

Official Newsletter of Cippenham Table Tennis Club: November 2015: No. 191

Girls are Team of the Weekend

or the first time in nine years Cippenham have a second team in the Women's British League and what a start they made! The team, made up of the three youngsters that also comprise Cippenham's girls' team in the Junior British League, earned praise both for their play and their immaculate behaviour in Bristol and at the end of the weekend were chosen, out of the thirty-six competing teams, as the "Team of the Weekend" and presented with mementoes and flowers.

Jemma Walker, the youngest of the trio who turns 14 later this week, earned special mention from the team's coach Ken Phillips who called her "outstanding". Jemma was backed up superbly well also by her team-mates Megan Ashfield (aged 15) and Shristi Ghosh (14).

By the end of the weekend, Cippenham B occupied third place in Division 5, equal on points with second-placed Billwood and the only team to have beaten them were runaway leaders MK Vixens

The weekend started with a 4-2 win over Halton 4. The Cheshire side's number one player, Jo Outhwaite, was too strong, beating both Jemma and Shristi but otherwise it was all Cippenham, winning the other four matches all 3-0. In fact Shristi was not all that far away from defeating Outhwaite, losing two games at deuce and winning the fourth game 11-1!

After a good start the girls found out what playing against most experienced ladies was really about as they fell 5-1 to top of the table MK Vixens. Shristi was the only Cippenham winner here, an easy 3-0 win over Jordan Wood. Shristi also took a game off the highly ranked Sally Hughes, a player who had been playing in the Senior British League against men two weekends earlier.

Jemma then really got into her stride in the third match against Draycott East



Midlands 4. She beat Anna Hursey to equalise the match score 1-1 and then Megan put Cippenham ahead with a fifth-game defeat of Molly Hancock. Shristi lost to Hursey and then Megan lost to Aimee Evans and suddenly Cippenham were staring another defeat in the face. However, Jemma was having none of that and dispatched Hancock 11-6, 11-2, 11-3 in double quick time.

After a night's rest it was back to business on Sunday. Bottom team Burton Uxbridge 3 were the first opponents. It was not all plain sailing but when Megan beat Georgia Harris 11-7 in the fifth end, Cippenham were 3-0 up and all three girls were on the scoresheet. That became 3-1 but Jemma rose again to the challenge and swept aside Harris in three straight games. Megan lost the dead rubber and that made the final score 4-2 in Cippenham's favour.

The final match was a humdinger of a 3 -3 draw against Billwood, a team locked on the same number of points as Cippenham. Shristi was first up for Cippenham and she pulled back a two game deficit but ultimately lost out in five against Sue Hickman. Jemma then

found the extra experience of Linda Hales too much to overcome and Cippenham were 2-0 down. This time it was Megan who came to Cippenham's rescue. First she downed Caroline Cole 3-1 and then, after Shristi had lost out to Hales despite being 2-0 up, Megan fought back and won the fourth game 12-10 and the fifth 11-9 against the vastly more experienced Hickman. Jemma then restored balance 3-0 over Cole and Cippenham had secured another league point.

The first team, made up of veterans at the other end of the age scale to the young B team, found the going almost as hard in Division 3 and they had when relegated from Division 2 last season. Sue Hayes, who three weeks earlier had put in a superb unbeaten performance in the Veterans' British League, failed to win at all this time around. Denise Weller was the pick of the Cippenham players with five wins from eight matches, while Wendy Porter won three times and Julie Dean

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Women's British League contd.

From their five matches, Cippenham A did manage to salvage two points and lie in fifth place at the half-way stage. Those points were gathered in the first two matches. The first came via a 3-3 draw with Draycott East Midlands 3. Wendy gave Cippenham a great start beating Bhavika Mistry 14-12 in both the fourth and fifth games, and then Denise added wins over Lauren Evans and Mistry. Another 3-3 draw with Byng Hall B then followed with Denise again the mainstay with wins over Sarah Hudson and Charlotte Binley. Julie also beat Binley.

From that point on the results were disappointing. Wendy was the only winner in a 5-1 defeat to Cardiff City and then followed a 6-0 whitewash at the hands of division leaders York Gardens Angels, Wendy and Denise put Cippenham 2-1 up in the final match against Fusion III but that was as good as it good and the final result was 4-2 in the London club's favour.

