



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Divisional champions, promotion

Senior
BRITISH
LEAGUE

Despite missing the services through injury of their most successful player, Shae Thakker, the Cippenham first team managed to hold on to top spot in Senior British League National Division B-4 and clinch the title and promotion to the A Division for next season. This was a fitting end to a successful season in which thirteen of the fourteen matches were won, their only loss being to eventual runners-up Somerset Sabres way back in October. Remarkably, all four matches were won by the same scoreline, 5-4, during the final weekend when Cippenham lost not only the services of Thakker, but also Steve Munson was available for only two matches and Martin Gray missed the final match to attend a family emergency.

Cippenham's first match on Saturday morning was against title rivals Somerset Sabres. Sabres featured the same quartet of players who had defeated Cippenham 8-1 early in the season while Cippenham brought in Jamie Woodford at number four from the second team. Jamie did well to take Marcus Holba to a fifth game in the last set of the match but by that time Cippenham had already established a winning 5-3 lead. The Somerset team were led by the division's most successful player, Damian Swierczek, and he remained unbeaten just as he did against all opponents all season long. Martin Adams and Robert Hansell both took him to 3-1 but that left Cippenham having to win all the other five individual encounters.

Robert had got Cippenham off to a great start by beating Bertie Kelly and then Martin Gray made it 2-1 to the hosts with a nail-biting 15-13 fifth-game success against Marcus Holba, having saved match points along the way. Robert and Martin Adams, who were defeated only once in doubles all season, won their customary set and put Cippenham into a 3-2 lead. However, after Swierczek had seen off Robert's challenge it was left to the rest of the team to secure two further sets and the match points. It turned out to be easier than expected as Martin Gray beat Kelly and Martin Adams beat Marcin



Cippenham 1 (clockwise from top left): Shae Thakker; Robert Hansell; Martin Adams; Martin Gray; Steve Munson

Szram, both 3-0 in comfortable fashion.

Results during the morning had confirmed Foresters in second place, at least temporarily, above Somerset Sabres but they were next to face Cippenham. Steve Munson came back into the side for this match but could not assist the scoreline. Martin Adams also lost both his singles matches and so it was left to Robert Hansell and Martin Gray to win all theirs, and for Cippenham to win the doubles, in order to secure the two league points and with them almost certainly the title. This they did, all by 3-1 scorelines, and but for freak results the following day Cippenham would be champions.

Rob Hansell was again the star of the show on Sunday morning as Cippenham clinched the divisional title beating Birmingham Table Tennis Academy 5-4. Robert won his two singles and the doubles in tandem with Martin Adams while Martin Gray and Steve Munson, with the score at 4-4, both beat Joshua Webb. With Steve unavailable for the afternoon match against Portsea, Maciej Dlugozima, unbeaten so far this season in the Maidenhead League, was

called up but the task for Cippenham was made even harder as Martin Gray answered a family emergency to leave Cippenham with just three players. However, the challenge was met head-on and, led once again by Robert Hansell, Cippenham raced into a 5-1 lead, with only the conceded set going against them. The final result was 5-4. Robert's brace and the doubles were supplemented by one each from Martin Adams and Maciej Dlugozima.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the playing hall, the Cippenham second team, having to play without number one William Saint, were having their own battle with second place in National Division C-5 being the possible reward. The weekend started well and, with the experienced Paul Baker being drafted in at number one, they beat Horsham Spinners third team 5-4. Paul won his two singles and the doubles in tandem with Jaiden Caldeira while Jaiden and Rachael Iles also won one match each. For the rest of the weekend, Jamie Woodford returned from first team duty and Paul was released.

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Award for Sue



Congratulations to Sue Hayes who has won the Southern Region Female Volunteer of the Year award category in Table Tennis England's Pride of Table Tennis awards.

Record aggregate for B team

All three Cippenham teams had a successful day when the National Cadet League came to its seasonal conclusion in March.

Cippenham A, comprising Louis Alexander, Bharath Prasanna Kumar and Samuel Wolfenden won two matches 5-4, including against eventual Division 1 winners Ashford A, but succumbed to second-placed Kidlington Forum A 2-7. Louis played well to win two in all three matches and he was matched by Bharath in the two victories while Sam scored one in each of those two matches.

The B and C teams were both in Division 5 and met each other in the first match of the day. This proved to be a bit of a romp for the B team who won 9-

0, setting up a sequence of three 9-0 victories during the day to become the only team this season in any of the divisions to have that flawless record. Congratulations to Sai Prasanna Kumar, playing up from the C team, who was twice player of the match, and to Aarav Seth and Arman Hafeez.

