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Happy New Year to all Readers

First team move up the table

It was a testing time for the playing resources of Cippenham Table Tennis Club when the British League held its second weekend of the season. Because of non-availability, six new players had to be signed up in order to fulfil the fixtures of the three teams. Five of these players were recruited from the Club's core membership in the Maidenhead League and valuable experience was gained by some of the Club's up-and-coming players.

It did mean that the second and third teams were much weaker than anticipated and it was no surprise that both lost all their matches. However, the first team, fielding two players promoted from the seconds, enjoyed greatly improved results from their long journey to Okehampton, Devon, a venue that has rarely proved to be much of a goldmine in the past.

They commenced the weekend with a 4-4 draw with local rivals OLOP IMPACT from Reading. All four Cippenham players contributed to the scoreline in a good performance and with the three sets that went all the way to a fifth and deciding game being lost by Cippenham it was they that had the better of the draw. Martin Gray and Steve Munson both got the better of Chris Bush while Martin Adams and Rob Hansell both beat Neil Wright. Their second match on the Saturday brought the weekend's only defeat, 5-3 to York Gardens. Cippenham captain



Steve Munson and Robert Hansell performed well when promoted to the first team

Martin Adams' brace, which included an excellent win against Chris Lewis, could not be matched and was only supplemented by Steve's final set victory over Reece Placid to whom Rob had lost by the narrow margin of 12-10 in the fifth.

Sunday morning brought a much easier challenge against a weakened Godalming team who succumbed 8-0. Only four individual games went against a rampant Cippenham team. In the

afternoon Cippenham were once again fortunate as they faced a Woolwell team, operating in their own Devon territory, who could field only three players. Steve's win against Mike Hugh and another great win for Martin Adams over Richard Marshall added to the two walkovers gave another 4-4 draw. Four points out of eight over the weekend were good enough to move Cippenham

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British League (continued)

League Tables: PWDL F A Pts **Division 1 South** BATTS I 0 0 48 16 16 42 York Gardens I 22 8 6 1 13 1 Urban Progress I 8 2 34 30 11 Cippenham I 33 OLOP IMPACT 2 4 28 36 6 27 37 Woolwell I 0 London Progress II 2 6 8 27 37 Godalming Coversure 8 0 6 19 45 Division 2 South & East Yaxley RBL I 0 51 13 15 De Vere NETTS 8 6 1 1 45 19 13 Crusaders 42 22 13 29 40 8 35 8 Bedford Modern I 0 4 5 24 Cippenham II 8 3 0 6 York Gardens III 2 42 4 44 3 Ashford Brunswick II 8 1 1 6 20 0 17 Ellenborough 8 **Division 3 South-Midlands-West** Woodfield III 8 1 0 49 15 15 29 29 Woolwell III 2 35 8 5 11 2 2 35 NWF 10 27 Keyworth 8 1 3 35 Cippenham III 5 38 4 4 7 26 28 2 2 38 York Gardens IV 8 6 36 Elgre Draycott II 8 Westbury 0 20 44 Players' Averages: Ρ W A۷ Cippenham I Steve Munson 7 71 Martin Adams 16 10 63 Dobromir Tokov 8 5 63 Robert Hansell 3 43 31 Martin Grav 8 16 David Hayes 8 13 Cippenham II 7 88 Robert Hansell 8 6 75 Steve Munson 8 Eddie Mitchell 63 3 33 Tim O'Mahoney 29 Chris Hansell 7 2 2 25 Tony Stead 8 Paul Baker 8 0 0 Owen Clutterbuck 2 0 0 Ricky Hardcastle 2 4 0 0 2 0 Graham Trimming 4 0 Cippenham III Kevin Grav 8 7 88 Tony Stead 8 6 75 Chris Hansell 8 63 Tom Mitchell 8 50 Steve Smith 38 8 3 **Bradley King** 8 13 Anthony Gardner 8 0 Andrew Sullivan Results: Cippenham I Cippenham II 4-4 OLOP IMPACT 2-6 Crusaders 3-5 York Gardens I 2-6 Ellenborough 0-8 De Vere NETTS 8-0 Godalming Cover' 4-4 Woolwell I 1-7 Bedford Modern I Cippenham III 1-7 Woodfield III 1-7 NWF 2-6 Keyworth 1-7 Woolwell III

Ricky survives the mulled wine



Cippenham TTC got into the Christmas spirit with a Grand Prix during the final open session before Christmas. But this was no ordinary Grand Prix - the spirit of the festive season was captured with a pot of mulled wine and rows of mince pies actually, the mulled wine was more popular than the mince pies!