Women's British League

League Tables:							
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Division 3							
York Gardens Angels I	5	4	1	0	23	7	9
Draycott East Midlands 3	3 5	3	1	1	21	9	7
Fusion III	5	3	0	2	13	17	6
Cardiff City	5	2	1	2	15	15	5
Cippenham A	5	0	2	3	9	21	2
Byng Hall B	5	0	1	4	9	21	1
Division 5							
MK Vixens	5	5	0	0	25	5	10
Billwood	5	2	2	1	17	13	6
Cippenham B	5	2	2	1	15	15	6
Draycott East Midlands 4	5	0	3	2	12	18	3
Halton 4	5	1	1	3	10	20	3
Burton Uxbridge 3	5	0	2	3	19	47	2
Players' Averages:							
	М		Р)	W		Αv

	M	Р	W	Αv
Cippenham A:				
Denise Weller	4	8	5	63
Wendy Porter	4	8	3	38
Julie Dean	3	6	1	17
Sue Hayes	4	8	0	0
Cippenham B:				
Jemma Walker	5	10	6	60
Megan Ashfield	5	10	6	60
Shristi Ghosh	5	10	3	30

Res	ults:		
Cip	penham A:	Cip	penham B:
3-3	Draycott East Mid 3	4-2	Halton 4
3-3	Byng Hall B	1-5	MK Vixens
1-5	Cardiff City	3-3	Draycott East Mids
0-6	York Gardens Angels	4-2	Burton Uxbridge 3

3-3 Billwood

2-4 Fusion II

Jemma continues her fine form

emma Walker is fast becoming the star player in the Cippenham girls' table tennis team. After having finished last season with an unblemished record in the second half of the season Jemma took promotion to Division 2 in her stride and returned from Derby with seven wins from her ten matches. Shristi Ghosh and Megan Ashfield backed Jemma up with three wins each as Cippenham took four points from a possible ten and lie fourth in the division at the half-way stage,

A week after their debut in the more senior Women's British League, the Cippenham girls were away again, this time in Derby.

The season's opener was against neighbours Ashford Brunswick and the locals shared the spoils in a 3-3 draw. Shristi Ghosh was the star for Cippenham as, despite playing from the more difficult number one position, Shristi won both of her matches against Danielle Kelly and Lydia John but it was left to Jemma to secure a point for Cippenham by beating Nicole Scott 3-0 in the final set.

Things were going well as Cippenham temporarily moved into second place in the table with a Saturday afternoon 4-2 triumph over pointless Brixham. It was Jemma's turn to rise to the occasion this time with a brace, while Megan Ashfield and Shristi Ghosh weighed in with one each to ensure none of the points went to the South Devon side.

Saturday evening came around with a rude awakening as Cippenham lost 5-1 to divisional leaders Sussex Alliance. Cippenham's only success came when Jemma defeated Alice Hazell 12-10 in the fifth and final game.

Sunday morning and Cippenham suffered their second defeat, losing 4-2 against Greenhouse. Megan and Jemma both won against the Greenhouse number three, Yassmine Al-Amrie and both were unlucky against other opponents, losing in the deciding

An encouraging weekend for the team, and a very good one for Jemma Walker, ended with a 3-3 draw against Draycott East Midlands 3. Jemma and Megan both beat Lucie Hancock, albeit in five games, and Jemma also demolished the Draycott number one Alice Dillon 3-0. Cippenham might have finished the weekend with both points from this match but Shristi, having battled back from losing the first two games, just lost out to Dillon deuce in the fifth.

Junior British League

Lea	ane	Tal	bles:

	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Girls' Division 2							
Sussex Alliance	5	4	1	0	21	9	9
Ashford Brunswick	5	2	3	0	19	11	7
Greenhouse	5	3	1	1	18	12	7
Cippenham	5	1	2	2	13	17	4
Draycott East Midlands	35	1	1	3	18	50	3
Brixham	5	0	0	5	7	23	0

Players' Averages:

1-5 Sussex Alliance

	M	Р	W	Αv
Jemma Walker	5	10	7	70
Shristi Ghosh	5	10	3	30
Megan Ashfield	5	10	3	30

Results: 3-3 Ashford Brunswick 2-4 Greenhouse 2-4 Brixham 3-3 Draycott East Mid 3

Shae is latest international

Shae Thakker became the latest in a long line of Cippenham youngsters to gain international honours over the weekend. Shae's call up was for Great Britain in the Belgian Para Open, an event in the International Table Tennis Federation Para Table Tennis Division.

The event was played in Sint-Niklas and comprised a team event and individual singles. Shae played in Class 10 but in the individual singles found his world ranked opponents from Belgium and Poland too

However. Representing Great Britain 2 in the team event with Craig Allen, Shae did get his first international win during a match in which GB beat Belgium 3-1. The other two matches were lost, 1-3 against a Kazakhstan/Russia combination and 0-3 against an Austria/Poland duo.