The C team, after suffering defeat to the B team, picked themselves up and won their two remaining matches, 7-2 against Bourne End JSC D and 6-3 against Graham Spicer D. Airrah Hussain picked up the player of the match awards in both those two wins and she was ably supported by her brother Ahyan. Antoremsy Luckshanth also won one in the match against Bourne End.

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Saturday afternoon proved to be a slightly easier assignment for Cippenham against bottom team Generation 2. However, the 7-2 final result belies the closeness of the individual matches with Jamie Woodford and Rachael Iles winning all their encounters by the narrowest of margins in the fifth game. Jaiden Caldeira and Anna Piercy added one each to Cippenham's tally.

The outcome of the Sunday morning match against Newton Abbot was likely to decide the destiny of the runners-up medals. Cippenham were buoyed by the fact that their opponents were a player short but it was not to be. Led by two of the division's most successful players in Mike Hugh and Charlie Usher, the team from Devon won 5-4 with Cippenham's only wins being gained by Jamie Woodford and Jaiden Caldeira, both against Wim Faassen. That result placed Newton Abbot level on points with Cippenham but ahead on sets ratio and all the Devonians need to do was to beat Horsham Spinners in the final round of matches. This then accomplished 5-4 and so Cippenham's excellent 7-2 win against Haywards Heath was not enough and the hosts were edged into third place on sets ratio. Jamie and Rachael won their four singles matches while Jaiden and Anna, who combined with Rachael to also win the doubles, got one each.

Senior British League

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| National Division B-4 | | | | | | | |
| Cippenham 1 | 14 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 85 | 41 | 26 |
| Somerset Sabres | 14 | 10 | 0 | 4 | 90 | 36 | 20 |
| Foresters 1 | 14 | 10 | 0 | 4 | 84 | 42 | 20 |
| WCBTT | 14 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 68 | 58 | 16 |
| Portsea | 14 | 5 | 0 | 9 | 55 | 71 | 10 |
| Birmingham TTA 1 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 52 | 74 | 8 |
| Fusion 4 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 42 | 84 | 8 |
| Westfield | 14 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 28 | 98 | 4 |
| National Division C-5 | | | | | | | |
| Foresters 3 | 14 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 79 | 47 | 24 |
| Newton Abbot TTC | 14 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 79 | 47 | 18 |
| Cippenham 2 | 14 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 74 | 52 | 18 |
| Kingfisher 2 | 14 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 73 | 53 | 16 |
| Cardiff CCTC | 14 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 62 | 53 | 16 |
| Horsham Spinners 3 | 14 | 5 | 0 | 9 | 52 | 74 | 10 |
| Haywards Heath | 14 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 46 | 80 | 8 |
| Generation 2 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 39 | 87 | 2 |

Players' Averages:

| | M | P | W | Av |
|--------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Cippenham 1 | | | | |
| Shae Thakker | 10 | 19 | 18 | 95 |
| Martin Gray | 7 | 14 | 13 | 93 |
| Robert Hansell | 14 | 28 | 22 | 79 |
| Maciej Dlugozima | 1 | 2 | 1 | 50 |
| Steve Munson | 8 | 15 | 6 | 40 |
| Martin Adams | 14 | 29 | 11 | 39 |
| Jamie Woodford | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Cippenham 2 | | | | |
| Paul Baker | 1 | 2 | 2 | 100 |
| Jaiden Caldeira | 14 | 26 | 17 | 65 |
| Jamie Woodford | 13 | 26 | 16 | 62 |
| William Saint | 10 | 20 | 12 | 60 |
| Rachael Iles | 10 | 19 | 11 | 58 |
| Anna Piercy | 8 | 15 | 4 | 27 |

Results:

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Cippenham 1 | Cippenham 2 |
| 5-4 Somerset Sabres | 5-4 Horsham Spinners 3 |
| 5-4 Foresters 1 | 7-2 Generation 2 |
| 5-4 Birmingham TTA 1 | 4-5 Newton Abbot TTC |
| 5-4 Portsea | 7-2 Haywards Heath |

National Cadet League (Day 4)

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Division 1 | | | | | | | |
| Ashford A | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 10 | 17 |
| Kidlington Forum A | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 10 | 17 |
| Cippenham A | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 15 | 12 |
| Chiltem A | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 19 | 8 |
| Division 5 | | | | | | | |
| Cippenham B | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 27 |
| Cippenham C | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 14 | 13 |
| Graham Spicer D | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 19 | 8 |
| Bourne End JSC D | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 21 | 6 |

