



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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## Men gain promotion back to Veterans' British League

The Cippenham veteran men's team had a very successful sortie away at Blackpool when the Veterans' National League concluded the last weekend in January. Seven points out of a possible ten was enough for Cippenham to move up one place in Division 1B and gain promotion back to the Veterans' British League after an absence of two years.

The stars for Cippenham were Christos Hannides, who won nine of his ten matches, and team captain Paul Baker, who won seven. Only Mike Rhodes had a disappointing weekend in which he won only one match.

Cippenham were fast out of the blocks on Saturday morning, defeating Redland Bats 2 4-2. Christos was only stretched to a fourth game once. Paul and Mike both lost their opening matches, by which time Redlands led 2-1, but recovered strongly at the back end of the match. The afternoon brought another 4-2 win, this time against bottom team Graham Spicer 2 with Christos and Paul both bagging braces. It was not all plain sailing, though, as both were extended to a fifth game by Tony Needham against whom Paul recovered from 2-1 down to win the fourth and fifth ends both 13-11.

The good form was continued into the evening with a closely fought 3-3 draw with eventual champions Hereford Challengers. This was the only point Hereford dropped all weekend but both sides could claim to be unlucky not to win as four of the six sets went the dis-



(l-r): Paul Baker; Christos Hannides; Mike Rhodes

tance to a deciding game, with each team winning two of them. Mike was the most unlucky, losing both his sets in the fifth game.

Five points out of six on Saturday set up the Sunday competition perfectly, with Cippenham due to play second-placed Draycott and Long Eaton 2 in the morning. A win would leapfrog Cippenham above the first half leaders and, courtesy of further braces from Christos and Paul, that is exactly what was achieved. Again, it was done the hard way with four of the six sets requiring a deciding game and, again, these were shared by the teams. Mike continued his habit of losing both in five

games while Paul won both of his in the decider.

Much of the hard work was thus done and Cippenham went into the final match of the weekend confident of promotion. They could only be stopped if Draycott upset Hereford on an adjacent table, but this did not materialise. However, Cippenham did slump to a 4-2 defeat against Topspin Fusion 2 with Christos suffering his only defeat of the weekend at the hands of Everton Waite.

Meanwhile, across the north of England at Doncaster, the veteran women's team were consolidating their third position in the Veterans' British League Division 1. A win and three draws gave them five points and this doubled their total score. The best came first: a 4-2 win over bottom team HEL was assisted by the opponents being a player short. However, Julie Dean put in a

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tremendous performance to defeat former England number 2 Brenda Bouey and also beat Val Murdoch.

Saturday concluded with two drawn matches. Sue Hayes was the star against Milton Keynes with wins over Audrey Robinson and Pauline Steel while Denise Weller also beat Steel but Julie surprisingly lost to Audrey Robinson. Against local rivals Ashford it was a true team performance with Denise, who won 12-10 in the fifth against Janice Lee after having been pulled back from two games up, Wendy Porter and Julie all contributing a win apiece. The reverse happened against Rachel Smith when Denise recovered from two games down but fell 11-9 in the fifth.

Table topping Lyncrest were too strong for Cippenham in the Sunday morning match and ran out easy 5-1 winners with the only resistance coming from Wendy who enjoyed a good win over Marilyn Bawden. In the afternoon it was back to the sequence of draws against Irish Colleens. Once again all three players contributed and two sets were decided at deuce in the fifth. Sue overcame Sharon Brien-Gibbons 14-12 while in the very next set Denise lost out 13-11 to Roslyn Carpenter after being two games to the good.

## The story of the first weekend

Cippenham Table Tennis Club's men's and women's veterans' teams both gave a good account of themselves

during the first weekend of matches. Both teams were in third place in their respective divisions at the half-way stage in the season with the men one point better off than the women.

The men's team, playing in Division 1B of the Veterans' National League at Bristol had six points out of ten, two behind leaders Draycott and Long Eaton 2 to whom they suffered their only defeat. Indeed, after both the second and third round of matches they sat proudly at the top of the division before their only taste of defeat in round four.

Round 1 saw Cippenham draw 3-3 with Hereford Challengers. Christos Hannides was the star for Cippenham, as he was all weekend, with two wins while Paul Baker made sure of a point with an impressive five-game win over Michael Owens.

Mike Rhodes then got on to the score-sheet with a battling win over Tony Needham in round 2 when the opponents were Graham Spicer 2. Mike needed two deuce game wins followed by 11-9 in the fifth to get Cippenham off to a winning start. Chris followed suit with the same 11-9 in the fifth win against Mats Johansson. Winning two such close encounters buoyed Cippenham who then ran out 6-0 winners to go top of the table.

Saturday finished with another hard-fought victory, this time 4-2 over Topspin Fusion 2. Mike and Chris again benefited from close wins in the fifth as Cippenham went 4-0 up. It mattered

little that the final two sets were lost as the day drew to a close with Cippenham still top of the table.