First Team maintain third position

rive points from a possible eight over the weekend of 31 October and 1 November has cemented the Cippenham first team's third place position in Senior British League Division 1 South. With the season now just over half completed, Cippenham are on course to make their first ever appearance in the play-off finals for promotion to the Premier Division.

The weekend started slowly, though, with a defeat against divisional leaders Greenhouse. That match was lost on the table 9-1 with only one of the doubles going the host club's way. However, the result was amended to 7-3 when it was discovered that two of the Greenhouse players had played out of ranked order.

Saturday then became doubly disappointing when the afternoon match against Godalming Simply Let was drawn 5-5. Godalming lie two places below Cippenham in the league table but this was another in a run of disappointing results against the Surrey club. Josh Bennett began a series of fine displays in this match, starting a run that would take him unbeaten over the remainder of the weekend. Josh's only blemish came in his doubles when, partnered by Tom Windram, they failed to convert a total of five match points in the third and fourth games and finally lost 11-8 in the fifth to Ben Larcombe and Andreas Pusch. Victory in that doubles would have given Cippenham a 6-4 victory and a priceless additional league point.

The other doubles, played by Martin Adams and Robert Hansell, went the opposite way as the Cippenham pair recovered from two games down to defeat Adam Laws and Chris Bush. Martin, over Pusch, and Tom, over Larcombe, also won a singles each.

Sunday brought much greater joy for Cippenham as they tasted victory in both matches. In the morning they secured a stunning 8-2 win over Fusion II. Martin Adams, over Clive Carthy, and Josh Bennett, over Alex Forsham, gave Cippenham a early 2-0 lead. However, this was soon pegged back as Robert Hansell lost to Josh Nashed and Tom Windram was beaten by Sherwin Remata. With the score at 2-2 the tide changed and Cippenham ran through the next six sets conceding just one game in the process. Josh and Martin completed their braces while Robert got



his singles score off the mark for the weekend against the very experienced Carthy. Tom also won his second singles and both doubles were won 3-0.

Buoyed by the morning result, Cippenham were in no mood to lose the initiative in the afternoon. They were never headed as the hosts ran out 6-4 winners against York Gardens. Josh completed his sequence of six straight wins while Tom also bagged a brace while a singles win for Robert and a doubles for Josh and Tom saw Cippenham home.

Meanwhile, down in Fareham, the Cippenham second team completed a miserable start to the season and ended the second weekend with no points at all from their eight matches and are rooted to the foot of Division 3 South.

Ben Naylor-Smith and a doubles for Steve Smith and Becca George were the only successes on Saturday morning as Cippenham lost 8-2 against Foresters. The same players were on the scoresheet in the afternoon but this time Becca also won a singles as Cippenham lost 7-3 to York Gardens IV.

It was back to 8-2 on Sunday morning against Brighton City with Christos Hannides and Becca George winning one each then a much closer match was fought out in the afternoon against London Academy III. The final result was a 6-4 loss but Cippenham were 3-1 up at one stage after Christos, Becca and Steve Smith had won successive singles. Becca also won her second singles while the one that got away was Paul Baker and Christos losing a doubles 12-10 in the fifth.

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League Tables:							
	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Division 1 South							
Greenhouse I	8	7	0	1	58	22	14
London Academy II	8	7	0	1	53	27	14
Cippenham I	8	5	1	2	48	32	11
Urban I	8	3	2	3	42	38	8
Godalming Simply Let	8	3	1	4	34	46	7
Yotk Gardens I	8	1	2	5	30	50	4
Fusion II	8	1	1	6	30	50	3
Joola Plymouth	8	1	1	6	25	55	3
Division 3 South							
Horsham Blades I	8	8	0	0	57	23	16
Brighton I	8	7	0	1	61	19	14
London Academy III	8	5	1	2	49	31	11
Foresters I	8	4	0	4	45	35	8
Fusion III	8	4	0	4	37	43	8
Generation 2	8	2	1	5	30	50	5
York Gardens IV	8	1	0	7	21	59	2
Cippenham II	8	0	0	8	20	60	0
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Players' Averages:							
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4-6 London Academy III

6-4 York Gardens I

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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 Local league matches 19:15 19:30 Practice tables

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Weekend Diary

Nov	7/8	Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open
	14	County Championships (veterans)
	15	National Cadet League (1)
	21	National Junior League (2)
	28	County Championships Junior Division 2D
Dec	5/6	County Championships Senior Premier
	12	County Championships Cadet Division 1B
	13	National Cadet League (2)
	19	County Championships Veterans' Div 1
Jan	9	Cippenham Team 2-Star Open
	16	National Junior League (3)
	17	Senior British League Divisions 1S & 2S
Feb	6	Cippenham Super 6 Senior 2-Star Open
	7	National Cadet League (1)

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