Players' Averages:

| | M | P | W | Av |
|------------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Cippenham A | | | | |
| Samuel Wolfenden | 12 | 36 | 22 | 61 |
| Louis Alexander | 9 | 27 | 16 | 59 |
| Bharath Prasanna Kumar | 12 | 36 | 17 | 47 |
| Oskar Belniak | 3 | 9 | 2 | 22 |
| Cippenham B | | | | |
| Sai Prasanna Kumar | 3 | 9 | 9 | 100 |
| Aarav Seth | 11 | 33 | 22 | 67 |
| Arman Hafeez | 6 | 18 | 12 | 67 |
| Oskar Belniak | 3 | 9 | 4 | 44 |
| Aryan Sharma | 8 | 24 | 19 | 42 |
| Cameron Fyfe | 3 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Nikolas Hilton | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Cippenham C | | | | |
| Sai Prasanna Kumar | 9 | 27 | 22 | 81 |
| Aairah Hussain | 9 | 27 | 20 | 74 |
| Ahyan Hussain | 10 | 30 | 12 | 40 |
| Antoremsy Luckshanth | 8 | 24 | 4 | 17 |

Results:

| | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Cippenham A | Cippenham B |
| 5-4 Chiltem A | 9-0 Cippenham C |
| 5-4 Ashford A | 9-0 Graham Spicer D |
| 2-7 Kidlington Forum A | 9-0 Bourne End JSC D |
| Cippenham C | |
| 0-9 Cippenham B | |
| 7-2 Bourne End JSC D | |
| 6-3 Graham Spicer D | |

Trojans beat NWCA twice to capture title

Maidenhead League

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Division 1 | | | | | | | |
| Cippenham Trojans | 18 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 138 | 42 | 138 |
| Cippenham Saxons | 18 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 134 | 46 | 134 |
| NWCA Bluejays | 18 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 132 | 48 | 132 |
| Cookham Social Pumas | 18 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 89 | 91 | 89 |
| OLOP Bears | 18 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 67 | 113 | 67 |
| Cippenham Vikings | 18 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 36 | 144 | 36 |
| Old Gords Harriers | 18 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 34 | 146 | 34 |
| Division 2 | | | | | | | |
| Cippenham Spartans | 16 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 105 | 55 | 105 |
| Bourne End Lions | 16 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 92 | 68 | 92 |
| Cippenham Titans | 16 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 84 | 76 | 84 |
| Stoke Poges Bees | 16 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 73 | 87 | 73 |
| NWCA Seahawks | 16 | 3 | 0 | 13 | 46 | 114 | 46 |

Players' Averages:

| | M | P | W | Av |
|---------------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Cippenham Trojans | | | | |
| Maciej Dlugozima | 15 | 44 | 44 | 100 |
| Hari Prasad | 13 | 39 | 30 | 77 |
| Bassam Mocharrafie | 11 | 32 | 22 | 69 |
| Chris Collins | 7 | 21 | 12 | 57 |
| Sue Hayes | 7 | 20 | 10 | 50 |
| Cippenham Saxons | | | | |
| Alan Moss | 13 | 39 | 32 | 82 |
| Igor Liiko | 13 | 39 | 28 | 77 |
| Albert Cheung | 12 | 36 | 26 | 72 |
| Graham Trimming | 13 | 39 | 26 | 67 |
| Cippenham Vikings | | | | |
| Bharath Prasanna Kumar | 1 | 3 | 2 | 67 |
| Akeel Mir | 15 | 43 | 15 | 35 |
| Lucie Bouron | 5 | 15 | 2 | 13 |
| Armando Borges | 14 | 40 | 5 | 13 |
| Qasim Hussain | 18 | 52 | 4 | 8 |
| Randall Rodrigues | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Cippenham Spartans | | | | |
| Bharath Prasanna Kumar | 10 | 30 | 30 | 100 |
| Peter Chipperton | 16 | 48 | 43 | 90 |
| Sunjay Thakker | 10 | 30 | 10 | 33 |
| Steve Piercey | 9 | 27 | 8 | 30 |
| Jan Chapman | 3 | 9 | 2 | 22 |
| Cippenham Titans | | | | |
| Aarav Seth | 7 | 21 | 13 | 62 |
| Oleg Kuba Kubenko | 11 | 32 | 19 | 59 |
| Priyanka Sabharwal | 13 | 37 | 20 | 54 |
| Randall Rodrigues | 14 | 41 | 21 | 51 |



Cippenham Trojans (clockwise from top left): Hari Prasad; Bassam Mocharrafie; Sue Hayes; Chris Collins; (centre) Maciej Dlugozima