The hard reality of playing the division's ultimate leaders on Sunday morning came in the form of a 5-1 defeat. Chris got Cippenham off to another of his fifth -game wins to put Cippenham ahead 1-0 but that was as good as it got. When Chris suffered his only loss of the weekend to Alan Cherry, Cippenham were 3-1 down but fighting hard. Paul lost out to Jon Bayliss 11-9 in the fifth and then Mike went even closer before being beaten by Nigel Adams 14-12 in the deciding game.

More fifth-game drama was to unfurl in the last match of the weekend. When Chris completed his customary brace the score stood 2-2 with Redlands Bats 2. Mike then went 2-0 up in games against Steven Fox but was pegged back and lost 11-9 in the decider. However, that was evened up in the very last set when Paul secured a point beating Farrel Anthony 13-11 in the fifth. Final score: 3-3.

Meanwhile the Cippenham women's team were in action at Hereford in Division 1 of the higher-ranked Veterans' British League. The season started with a true team effort. Denise Weller, Julie Dean and Wendy Porter all got onto the scoresheet in an opening 3-3 draw with local rivals Ashford. In the next match both Denise and Wendy beat Gillian Richardson but Sue Hayes was not able to add to this, despite going 2-0 up against Sharon Brien-Gibbons and the match was lost 4-2.

Saturday finished on a tremendous high, especially for Julie Dean. Julie beat both HEL's top players, the more highly ranked Brenda Bouey and Deborah Auvache while Wendy and Sue chipped in against Val Murdoch to give Cippenham a very welcome 4-2 victory.

First opponents on Sunday were the divisional leaders Lyncrest and a tough assignment with all three Lyncrest players ranked in the top twenty in the country. Not surprisingly, Cippenham succumbed 6-0. Unaffected by this result, Cippenham bounced back in their final match with an impressive 4-2 win over Milton Keynes. MK's number one, Carmen Vajdi, was too strong but Sue beat both Pauline Steel and Bucks county adversary Dawn Pearce while Denise also beat Pearce and Julie also beat Steel.

### Veterans' National League

#### League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Men's Division 1B</b>							
Hereford Challengers	10	7	2	1	41	19	16
Cippenham	10	5	3	2	34	26	13
Draycott & L Eaton 2	10	4	4	2	33	27	12
Topspin Fusion 2	10	4	2	4	29	31	10
Redlands Bats 2	10	1	4	5	23	37	6
Graham Spicer 2	10	1	1	8	20	40	3

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Christos Hannides	10	20	18	90
Paul Baker	10	20	12	60
Mike Rhodes	10	20	4	20

#### Results:

Weekend 1	Weekend 2
3-3 Hereford Challengers	4-2 Redlands Bats 2
6-0 Graham Spicer 2	4-2 Graham Spicer 2
4-2 Topspin Fusion 2	3-3 Hereford Challengers
1-5 Draycott & L Eaton 2	4-2 Draycott & L Eaton 2
3-3 Redlands Bats 2	2-4 Topspin Fusion 2

### Veterans' British League

#### League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Women's Division 1</b>							
Lyncrest	10	8	1	1	43	17	17
Ashford	10	4	5	1	36	24	13
Cippenham	10	3	4	3	27	33	10
Milton Keynes	10	2	4	4	28	32	8
Irish Colleens	10	2	3	5	24	36	7
HEL	10	2	1	7	22	38	5

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Julie Dean	8	16	8	50
Wendy Porter	6	11	5	45
Sue Hayes	8	15	6	40
Denise Weller	8	16	6	38

#### Results:

Weekend 1	Weekend 2
3-3 Ashford	4-2 HEL
2-4 Irish Colleens	3-3 Milton Keynes
4-2 HEL	3-3 Ashford
0-6 Lyncrest	1-5 Lyncrest
4-2 Milton Keynes	3-3 Irish Colleens

## Another full entry for a Cippenham tournament

For the second event running the house full notices went up at Cippenham as another maximum entry convened to do battle, this time in the Cippenham Super 6 Senior 2-Star Open Championship. The forty-eight players were split into eight groups of six with the top three progressing into the championship event and the bottom three in each group having their own consolation event.

The eventual winner was Welshman Dean Cundy. Cundy won all his preliminary group matches 3-0 and was never extended to a fifth game during the entire event. Former Cippenham members Shane Clark, in the last sixteen round, and Rajan Waterman, in the quarter-final, did, however, manage to extract one game from the top seed and champion.

Neil Wright, elevated to second seed after the withdrawal of the two other

### Cippenham Super 6 Senior 2\* Open

#### Cippenham Super 6 Senior 2\* Open Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
OS:	Dean Cundy (WAL)	Noor Owadally (Mi)
OCon:	Sam Do (Mi)	Miroslav Danadzhev (K)

seeds, did not have such a easy path. Although he ended up winning his preliminary group, that was only after a three-way tie in which he had suffered defeat to Micah Salmon who had lost to Thomas Jeffcott who, in turn, had been beaten by Wright. Wright eventually reached the semi-final where he lost to Noor Owadally, having previously despatched Jochen Buffrer and Jody Bevington.