Despite the counter-attractions and their alcoholic effects on the players, some table tennis was still managed to be played by the fourteen competitors. Split into four groups the preliminary round winners emerged as Ricky Hardcastle, Tom Mitchell, Graham Trimming and Filippo Rotunno. Filippo had the toughest passage and survived

losing to newcomer Jaro. However, he beat both Anthony Gardner and event organiser Andrew Sullivan to top the group on count-back. The other three semi-finalists progressed with greater comfort.

In the semi-finals Ricky dispatched Filippo 3-0 while Tom dropped only the first game against Graham. Ricky then beat Tom in the final while Graham secured third place with a 3-1 win over Filippo.

Anthony eventually finished fifth by beating Sue Hayes who had had a good win over Elroy Hull one round earlier.

up into the top half of the table and they now stand in fourth position in Division 1 South but equal on points with two other teams below them.

The Cippenham second team drafted in three members of the third team in Chris Hansell, Paul Baker and Tony Stead and added reserves Ricky Hardcastle for the two morning matches and Graham Trimming in the afternoons. Four defeats saw Cippenham drop only one place in the division to fifth but looking over their shoulders at the bottom rather than up at the top of Division 2 South & East. Chris and Tony won matches in the 6-2 defeats by Crusaders and Ellenborough while Sunday morning's match saw Cippenham lose 8-0 to De Vere NETTS and only a concession eased the pain

in the afternoon as Bedford Modern ran out 7-1 winners.

Likewise, the Cippenham third team came back with nothing to show for their efforts and slid down to fifth in the Division 3 South-Midlands-West table. Four new players: Bradley King Anthony Gardner, Tom Mitchell and Andrew Sullivan were signed up to make the trip to Wolverhampton. Bradley won once but the only real success was Tom who, in his comeback year after many seasons away from the sport, showed why he was selected to play for England schools a decade ago. He beat every number four he came up against as Cippenham lost 6-2 to Keyworth and 7-1 to Woodfield III, NWF and Woolwell III.

Double Prospects in Maidenhead League

Prospects remain for a double celebration for Cippenham at the end of the Maidenhead League season as teams from the Club currently lead both divisions 1 and 2. In Division 1, there are two teams at the head of the table two matches past the half-way stage while in Division 2 Trojans may be only a point ahead of their nearest rivals but have two matches in hand on all the other teams in the division.

At the Christmas break it is Spartans that lead Division 1, four points clear of Saxons who have a game in hand. Spartans have lost only once, that to a Mark Banks-inspired Cookham Social team. Spartans prevailed when the two Cippenham teams met in November but only 6-4, a result that appeared to have left Spartans with too much to do in the second half of the season to catch Saxons.

However, that was all turned on its head when a poor Saxons performance led to a 7-3 defeat at Old Gords against the Vultures in the final week of matches before Christmas. Simon Wilde played well to win two and Graham Trimming added the third but lost from 2-0 up against Mark Dozell. They were let down by team-mate Terry Osborne who walked out of his match against Dozell citing the poor lighting conditions (to which, it has to be said, he has a good point!) and left immediately leaving his match against Keith Machin also conceded. This could be the turning point of the season and probably now makes Spartans favourites to claim the title.

The two Cippenham teams do, however, need to keep a eye over their shoulder. Old Gords Vultures are only



Denise Weller: top of Division 2 averages

ten points behind Spartans and the two have yet to meet for a second time. Cookham Social are a further ten points behind but have a match in hand. With Gemma Chapman and Mark Banks respectively to call upon, the latter having not played many matches yet, either of these teams could yet play a part in the final destination of the championship.

Ricky Hardcastle, with only three defeats so far, lies second in the division averages at the moment followed by Eddie Mitchell in third place, Steve Smith fifth and Tom Mitchell sixth.

In Division 2 the title is really Trojans to lose. The division is closely contested except for WAMDSAD Whirlwinds who are losing touch with the others at the foot of the table. However, when Trojans have completed the two matches they have in hand they may also have opened up a gap at the top end of the table.