Congratulations to the Cippenham Trojans team of Maciej Dlugozima, Hari Prasad, Bas Mocharrafie, Chris Collins and Sue Hayes who have clinched the title of the Maidenhead League. This season saw an exciting three-horse race between two Cippenham teams and New Windsor Community Association (NWCA). NWCA had led the table virtually all season but the title was really opened up when they were beaten 7-3 by Cippenham Saxons a month or so ago. However, the title was finally decided when Cippenham Trojans and NWCA met twice, in rearranged matches, in mid-April and Trojans won both highly competitive matches 6-4. In doing so, Trojans pushed NWCA down into third place and secured the runners-up position for Saxons. Saxons were represented by Alan Moss, Igor Liiko, Albert Cheung

and Graham Trimming.

This is the twelfth time that a Cippenham team has won the Maidenhead League and the fifth in a row. For Maciej and Hari it was their second success, having also won it in the Covid-curtailed season of 2019-20. For Bas, Chris and Sue, it is their first title.

Maciej has had an incredible season, win all forty-four of his matches in the League and both the open titles in singles and doubles, the latter in tandem with Hari, at the Maidenhead Closed Championships.

For good measure, the Cippenham Scoundrels team of Bharath Prasanna Kumar, Peter Chipperton, Steve Piercey and Sunjay Thakker have won Division Two.

Maciej again!

It was business as usual at the Maidenhead Closed Championships of 2023. Both main titles were retained from the previous year, Maciej Dlugozima winning the Championship Singles and then combining with Hari Prasad to take the Championship Doubles.

Maciej's singles victory was his third in succession and fourth overall, having won previously in 2018, 2020 and 2022. However, it was not so straight-forward for the player with a hundred percent win record in the League this season.

His doubles partner, Hari Prasad, pushed him very hard in the final and Maciej also had to pull out all the stops to defeat Parminder Singh in a close semi-final. In the other semi-final, Hari had to overcome Alan Moss who had eliminated third seed Bruce Smeath but had earlier been pushed back into second place in his first round group by his Cippenham Saxons team-mate Igor Liiko. Igor, however, lost to Singh in the quarter-final.

Maciej and Hari duly combined to suc-

cessfully defend their doubles crown, giving them their third title together, having also won the event in 2015. Individually, this represents their fourth title each as Maciej won with Ricky Hardcastle in 2018 and Hari in 2020 with Bruce Smeath. In the semi-final, Maciej and Hari progressed against Gary Crick and Denise Rolfe while the beaten finalists Bruce Smeath and Parminder Singh beat Graham Trimming and Alan Moss deuce in the fifth.

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Weekend Diary

Jun 24/25 Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.

Dates for Club Championships

Thursday 20 April: Veterans' Singles and Tweenies' Singles (7:30 pm)

Thursday 27 April: Open Doubles (7:30 pm)

Thursday 11 May: Open Singles (7:30 pm)

TBC: Junior Singles

No prior booking required, just turn up and report by the stated times

Weekday Timetable

| | | |
|--------------|-------|--|
| Mon | 18:00 | Beginners' Coaching Group (<i>term time</i>) |
| | 19:45 | Advanced Coaching Group (<i>term time</i>) |
| Tues | 19:15 | Maidenhead League matches (<i>seasonal</i>) |
| | 19:30 | Practice tables |
| Weds | 19:30 | Elite Coaching Group (<i>term time</i>) |
| Thurs | 19:15 | Maidenhead League matches (<i>seasonal</i>) |
| | 19:30 | Practice tables |

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Annual General Meeting Tuesday 6 June, 8:00 pm

Cippenham Table Tennis Club 50th Anniversary

Thursday 8 June, 6:30 pm

Join us as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of Cippenham Table Tennis Club

Hard-bat doubles event included

Fees Season 2022-23

| | 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 |
| 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 |
| British League match fees | £5.00 | |
| Maidenhead League Match Fees | £4.00 | £2.00 |
| Coaching Fees (Thursday) (per session) | £6.00 | £3.00 |
| Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term) | | £25.00 |
| Coaching Fees (Wednesday) (per term) | | £35.00 |

Cippenham 5x2 Senior & Veterans' 1-Star Open Results

| Event | Winner | Runner-up |
|-------|---------------------|---------------------|
| SS | Emmanuel Asante (E) | Abdul Raqueeb (Lon) |
| VS | Paul Carter (Sx) | Ferxery Ayala (COL) |
| SCon | Rajan Waterman (Bk) | Stuart Vincent (Sy) |
| VCon | Zaud Mauthoor (E) | Nan Ansah (E) |



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