



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Nick is the star as Team Open Coconuts beat the ice



Happy
Christmas!

A Welsh partnership of Neil Wright and Nick Brown, disguised as the Cardiff Coconuts, took a rather unconventional route to beat the icy weather and win the Cippenham Team 2-Star Open the last Sunday in November. When your number one player only wins six of his eleven matches it places great burden on the number two in the short punchy format of best of three individual matches to decide the team result. However, Cippenham's British League star Nick Brown rose to the occasion to win six of his seven matches as the Coconuts recovered from potential disaster early in the day.

It was an inauspicious start. Coconuts were seeded second for the event and expected to win their group. However, St. Michael's B had other ideas. Jerome Jonah, who was one of four players to remain undefeated all day began by beating Neil Wright 3-1. The real shock came straight afterwards as Nick fell by a similar score to Raphael Lawanson. This was Nick's only defeat in the competition and was against a youngster with no prior senior points on the national ranking list.

That defeat placed Cardiff Coconuts second in the group and facing a play-off with OLOP IMPACT. Defeat would have meant that their highest finishing position would have been ninth, the place that OLOP ultimately filled. Wright lost the opening match against the impressive young defender Daniel Moses but Nick and Wright both beat Daniel McTiernan as Coconuts won 2-1 and booked a second knock-out stage

match against Los Muchachos, winners of their group. Coconuts eased through this 2-0 to guarantee their place in the top eight.

The quarter-final, semi-final and final matches all followed a similar format. Wright lost the opening match against the opposing number one, Nick beat the number two and then Wright won the play-off match between the two losers. In the quarter-final it was St. Michael's A that provided the opposition. Wright led Chris Lewis 2-1 but could not hold onto the lead before Nick and he both beat Reece Placid. The semi-final pitched the top two seeded teams together. BATTS had been untroubled until that stage and in Ryan Collins had the top ranked player in the tournament. He beat Wright 3-0 but Nick levelled the match was a last-gasp 15-13 fifth-game win over Tony West. Wright then inflicted a second defeat on West in what were BATTS' only defeats of the day as Collins remained undefeated.

And so to the final and another enthralling match as Wright again lost the opening match to the unbeaten Alain Choo-Choy as Godalming TTC took an early lead. Andreas Pusch, at that time also unbeaten throughout the day, had the chance to finish the match when he led Nick 2-1 and stood at deuce in the fourth. Nick, however, was now in top form and won that game 12-10 and the fifth 11-8. Wright then duly



Nick Brown & Neil Wright

completed the job with a 3-0 win over Pusch to claim the title for the Cardiff team.

BATTS were far too good as they beat Twins, Paul Martindill and Dave Langham, for third place.

Best performance by a local player came from Steve Buck who remained unbeaten throughout the day and was at his best when he inflicted the only defeat of the day on England number 87 Chris Lewis. Playing with Terry Boxall, they finished fourteenth. Ben Cunningham, a local league player at Cippenham, made his mark with a handful of wins including a 3-0 success over Paul Martindill, ranked 361 in England.

The tournament was organised and refereed by Graham Trimming and attracted a near maximum entry of 22 teams although only 20 played on the day.



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Women make successful debut



Sue Hayes; Julie Dean; Denise Weller

For the first time ever Cippenham Table Tennis Club has entered a women's team in the Veterans' British League and success was immediate. In its debut weekend at Hereford the team won four of its five matches to sit in second place, level on points with the leaders, in Division 2.

However, the ladies did not get off to the start they really wanted. Their first match pitched them against Evesham. Despite an unbeaten performance from Cippenham number one Denise Weller, beating Sylvia Tyler and Margaret Dignum, they lost 4-2 to the team that would become overnight leaders. Sue Hayes, who lost narrowly to Dignum and 3-0 to Sue Felstead, then went on an unbeaten run of eight matches that carried her through the remainder of the weekend. In fact during those eight matches she won 24 games and lost only five.

Cippenham's two other matches on Saturday brought a 5-1 success over Halton and 4-2 over Billwood. These were Billwood's only dropped points of the weekend and when the dust settled it was they, rather than Cippenham, that led the table by virtue of a better sets aggregate. For that they had Shirley Dark, who went through the entire weekend unbeaten, to thank. When Cippenham played Billwood, Dark beat both Denise and Julie Dean but Sue and Julie both beat Susan Body 3-0 while Sue and Denise both beat Linda Attridge 3-2 in what might prove decisive results when the league concludes in May next year.

The Cippenham ladies kept up their winning ways on Sunday with another couple of 4-2 wins over Ashford 2 and Irish Colleens. Cippenham were 2-1 down at the half-way stage of the match against Ashford, local rivals from Staines, before the three players all won their second singles dropping only



Paul Baker; Mike Rhodes; Steve Buck

one game in the process.

