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Diccon Gray stars on his Veterans' British League debut

Veterans Start Well

New signing Diccon Gray was the star for Cippenham at Stoke-on-Trent in the first series matches in the Veterans' British League the second weekend in November. Eight wins out of ten from Diccon and three each from Mike Rhodes and Paul Baker helped the team to five points out of a possible ten. There were two wins and a draw from the five matches in Division 1 and the team finished the weekend occupying fourth place behind Fullerians on games (not sets!) aggregate.

The first two matches on Saturday brought opposition of the highest order, indeed the DML Woolwell team from Plymouth, with players ranked two, four and eighteen in the country, would be hot favourites for the Premier Division championship. Cippenham played that team second, losing 6-0 but Diccon did well to take England veteran number two Paul Whiting to a fifth and deciding game and Paul Baker did likewise with Mike Short. Earlier, the tough introduction to the weekend had begun with a 4-2 loss to second-placed BATTs. Diccon took two from the Harlow-based team, beating Trevor Kerry and Mark Romano, but that was all the joy afforded the Cippenham players.

Finally on Saturday Cippenham had something to cheer about with a 4-2 win over basement team St. Mark's. Diccon won his two matches against Andy Wignall and Jim Hopley while Mike and Paul both got the better of Joe Andrews to deny the Essex team any points.



(l-r) Mike Rhodes; Diccon Gray; Paul Baker

Sunday commenced in the same vein with a 5-1 defeat of Police Athletic Academy II. Diccon again won his two matches against Phil Bowen and Jeffrey Craighill while Paul also got the better of the latter and Dave Solman, both in the fifth. Mike also beat Solman but lost to Bowen in a fine team performance. The final match of the first half paired Cippenham with Fullerians, the Watford-based team locked with Cippenham on five points and identical sets aggregate. A very close match ensued with four sets requiring a deciding game and Cippenham getting the better in three of these. Diccon beat Colin Carslake 11-9 in the fifth and Stuart Seaholme 11-8 in the fifth while Mike defeated John Monk in the very last game 12-10 to ensure the Club a share of the spoils in a 3-3 draw.

League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division One							
DML Woolwell	5	5	0	0	25	5	10
BATTs Racquetsports I	5	4	0	1	22	8	6
Fullerians	5	2	1	2	14	16	5
Cippenham	5	2	1	2	14	16	5
PAA 2	5	1	0	4	7	23	2
St. Marks	5	0	0	5	8	22	0

Players' Performances:

	M	P	W	Av
Diccon Gray	5	10	8	80
Mike Rhodes	5	10	3	30
Paul Baker	5	10	3	30

Results:

- 2-4 BATTs Racquetsports I
- 0-6 DML Woolwell
- 4-2 St. Marks
- 5-1 PAA 2
- 3-3 Fullerians



Club of the Year 1996
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Christmas Party
Sunday 19th December 2004, 5pm
All members and their families welcome
Come and join in the fun!



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News in Short

Christmas Shutdown

Please note that Cippenham Table Tennis Centre will be closed for the Christmas shutdown 20th December to 1st January inclusive. Practice evenings re-start on Tuesday 4th January.

David in Top Twelve

David Hayes will miss out on the Cippenham Senior 2-Star Open on 5th December. The Cippenham star, seeded sixth for the event, has had to pull out after receiving an invitation to play in the Irish Senior Top Twelve.

National Junior League

The Club has entered seven boys' teams into the National Junior League this season. Only one of them is in a high enough division to play its matches at Cippenham, the other six are in action at Chesham High School. The Club is using this competition to give a number of new members of the coaching scheme their first taste of competitive table tennis.

Alcohol Licence

Regretably, due to the amount of bureaucracy contained in new government legislation that would make maintaining a licence to sell alcohol difficult, time consuming and costly to manage, the Club has decided not to renew its licence and therefore alcoholic beverages are no longer available.

