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David and Melanie Top Winners at U14/16 Open

David Hayes and Melanie Farquhar were the stars of the Cippenham Under-14/16 1-Star Open Championships on 10th January. Between them they secured the top under-16 prizes for the host club. David was far and away the highest ranked player in the U16 Boys' Singles and the new Irish number one junior made light work of the field before beating Alim Hirji (Middlesex) three-straight in the final. Two other Cippenham players, Andrew Linz and Matthew Tucker, reached the quarter-finals while William Mitchell was eliminated by Andrew one round earlier.

Melanie was equally supreme in the U16 Girls' Singles beating Alison Woodland (Sussex) in the final. Cippenham's Jenny Hansell also reached the quarter-final.

The under-14 events were won by Alim Hirji and Rachel Jamieson (Essex) with the best local performances coming from Andrew Linz and Chris Witchell who both reached the last sixteen and Catherine Hayes who made it through to the semi-final of the girls' event.

Prabdeep Panesar made a name for himself by winning the U16 Boys' Consolation and beat another Cippenham youngster, Michael Steadman, in the final while Katie Rule reached the final of the U14 Girls' Consolation.



David Hayes and Melanie Farquhar (pictured at previous tournaments)

U16 Boys' Singles:

David Hayes (Bu) bt Alim Hirji (Mi) 5,7,8

U16 Girls' Singles:

Melanie Farquhar (Bk) bt Alison Woodland (Sx) 3,7,10

U14 Boys' Singles:

Alim Hirji (Mi) bt David McBeath (Ha) 7,3,10

U14 Girls' Singles:

Rachel Jamieson (E) bt Amy Taylor (Bu) 7,6,9

U16 Boys' Consolation:

Prabdeep Panesar (Bu) bt Michael Steadman (Bu) - 11,6,5,-4,5

U16 Girls' Consolation:

Jodie Sparrey (Mi) bt Chelsea Bennett (Sk) 12,1,-2,8

U14 Boys' Consolation:

Oscar Selfridge (E) bt John Hodge (E) 6,7,13

U14 Girls' Consolation:

Nicola Brown (E) bt Katie Rule (Bu) -8,9,9,10



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Progress made in Hammersley but out of Carter and Brook

Slough teams were busy in their national competitions during the second half of January.

The cadet girls' team beat North Middlesex 6-3 at Ellenborough on 24th January but as two other teams withdrew both Slough and North Mid make it through to the national finals. Sylvana Bielec won 3 for Slough, Catherine Hayes 2 and Angela Oetiker 1.

On the same day the veteran men's team travelled to Grimsby in the second stage of the Alec Brook Trophy. Despite beating the host team and Sunderland both 5-3, a position in the finals was denied Slough when they lost 5-3 to North Herts. Mike Rhodes (6 wins), Paul Baker (5) and John Barclay (2) were the Slough team.

A day later it was a similar story for the junior boys' team in the Carter Cup at Graham Spicer TTC, New Malden. After winning 5-1 against Sutton and 5-2 against Thames Valley, Slough failed the final hurdle against the defending champions Plymouth who fielded the same team of players that won the trophy last season. Slough went 4-2 up before losing the last three matches. David Hayes (7 wins), James Milton (4) and Oliver Shaw (4) played for Slough.

Maximum points for both teams

Eight out of Eight for Rampant Cippenham in British League

The British League came back to Cippenham on 11th January and both Cippenham teams had successful days, each claiming maximum points to move them up from fifth to fourth places in the divisional tables.

With captain Clive Payne restored to the team following his absence from the last series of matches due to a back injury, the Cippenham first team looked a more cohesive unit. Martin Adams returned to form and despite the fact that the out of practice Clive failed to register a win, Cippenham beat both opponents 5-3 to optimise the four points on offer.

Martin led from the number one position with two crucial fifth game victories over Dave Gatiss and Steve Munson to assist Cippenham to a morning win over EBS-Orange Northampton I. Mark Butler also showed great form as he has all season and picked up a brace with wins over Dickson Pang and Gatiss while Terry Haley weighed in with the decisive victory over Pang to secure the crucial 5-3 scoreline.

The afternoon match against Reading rivals OLOP IMPACT I brought another 5-3 success for Cippenham with the bottom half of the team mostly responsible. OLOP's number one, former England international Nigel Eckerley, won both his matches against Martin and Clive while the latter also succumbed to Hari Gehlot. Cippenham's numbers three and four, Mark Butler and Terry Haley, were invincible however and swept aside their opposition although Terry did have to come back from 2-1 and 9-5 down to extinguish the threat from Gehlot. Martin and Mark both beat former Cippenham junior Robert Pountney while Mark and Terry also defeated High Wycombe star Danny Baxter.