The men's team were playing a little higher in Division 1B of their competition. New veteran Steve Buck made his debut in the team and played well to win six of his ten matches. Saturday opened with a match against eventual league leaders Active 8 Plymouth. The 5-1 scoreline does not do justice to Cippenham as Paul Baker and Mike Rhodes both lost narrowly 3-2 to Mike Short while Mike also took Plymouth's top player Paul Whiting to a deciding game. Cippenham's one success came at the end of the match when Paul beat former Wales number one Dave Welsman.

Results then improved later on Saturday. Mike was the star, with wins over Kevin Mackey and Brian Finn, as Cippenham beat bottom team Irish Shamrocks 4-2 with Steve beating Anthony Redmond and Paul also beating Finn. Cippenham also drew 3-3 with second-placed Cardale Asset Management when the highlight was Steve's win over England number 24 veteran Chris Clinton. He also beat Tim Dyson while Paul scored a good win over Dave Harding.

On Sunday Cippenham secured their fourth point, a result that sees them placed sixth out of eight in the division, with a 3-3 draw against Fullmarks. For the second time Cippenham had Steve to thank for their point as he scored wins over Stuart Seaholme and Mark Wicker. Paul also beat Seaholme in the final set. Against Tameside, Steve got Cippenham off to a good start when he defeated Wayne Percival but that was as good as it got as the match, against a team that included 1980 European Men's Singles champion John Hilton, was lost 5-1.

Veterans' BL

Veterans' British League

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Men's Division 1B							
Active 8 (UK) Plymouth	5	4	0	1	20	10	8
Cardale Asset Mgt	5	3	2	0	20	10	8
Tameside	5	3	1	1	18	12	7
Fullmarks	5	3	1	1	18	12	7
Norton Nomads 2	5	2	0	3	15	15	4
Cippenham	5	1	2	2	12	18	4
Wolves	5	1	0	4	10	20	2
Irish Shamrocks	5	0	0	5	7	23	0
Women's Division 2							
Billwood	5	4	0	1	22	8	8
Cippenham	5	4	0	1	19	11	8
Evesham	5	3	1	1	18	12	7
Ashford 2	5	2	0	3	13	17	4
Halton	5	1	1	3	13	17	3
Irish Colleens	5	0	0	5	5	25	0

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Men:				
Steve Buck	5	10	6	60
Paul Baker	5	10	4	40
Mike Rhodes	5	10	2	20
Women:				
Sue Hayes	5	10	8	80
Denise Weller	5	10	7	70
Julie Dean	5	10	4	40

Results:

Men:	Women:
1-5 Active 8 Plymouth	2-4 Evesham
4-2 Irish Shamrocks	5-1 Halton
3-3 Cardale Asset Mgt	4-2 Billwood
3-3 Fullmarks	4-2 Ashford 2
1-5 Tameside	4-2 Irish Colleens

Cippenham Facebooked!

Cippenham has joined the social media age! Early last month the Club launched its Facebook and Twitter sites in a bid to keep up to date with modern communication channels.

Thanks to the efforts of Martin Adams, who set up the sites, the Club will now be able to communicate with members and the wider table tennis community on all aspects of life at one of the country's foremost and busiest clubs.

It is hoped that greater interest will be generated in the Club's events via the improved communication links now available.



<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Cippenham-TTC/116222278442381>



<http://twitter.com/cippenhamtcc>

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Brothers Bennett clean up

The Sussex brothers Jack and Joshua Bennett dominated proceedings at the latest Cippenham open event, the Cadet and Under-13 1-Star the middle Sunday in November.

It was the younger of the brothers, Joshua, who was first to show in the morning's under-13 event. Seeded three, he was helped by the absence of the number one seed and the failure of second seed Alex Kwaskowski who fell to fourth seed Tom Windram in the semi-final. However, such was Bennett's dominance of the event that it was not until the final that he dropped his first game. That went to Kent's Windram but Bennett fought back from 1-0 down to record ever better scores culminating in a straight-forward 11-3 in the fourth game.

Bennett had beaten Eda Emel Aydin in

the quarter-final of this mixed event and then Alex Sawa in the semi-final.

Big brother Jack Bennett was top seed for the Cadet (under-15) Singles in the afternoon and his dominance was even more complete, not dropping a single game en route to the title. After winning his group in a canter, his next opponent was familiar. Joshua Bennett had come through a tough 11-9 in the fifth match against Omar Khassal to reach the quarter-final but was shown no brotherly love as he was dispatched by Jack 3-0 in double quick time. Jack then went to beat Charlie Austen, victor over fourth seed Tom Windram, in the semi-final and then third seed Alex Kwaskowski 11-9, 11-6, 12-10 in the final.