Outstanding Contribution Award for Paul Baker



The worthy eighth recipient of Outstanding Contribution Award, for 2003-4, which carries with it the Karen Mitchell Memorial Award was Paul Baker. Paul, a qualified architect employed full-time by the English Table Tennis Association as its Facilities Officer, has been an enormous help to the Club during the past year with assistance in direction and negotiations with the building extension project and his expertise proved invaluable. He also performed a similar task eight years ago when

the table tennis centre was first built. Paul is now in his eleventh season as a player with Cippenham and is a regular member of the Club's team in the Veterans' British League and the men's second team in the British League. He also captained the Cippenham Rogues team that won the Slough League title last season. In between his heavy playing schedule and professional duties he also finds time to assist the Club in many other ways including organising the annual Cippenham Banded Open tournament. Paul was presented with his award by Charles Mitchell.

and Player of the Year Awards for Robert, David and Melanie

The Club's senior player of year is Robert Hansell. A product of the Club's coaching scheme since his formative days, Robert, now a student at Oxford University, has become one of the Club's most successful players and, using his own unique style of attack combined with defence, unusual in today's modern fast game, has attained a top 100 listing in England. The 2002-3 Buckinghamshire Men's Singles champion maintained his progress and for the current season has been promoted into the Club's first team in the British League.



(l-r): David Hayes; Robert Hansell; Melanie Farquhar

For the first time the Club's junior player of the year award has been shared as the Committee could not pick between David Hayes and Melanie Farquhar. Both have won many junior and younger age group open events at Cippenham over the years and both became international players in the summer of 2004 culminating in them both

representing their countries at the European Youth Championships in Budapest in July. David played for the junior team of his adopted Ireland while Melanie represented England at cadet level. The latter also finished second in the National Cadet Masters, held at Cippenham in May.

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Bucks Set Up Great Chance of Premiership Title

Bucks junior first team, comprising entirely of Cippenham Table Tennis Club members, won all three of their matches in the first weekend of the County Championships Junior Premier Division to give themselves a wonderful chance of securing the championship when the remaining matches are played in the New Year.

Without star player Gavin Evans, away training in China, Bucks still managed to acquire maximum points from this series of matches played at Cippenham and have beaten off two of their three main challengers. Slough men's champion David Hayes, playing at number three in the team, won all six of his matches while Bradley Evans won five and Myles Evans two. Emily Tucker won four times, including a crucial win over the higher ranked Elizabeth Dennett in



the match against Cheshire, while Caroline Linz was only one adrift with three.

Bucks started on Saturday afternoon with a 6-4 win over Yorkshire. All five of the Bucks players won at least once with David securing his brace. Sunday opened with an 8-2 win over Durham with Myles losing both his matches to give the northern side their only successes and finished with a critical 6-4 over a strong Cheshire side. Coach Ken Phillips was delighted with his

team for this result and singled out Emily Tucker's win as being the pivotal point.

When the second series of matches take place in April, Bucks will play Derbyshire, who have already lost to Yorkshire, and three other sides yet to gain a point.

Six Through to Next Stage

Six Cippenham players made it to the next stage of qualification for the National Junior and Cadet Masters. The occasion was the Southern Region Trials, held at Cippenham, and from which the top five players in each category progress into the National Masters Qualification Tournament.

The star of the show was Melanie Farquhar, a member of England's cadet team last season, who showed that she has managed the transition between age categories without difficulty by finishing top of the junior girls' section. Two other Cippenham players, Caroline Linz and Emily Tucker similarly qualified in fourth and fifth places respectively.



Two more Cippenham girls, Catherine Hayes and Rachel Farquhar, qualified for the cadets' next stage by finishing second and fifth respectively in their age group while Oliver Shaw was third in the junior boys' section. Players from Cippenham have long dominated this event and up to a couple of years ago were filling all the top several places in each of the four sections. With coaching schemes now becoming more established in other areas within the Southern Region the balance has shifted a little but even so Cippenham is still the most powerful club.

Ollie and Ashley Impress on Senior Slough Debuts

Two more Cippenham juniors are hitting the headlines. Following in the steps of so many others over the past decade the Shaw brothers, Oliver and Ashley, are making huge progress. Both have been promoted this season into the Club's teams in the Slough First Division and into the Junior British League with Oliver taking a step further into the Club's men's third team in the British League. At the beginning of November both brothers made their senior debuts for Slough and made everyone take notice of them with their results. Playing for the Slough men's team in the Buckinghamshire Inter-League Oliver and Ashley both won all six of their matches as Slough beat Aylesbury and Chalfont both 8-2. Cippenham's Graham Trimming, who won three times, was the other member of the Slough team for these matches. The day ended with a 10-0 defeat against a strong High Wycombe team that included another pair of brothers from the Cippenham club, Robert and Chris Hansell, but both the Shaws had chances to win matches against their more illustrious opponents.