Cippenham's second string also came good and shocked North Essex team NETTS in the morning with a 5-3 win. Buckinghamshire champion Rob Hansell and Slough champion David Hayes led the way and shared the man of the match award for their two wins each. Each only lost one game as Robert beat Lithuanian youngster Vytas Rybakas and Paul Davison while David disposed of Fred Dove and Steve Kerns. Mark Jackson also

beat Kerns to assure Cippenham of the points. Cippenham's number four Paul Baker was so unlucky when Davison saved match point in the fourth game with a fluked edge.

In the afternoon things got even better for Cippenham as they beat bottom team EBS-Orange Northampton II 7-1 with only Paul's last match against Mark Purcell eluding the locals. David Hayes had to come back from 1-2 down to beat Purcell and Mark Jackson did likewise against Simon Pryke but other than that all was all plain sailing for Cippenham as they stormed into a 7-0 lead. Mark was given the man of the match award for his fighting performance against the Northampton number one Pryke that secured the maximum points from the weekend.

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division One South							
Ellenborough	10	8	1	1	58	22	17
London Progress II	10	6	2	2	49	31	14
DML Plymouth	10	6	2	2	46	34	14
Cippenham I	10	5	1	4	40	40	11
OLOP IMPACT I	10	4	1	5	42	38	9
Byng Hall F Print I	10	3	2	5	30	50	8
EBS Northampton I	10	2	1	7	32	48	5
PSP Wiz'n/about	10	0	2	8	23	57	2
Division Two South							
London Progress III	10	8	2	0	55	25	18
NETTS	10	4	4	2	43	37	12
Generation 2	10	3	5	2	42	38	11
Cippenham II	10	4	3	3	40	40	11
Ashford I	10	4	1	5	30	41	9
Oxford Fireplace Ctr	10	1	6	3	30	44	8
Guildford I	10	1	5	4	38	43	7
EBS Northampton II	10	1	2	7	28	52	4

Players' Performances:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham I				
Terry Haley	10	20	15	75
Mark Butler	10	20	13	65
Martin Adams	10	20	7	35
Clive Payne	8	12	3	25
Lee Dredge	4	8	2	25
Cippenham II				
David Hayes	9	18	14	78
Robert Hansell	10	20	13	65
Robert Lemon	2	4	2	50
Mark Jackson	10	20	9	45
Paul Baker	6	12	2	17
Gemma Chapman	3	6	0	0

Results:

Cippenham I	Cippenham II
5-3 EBS Northampton I	5-3 NETTS
5-3 OLOP IMPACT I	7-1 EBS Northampton II

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Dove Swoops In To Claim Surprise Title



Club Captain Dave Bull made the Consolation final

Men's Singles:

Fred Dove (Sk) bt Steve Davis (Sy) 2,8,-4,3

Women's Singles:

Regina Donovan (WAL) bt Sharon Mitchell (Bk) 7,4,6

Men's Consolation:

John Fannin (Gs) bt Dave Bull (Wi) 8,-10,2,11

Women's Consolation:

Vera Hutchinson (Ha) bt Margaret Thornton (Ha) 8,-8,9,6

Fred Dove, unseeded and ranked only thirteenth of the players in the draw, was the surprise winner of the Men's Singles title at the Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open Championships on 18th January.

In the final the Suffolk player beat previous champion and second seed Steve Davis of Surrey, reversing the result when the two players also met in the preliminary round groups. Earlier in the day Davis had won three-straight but by the time it really mattered, in the final, Dove had honed his game to top form hitting powerfully on the fore-hand and using his long-pimpled backhand rubber to interrupt the flow of the usually fluent Davis attack. Dove eventually triumphed by the scores 11-2, 11-8, 4-11, 11-3.

Dove had been largely untroubled en route to the final. After finishing runner-up to Davis in his group he beat sixth seed Tom Carr in the first round and then received a bye. In the quarter-final Dove beat Dave Crowley three-straight and then fended off the challenge of third seed Farhat Rasul in four games in the semi-final. Davis, on the other hand, had a straight-forward win over John McCance but then needed to come back from 2-1 down to beat supreme defender Roy

Norton, of Worcestershire, 11-9 in the fifth game of a match that was a marvellous example of attack versus defence, thrilling table tennis at its best. In his semi-final Davis beat Ray Dixon, another player from the Black Country, in three games. Cippenham's last hope Mike Rhodes had succumbed to Dixon one round earlier after a titanic struggle that ended at 11-8 in the fifth game.

As the Men's Singles title had gone east to Suffolk it was fitting that the Women's Singles title should go in the opposite direction. Regina Donovan crossed the border to take the title back to Wales, as she did in the summer of 2003. Donovan's only close match was in the preliminary round group where she had to come back from 2-1 down against Jeanette Maybanks. After that it was plain sailing against Joan West, Cippenham member Muriel Hooker and, in the final, Reading's Sharon Mitchell. Another player who practises at Cippenham, Mary Heffernan, was the second semi-finalist.