League Tables:	_		_		_		
	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Division 1							
Cippenham Spartans	10	8	1	1	69	31	69
Cippenham Saxons	9	6	1	2	65	25	65
Old Gords Vultures	10	6	2	2	59	41	59
Cookham S Typhoons	9	4	3	2	49	41	49
Old Gords Ospreys	9	4	0	5	43	46	43
Castle Hill Pumas	8	2	2	4	40	40	40
NWCA Blue Jays	9	3	1	5	37	53	37
Old Gords Harriers	9	1	1	7	25	64	25
Old Gords Kestrels	9	0	3	6	22	68	22
Division 2							
Cippenham Trojans	6	6	0	0	48	12	48
Bovingdon Grn Kestrels	8	5	1	2	47	33	47
Stoke Poges Lions	8	5	1	2	46	34	46
Boyne Hill CC	8	4	0	4	44	36	44
BBC Bears	8	4	1	3	42	38	42
Outcasts	8	3	0	5	38	42	38
WAMDSAD Wags	8	2	0	6	34	46	34
WAMDSAD Whirlwinds	8	0	1	7	11	69	11
Players' Averages:							
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Players Averages.				
	M	Р	W	Αv
Spartans				
Ricky Hardcastle	8	24	21	88
Eddie Mitchell	5	15	13	87
Tom Mitchell	6	18	14	78
Anthony Gardner	4	12	7	58
Andrew Sullivan	7	21	5	24
Saxons				
Tony Stead	1	3	3	100
Antony Constantinou	2	6	5	83
Steve Smith	5	15	12	80
Simon Wilde	5	14	10	71
Terry Osborne	5	13	9	69
Graham Trimming	9	26	17	65
Trojans				
Denise Weller	5	15	14	93
Sue Hayes	4	12	11	92
Ashley D'Sa	3	9	8	89
Armando Borges	2	6	5	83
David Williams	3	9	4	44
Steve Harben	1	3	0	0

Denise Weller, with just one loss, is joint top of the division's averages with Sue hayes third and Ashley D'Sa fifth.

Results from the last three Grand Prix

	Grand Prix 36	
Pos	Name	Pts
1	Ricky Hardcastle	500
2	Graham Trimming	280
3	Anthony Gardner	245
4	Gerald Finesilver	220
5	Ben Cunningham	210
6	Andrew Sullivan	145
7	Chris Collins	105
8	Gavin Williams	70
9	Malcolm Makarian	70
10	Shane Clark	50

	Grand Prix 37	
Pos	Name	Pts
1	Anthony Gardner	510
2	Ricky Hardcastle	460
3	Andrew Sullivan	175
4	Graham Trimming	170
5	Malcolm Makarian	140
6	Gerald Finesilver	100
7	Filippo Rotunno	90
8=	Shane Clark	80
8=	Ben Cunningham	80
10	Eric McLeod	70

Grand Prix 38	
Name	Pts
Ricky Hardcastle	370
Ben Cunningham	270
Andrew Sullivan	130
Steve Smith	110
Malcolm Makarian	110
Eric McLeod	105
Terry Osborne	100
Graham Trimming	100
Richard Barton	100
Chris Collins	90
	Name Ricky Hardcastle Ben Cunningham Andrew Sullivan Steve Smith Malcolm Makarian Eric McLeod Terry Osborne Graham Trimming Richard Barton

Weekend Diary January/February

January

Sun 15 British League Divisions 1S and 2S&E Sat 21 County Championships Junior Division 2D

Sun 22 National Cadet League (3) Sat 28 National Junior League (3)

February

Sat 4 UKCC Level 2 coach education course Sun 5 UKCC Level 2 coach education course Sat 11 Maidenhead Closed Championships Maidenhead Closed Championships Sun 12 British League Divisions 1S and 2S&E Sat 18 Sun 19 British League Divisions 1S and 2S&E Sat 25 County Championships Veterans' Division 2B Sun 26 Cippenham 5 by 2 Cadet and Under-13 1* Open

Weekday Timetable

Mon	19:15	Advanced Coaching Group
Tues	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables
	19:40	Grand Prix
Thurs	17:15	Beginners' coaching
	19:15	Local league matches
	19.30	Practice tables

Fees Season 2011-12

	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)		£30.00
* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members		
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members		



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Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

Mar 3	National Junior League (4)
Mar 17	County Championships Junior Div 2D
Mar 24	Cippenham Super 6 Junior 2* Open
Mar 25	National Cadet League (4)
Mar 31	County Championships Seniors
Apr 1	County Championships Seniors
Apr 14/15	UKCC Level 2 coach education course
Apr 21	Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2* Open
Apr 22	Cippenham Super 6 Senior 2* Open
Apr 28/29	UKCC Level 2 coach education course
May 12/13	National Cadet Masters
Jun 16/17	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.

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