Ollie (left) and Ashley pictured at the Bucks Junior Closed Championships last season

Chalfont Lead The Way

Chalfont Argonauts have extended their lead over Cippenham Rogues at the top of Slough League Division One to six points although Rogues do have one match in hand. Rogues will have to take maximum points from this match to make up the difference. Outlaws are currently in second place but are seven points adrift of Chalfont having played the same number of matches. For Buccaneers, the season is still pointless after eight matches, emphasising the gap that exists between the first and second divisions.

In Division Two Vagabonds and Villains occupy the bottom two places with the latter in a seemingly hopeless position having already lost to their club mates 8-2, while Scoundrels remain third in Division 3.

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christmas
and
new year
to all
members and
visitors and
their families

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Weekend Diary December/January

December

Sat 4th	10:00am	County Championships matches
Sun 5th	9:00am	Cippenham 2-Star Open
Sat 11th	11:30am	British League Div 2S&M, Div 4S&M (2)
Sun 12th	10:00am	British League Div 2S&M, Div 4S&M (2)
Sat 18th	9:30am	National Junior League (2)
Sun 19th	10:30am	Southern Region Junior Training
	5:00pm	Cippenham TTC Christmas Party

January

Sun 2nd	10:30am	Southern Region Junior Training
Sun 9th	9:00am	Cippenham Under-14/16 1 Star Open
Sat 15th	10:00am	County Championships Junior Div 1B
Sun 16th	11:30am	British League Div 1S, Div 2S&M
Sat 22nd	9:30am	National Junior League (3)
Sat 29th	9:00am	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Sun 30th	9:00am	Maidenhead Closed Championships

Weekday Diary

Mon	5:30	Advanced Coaching
	7:30	Excellence Coaching
Tues	7:15	Slough League matches
	7:30	Practice Tables
Wed	7:30	Squad Training
Thurs	5:15	Beginners' Coaching
	7:15	Slough League matches
	7:30	Practice Tables

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2004-05

	Full	Conc'n
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£12.00	£6.00
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£21.00	n/a
Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.20	£0.60
Family Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£2.10	n/a
Slough League Registration	£10.00	£5.00
National Junior League registration	n/a	£12.00
Practice Fees	*£3.00	*£1.50
Slough League Match Fees	£3.00	£1.50
Coaching Fees (per session)	**£4.00	**£2.00
Coaching Fees (per term - 1 st group)		£30.00
Coaching Fees (per term - 2 nd group)		£20.00

* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members

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The Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

Feb 5/6	British League D1S/D2SM (4)
Feb 12/13	Reading Closed Championships
Feb 19	County Championships matches
Feb 20	Southern Region Junior Training
Feb 27	Cippenham Veterans' 2* Open
Mar 5	National Junior League (4)
Mar 6	Slough Closed Championships
Mar 26	Cippenham Junior 2* Open
Apr 9	Southern Region Junior Training
May 7/8	ETTA National Cadet Masters
May 14/15	ETTA National Junior Masters
May 29	Southern Region Junior Training
Jun 5	Cippenham Banded 2* Open
Jun 12	Southern Region Junior Training
Jun 18/19	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
Jul 3	Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2* Open
Jul 9/10	Southern Region Junior Training

Other Cippenham Events

Jan 2	Ormesby Cup Stage 1
Jan 2	Gainsford Cup Stage 1 (Ashford)
Jan 22/23	Women's British League (2) (Cheltenham)
Feb 12/13	Junior British League (2) (Aldersley)
Feb 12/13	Veterans' British League (2) (Doncaster)
May 21/22	Hammersley Cup Final Stage

Junior Open Change of Date

Please note that, due to a clash with the revised date for the final qualification stage for the National Cadet/Junior Masters, the date of the Cippenham Junior 2 Star Open Championships has been changed (subject to ETTA approval) from 9th April to Easter Saturday 26th March.

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