Further success came the way of the local club in the Men's Consolation in which Dave Bull, in his second season as a Committee member at Cippenham, reached the final but then succumbed to Gloucestershire's John Fannin.

Marina's Absence the Crucial Factor

When Cippenham's number one player Marina Zarzycka cried off with illness the day before the final weekend of the Women's British League it ended any hopes that the Club had fostered of a high finishing position and virtually resigned the team to the bottom position in the Premier Division. The nine points out of a possible ten from the first weekend counted for nothing except a place in the re-constituted Premier Division for the top six. With the points tally starting again at zero and Jacquie Lovell and Melanie Farquhar deputising for Marina the second weekend at Cheltenham was a lost cause although three opponents were run as close as 4-2.

The weekend started with a 4-2 defeat against Devon side China Fleet with Gemma Chapman and Lesley Keast, both promoted one place in the team due to Marina's absence, winning once each with neither able to penetrate the defence of the Czech player Marketa Myskova.

Another win apiece from Gemma and Lesley was again all Cippenham could muster from another 4-2 defeat to Wolverhampton based Woodfield with the highly ranked Karen Smith too much of a match for the Cippenham team. Saturday finished with a 6-0 drubbing at the hands of champions Grove I who included two Chinese players and England international Georgina Walker in their star-studded line-up.

Although Gemma got Cippenham off to the perfect start on Sunday with a win against Michelle McGreevy that was all that the team could manage in a 5-1 defeat to second placed Irish Ladies, another team to include a Chinese player at number one.

The weekend was completed with another 4-2 defeat at the hands of Grove II and again the victories were shared between Gemma and Lesley with Naomi Owen the star for the Shropshire team.

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Premier Division							
Grove	5	5	0	0	28	2	10
Irish Ladies I	5	3	1	1	17	13	7
China Fleet	5	2	2	1	14	16	6
Woodfield	5	2	0	3	13	17	4
Grove II	5	1	1	3	11	19	3
Cippenham	5	0	0	5	7	23	0

Players' Performances:

	M	P	W	Av
Marina Zarzycka	5	10	8	80
Gemma Chapman	10	20	11	55
Lesley Keast	10	20	10	50
Jacquie Lovell	3	6	0	0
Melanie Farquhar	2	4	0	0

Results:

2-4 China Fleet
2-4 Woodfield
0-6 Grove I
1-5 Irish Ladies
2-4 Grove II

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Weekend Diary February/March

February

Sun 1st	9:00am	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Sat 7th	9:30am	National Junior League (3)
Sat 14th	9:00am	Reading Closed Championships
Sun 15th	9:00am	Reading Closed Championships
Sun 22nd	10:30am	Southern Region squad training
Sun 29th	9:00am	Slough Closed Championships

March

Sat 6th	11:30am	British League Divisions 1/2 South
Sun 7th	10:00am	British League Divisions 1/2 South
Sat 20th	10:00am	Bucks county matches
Sun 21st	10:30am	Southern Region squad training
Sun 28th	10:00am	Cippenham TTC Handicap Tournament



Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

Apr 3	National Junior League (4)
Apr 4	Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open
Apr 18	Berkshire Inter-Town
Apr 20	Slough League Promotion Play-offs (Tue)
May 1/2	ETTA National Junior Masters
May 15/16	ETTA National Cadet Masters
May 30	Southern Region squad training
Jun 13	Southern Region Assessment Day
Jun 19/20	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
Jul 4	Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2* Open
Jul 11	Southern Region Coaches' Get-Together

Other Cippenham TTC Events

Feb 7/8	Veterans' British League (2) (Doncaster)
Feb 14/15	Junior British League (2) (Aldersley)
May 29/30	National Team Finals (Knowsley)

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

Bar Opening Times

Tuesday & Thursday
9pm - 11pm

David Makes it to Number One

Cippenham's David Hayes won the Leinster Junior Open in Dublin on 10th January, beating John Murphy 3-1 in the final.

Three weeks later David was back in Ireland for the Munster Open. This time he lost to Murphy in the semi-final of the Boys' Singles but beat the same player in his run to the quarters of the Men's Singles. He also reached the semi-final of the Men's Doubles.

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2003-04

	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
Practice Fees	*£2.50	*£1.25
Slough League Match Fees	£2.50	£1.25
Coaching Fees (per session)	**£3.00	**£1.50
Coaching Fees (per term - 1 st group)		£25.00
Coaching Fees (per term - 2 nd group)		£15.00
* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members		
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members		

These results mean that David is one of three players tied equal in first position at the top of the Irish junior rankings and make him a certainty to be selected for his adopted country for this summer's European Youth Championships.

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