However the player that caught the eye was George Harris. After winning all

Cadet/U13 Open

Cippenham Five by Two Cadet & Under-13 2-Star Open

Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
CS:	Jack Bennett (Sx)	Alex Kwaskowski (Sy)
U13S:	Joshua Bennett (Sx)	Tom Windram (K)
U13S:	Karim Khassal (Mi)	Kleber Silva (E)
U13C:	Kleber Silva (E)	Leo Long (Bk)

five of his preliminary round group matches, Harris came back from 2-1 down to defeat Surrey county mate George Heath and then eliminated second seed Daniel Pound with the unlikely scoreline 11-4, 10-12, 9-11, 11-2, 11-5.

Cippenham Table Tennis Club's workhorse Terry Boxall organised the event which attracted 64 entries while Paul Baker made a welcome debut as Referee.

Will you be on TV?

A TV camera came to Cippenham on a Thursday evening early in November. Big Earth Productions are producing a series of programmes under the title "Bouncing Balls" for UKTV to be screened on the Blighty channel in February. 16 sports will be covered over the 4 hour-long programmes and, yes, one of those sports is table tennis. According to co-ordinator Olivia Paterson the programmes will be "a celebration of our (Britain's) impact on the sporting world both by inventing sports and playing them well, and of the inventive spirit that made these enduring games".

Cippenham Chairman Graham Trimming was contacted by the TV company because of his knowledge about the origins and history of table tennis. He agreed to be interviewed and brought along some items from his large collection of table tennis antiques and memorabilia for demonstration.

The camera was set up in the lounge with the playing arena as a backdrop. Once filming with Graham was complete the camera ventured out into the playing arena and focused on table tennis being played - the modern way. And the stars of the show were Cippenham members engaged in their normal Thursday evening practice session.

Steve's Marathon stint



Story by Steve Buck

On Friday 22 October Cippenham Table Tennis Club organised a 24-hour table tennis marathon in aid of Help For Heroes. At 18:00 Rebecca Hayes, Terry Boxall and Tanya Waller started the event and were soon joined by all the other participants making the event flow into full swing with all 5 tables being used. During the next few hours a round robin was played with Ricky Hardcastle and Tanya showing some very good table tennis sportsmanship losing only one apiece.

Later on during the night the younger ones had to be reined in and the tables were taken down to just a few so that us older ones could get through without needing oxygen.

The order of the night soon became apparent with teams doing 45 minutes on and an hour relaxing but this became an hour of either playing guitar hero or monopoly with Anthony Gardner showing that he had an unparalleled knowledge and skill

making easy work of the expert level.

The night came and went with the hardest part being between 05:00 and 08:00 with some very sluggish movement and shots being seen but everybody showed great composure during this period and table tennis was played throughout. Once breakfast arrived energy levels rose and banter was soon flowing again. The morning saw other people arriving at the hall bringing with them a belief that we were getting there and the day went quicker.

At 18:00 on the Saturday a count down was completed and Tanya hit the final shot against Rick at 18:01 completing a very hard but very worthwhile marathon. I would personally like to thank my own heroes Terry Boxall, Ricky Hardcastle, Anthony Gardner, Gavin Williams, Shane Clark, Chris Collins, Colin and Sam Wilson, Tanya Waller and Rebecca Hayes for all making this challenge an enjoyable one.

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Weekend Diary December/January

December

Sat 11 British League Division 1 South & Midlands
Sun 12 British League Division 1 South & Midlands
Sun 19 Cippenham TTC Christmas Party

January

Sat 8 UK Deaf TTA training
Sat 15 Cippenham Five by Two Junior & Senior 1* Open
Sun 16 British League Divisions 1 South & 1 South/Mid

The Club will be closed over the Christmas festive period. The last day of opening before Christmas will be Tuesday 21 December. The Club will then remain closed, re-opening on Tuesday 4 January.

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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
Thurs 17:15 Beginners' coaching
19:15 Local league matches
19:30 Practice tables
Fri 19:30 Open practice evening
19:30 Adult coaching

Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

Feb 5/6 Maidenhead Closed Championships
Feb 19/20 British League Divisions 1S & 1S/M
Feb 27 Cippenham Super 6 Senior 2* Open
Mar 5/6 UKCC coach education course
Mar 12/13 Reading Closed Championships
Mar 20 Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2* Open
Mar 26 County Championships
Apr 2/3 County Championships
May 14/15 UKCC coach education course
May 21/22 British League Division 1 Play-offs
Jun 25/26 Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.

Fees Season 2010-11

	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
Maidenhead League Registration	£15.00	£7.50
National Junior League registration	n/a	£12.00
Practice Fees	*£3.50	*£1.75
Local League Match Fees	£3.50	£1.75
Coaching Fees (Thursday) (per session)	**£5.00	**£2.50
Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term)		£30.00
* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members		
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members		



Cippenham TTC Xmas Party

Sunday 19 December, 6pm

Fun and games for all members and their families

Please speak to Sue for more details

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