The players who benefitted from the absent seeds were Daniel Flash and

Xin Li. They both won their groups and moved through the draw with further wins over Salmon and Jeffcott respectively. However, both were upended in the quarter-finals where Xin Li succumbed to Rory Scott and Flash was beaten by eventual runner-up Noor Owadally.

Tournament organiser Paul Baker qualified for the main event by finishing second only to Cundy in his group and then beat Christopher Rowlett before losing to Owadally in the last sixteen. Of further interest to locals was the appearance of Steve Dorrell who left the area in 1992 after eight seasons playing for Cippenham. He failed to progress from his group but then reached the semi-final of the consolation, an event won by Sam Do.

The tournament was organised by Paul Baker and refereed by Steve Smith.

## Good finish lifts women to third position

Cippenham's team in the Women's British League leapt two places in the final weekend of matches to finish third in Division 3, a creditable performance after having been unexpectedly promoted from Division 4 last year. The turnaround was due partly to the players' own improved performances, which included a pivotal 4-2 win over Greenhouse Morpeth and partly through gifts from opponents.

Played at Doncaster, the Saturday did not begin well against the two best teams in the division. The first test came against second-placed Pink Pong South West who, throughout the season, dropped points only against the divisional champions. Denise Weller got Cippenham's only win in a 5-1 defeat when she beat Rebecca Seal 11-9 in the fifth game of their set. Worse was to follow as Cippenham were unable to dent Formby's impressive 100% win record and went down 6-0. Julie Dean did well to take the first two games off Janine Bromley but could not turn her advantage into victory.

Cippenham's spirits were lifted on Saturday evening with an emphatic 6-0 win over bottom team Byng Hall B who

### Women's British League

#### League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division 3</b>							
Formby	10	10	0	0	53	7	20
Pink Pong South West	10	8	0	2	49	11	16
Cippenham	10	4	0	6	27	33	8
Greenhouse Morpeth	10	4	0	6	24	36	8
De Vere NETTS	10	3	0	7	20	38	6
Byng Hall B	10	1	0	9	5	53	2

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Julie Dean	4	7	3	43
Denise Weller	9	17	7	41
Sue Hayes	9	18	6	33
Wendy Porter	5	10	3	30

#### Results:

1-5 Pink Pong South West  
 0-6 Formby  
 6-0 Byng Hall B  
 4-2 Greenhouse Morpeth  
 w/o De Vere NETTS

could only field two players. Cippenham's number one, Sue Hayes, bagged a brace while Denise and Julie picked up one apiece and a walkover.

A refreshed Cippenham team then met Greenhouse Morpeth on Sunday morning in the match that was to prove essential in their quest to claim third spot. In the opening set Sue went 2-0 up against Sayeeda Miah but could not hold on and the Morpeth player put her side 1-0 up with a narrow 12-10 fifth-game score. The next four sets all went 3-1 and Cippenham won the lot! Denise beat Majada Yasmin and then Julie recovered from a first-game loss to defeat Shazmina Yasmin to put Cippenham 2-1 up. This was extended to 3-1 as Sue beat Majada Yasmin in a match that included three deuce games and Julie made sure that Cippenham would claim both league points with a comfortable win over Miah. The match then finished as it had started with Shazima Yasmin getting the better of Denise 12-10 in the fifth.

The final match was a walkover against the absent De Vere NETTS team and so Cippenham finished ahead of Greenhouse Morpeth on the same number of points but by virtue of a superior sets aggregate.

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## Weekday Timetable

<b>Mon</b>	19:15	Advanced Coaching Group
<b>Tues</b>	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables
	19:40	Grand Prix
<b>Weds</b>	18:30	Elite Coaching Group
<b>Thurs</b>	17:15	Beginners' coaching
	19:15	Local league matches
	19:30	Practice tables

## Fees Season 2013-14

	<b>Full</b>	<b>Conc'n</b>
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

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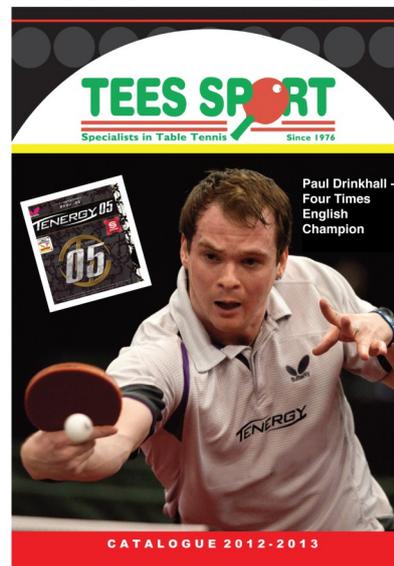


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## Weekend Diary

Mar	1	National Junior League (4)
	2	County Championships Veterans' Div 3C
	8/9	Maidenhead Closed Championships
	15/16	Senior British League (4)
	23	National Cadet League (4)
	29	County Championships Juniors
Apr	5/6	County Championships Seniors
	12/13	UKCC Level 2 coach education course
	19	Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2* Open
May	10/11	Senior British League Play-offs
Jun	14/15	Cippenham Young Players' Festival

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