one better in the Girls' Singles with Lucy Burks runner-up. Because there were only four girls present they were invited to also take part in the Junior Consolation event. Three of them accepted the invitation and two had the distinction of beating all the boys and meeting one another in the final. Lucy Burks beat Feifei Pei 11-8 in the fifth game of that final. In near similar circumstances, Julie Furber had made it to the Senior Consolation final the day before but she had to admit defeat against her Welsh compatriot Michael Julian in the final.

Cippenham Series 3 2-Star Open Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
MS	Ben Johnson (USA)	Jogenes Seniorin (Mi)
WS	Julie Furber (WAL)	Jasmin Ould (K)
JBS	Liam McTiernan (Bk)	Daniel McTiernan (Bk)
JGS	Jasmin Ould (K)	Lucy Burks (Sy)
SC	Michael Julian (WAL)	Julie Furber (WAL)
JC	Lucy Burks (Sy)	Feifei Pei (Sy)

Cippenham Series 4 2-Star Open Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
MS	Hari Gehlot (Bk)	Steve Buck (WAL)
WS	Julie Furber (WAL)	Jasmin Ould (K)
JBS	Alex Forshaw (Sx)	Pitish Kakad (He)
JGS	Lucy Burks (Sy)	Jasmin Ould (K)
SC	Ross Saxby (Bk)	Anthony Gardner (Bu)
JC	Adam Simpson (K)	Oscar Harker (Do)

Steve makes the Final but Gehlot has the final say

Top seed Hari Gehlot pulled himself up into second place in the race for to be Cippenham Series Men's Singles champion the final Saturday in April. The Reading player was never taken the distance although his last three opponents did all manage to take one game off him. Gehlot's win over Cippenham's own Steve Buck in the final puts him within sixteen points of leader Neil Wright for the overall prize.

On route to the podium Gehlot eased through his first stage group and then defeated Alois Clare, Rafique Sarhadi, Steve Kerns and finally Buck. Gehlot was the only one of the four seeds to top his group. Second seed Rafique was displaced by Jogenes Seniorin, third seed Neil Wright by Steve Kerns and fourth seed Paul Beck by both Steve Buck and James Meyers.

Wright recovered to reach his semi-final position by an alternative route, accounting for Seniorin along the way but found the form of home player Steve Buck too hot to handle in the semi and was dismissed 3-0. Kerns used his position as group winner to secure his semi-final place after beating Meyers and Simon Dilkes but fell narrowly to Gehlot at that stage.

The Junior Boys' Singles the following day was poorly attended and was won by the unseeded Alex Forshaw who now leads the points table with one event to go. Forshaw displaced second seed Alois Clare at the group stage and then beat Finny Wilson in the semi-final to set up a meeting with top seed Pritesh Kakad in the final. Kakad won the first two games of that final but Forshaw came back to nick the third 11-9 and then the fourth and fifth games by wider margins.

The women's event was won by Julie Furber over Jasmin Ould in a repeat of Series 3 three weeks ago while the Junior Girls' Singles saw a reversal of the earlier event with Lucy Burks getting the better, narrowly, over the unfortunate Ould.

Anthony Gardner made his mark on the tournament by reaching the final of the Men's Consolation.

The tournament was organised by Sue Hayes and refereed by Mick Strode.

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Weekend Diary May/June

May

Sat 1	National Cadet Masters
Sun 2	National Cadet Masters
Sat 8	British League Division 1 Play-offs
Sun 9	British League Division 1 Play-offs
Sat 22	Cippenham Series 5 2-Star Open (Veterans)
Sun 23	Cippenham Series 5 2-Star Open (Senior)

June

Sun 6	Gareth Herbert coaching
Sat 12	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival
Sun 13	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival
Sun 20	Southern Region junior training



Annual General Meeting

of the Club

Is to be held on

Tuesday 1 June

commencing at 8:00pm

All members are urged to attend.

There are vacancies on the Management Committee. Please speak to Graham ahead of the meeting if you would like to offer your services.

Weekday Diary

Mon	7:15	Advanced Coaching
Tues	7:15	Local league matches
	7:30	Practice Tables
	7:40	Grand Prix
Wed	7:30	Squad Training
Thurs	5:15	Beginners' Coaching
	7:15	Local league matches
	7:30	Practice Tables
Fri	7:30	Open practice evening

Club Championships

Tues 4 May

Veterans' Singles and Tweenies' Singles
(Tweenies are 18 to 39 age group)

Tues 11 May

Open Doubles

Tues 18 May

Open Singles

No entry forms; no additional fees; just turn up by 7:30 to register.

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2009-10

	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		

Applications are invited for the position of Duty Officer on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting in June. This is a paid appointment. Please speak to Sue or Graham if you are interested.

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