

Win Double for Masterful Gareth and Jesper



It just gets better and better for Cippenham Table Tennis Club. The weekend of 5th and 6th April proved to be the highlight of the playing season at the Centre - even eclipsing the two international matches.

The occasion was the National Junior and Cadet Masters Tournament - the last stage for the best twelve boys and girls in each of the two age groups. The top players were pre-invited, others had to qualify through county, regional and national trials.

Gareth Herbert has been firmly established as England's number one junior all season and was expected to win the Junior Boys' event. He did not disappoint, winning all his games with a large margin of safety, and in the final eclipsed Kent's Christian Thompson 10 and 17.

What we did not expect was that Cippenham would also win the Cadet Boys' event. With the twin attack of Martin Rule and Jesper Hougard there was always the chance that something good would happen, but unfortunately both were placed in the same group as Michael Chan, so only one was likely to progress. Jesper beat Martin and so gained the runners-up spot in the group.

While Martin had to be content therefore with finishing fifth, Jesper was through to the semi-finals. At that stage he faced England cadet international Justin Dodd and repeated his win over the same opponent from the previous day. In the final Jesper found yet another gear and came back from 18-20 down to take the first game from Chan. Chan rallied to win the second but then Jesper brought out a series of fantastic shots to win the third 21-17 and his first national title.

Junior Boys Medallists



(l-r) Michael Isherwood; Gareth Herbert; Christian Thompson

Cadet Boys Medallists



(l-r) Michael Chan; Jesper Hougard; Andrew Rushton

Nicholas Wilson and Gemma Chapman answered SOS calls of the day to make up the numbers. Nicholas had so nearly qualified in his own right for the event, but for ten years old Gemma it was just a great learning experience.

Results of Finals

Junior Boys:

G Herbert bt C Thompson 10, 17

Junior Girls:

D Pestka bt J Barrclough -18, 17, 19

Cadet Boys:

J Hougard bt M Chan 21, -17, 17

Cadet Girls:

A Narendran bt K Hughes 8, 11

Finishing positions

Junior Boys

- 1 Gareth Herbert (Berks)
- 2 Christian Thompson (Kent)
- 3 Michael Isherwood (Derbys)
- 4 Darren Ashall (Yorks)
- 5 Jason Sugrue (Middx)
- 6 Scott Friday (Kent)
- 7 Peter Marshall (Yorks)
- 8 David Charlton (Yorks)
- 9 Gerald Ashison (Surrey)
- 10 Jesper Hougard (Bucks)
- 11 Justin Dodd (Kent)
- 12 Mark Heptonstall (Yorks)

Junior Girls

- 1 Debbie Pestka (Notts)
- 2 Joanna Barraclough (Cornwall)
- 3 Lindsey Thornton (Lancs)
- 4 Karen Lockwood (Cheshire)
- 5 Thudie Bloor (Salop)
- 6 Sharon Gillett (Herts)
- 7 Aparna Narendran (Middx)
- 8 Victoria Gray (Suffolk)
- 9 Heidy Sims (Sussex)
- 10 Claire Gibbs (Somerset)
- 11 Paisley Spink (Staffs)
- 12 Gemma Chapman (Berks)

Cadet Boys

- 1 Jesper Hougard (Bucks)
- 2 Michael Chan (Surrey)
- 3 Andrew Rushton (Lancs)
- 4 Justin Dodd (Kent)
- 5 Martin Rule (Bucks)
- 6 Oliver Stevens (Kent)
- 7 Robin Pearce (Derbys)
- 8 Daniel Welsh (Durham)
- 9 Stephen Davies (Lincs)
- 10 Douglas Speed (Surrey)
- 11 Craig Gascoyne (Notts)
- 12 Nicholas Wilson (Bucks)

Cadet Girls

- 1 Aparna Narendran (Middx)
- 2 Kate Hughes (Worcs)
- 3 Katy Parker (Lancs)
- 4 Louise Durrant (Notts)
- 5 Kirstie Jal (Surrey)
- 6 Claire Gibbs (Somerset)
- 7 Lucy Pointer (IOW)
- 8 Emily Dearing (Yorks)
- 9 Janine Donnelly (Yorks)
- 10 Johanna Lambert (Surrey)
- 11 Paisley Spink (Staffs)
- 12 Claire Goldstraw (Salop)

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Unlucky Jesper

Cippenham's Jesper Hougaard was the losing finalist again when the Club staged its Junior Open Championships in April. Jesper had previously been runner-up to Martin Rule in the Cippenham Cadet Open in December.

Following on from his fantastic performance in the National Junior and Cadet Masters the previous weekend, the number one seed was expected to add to his haul of gold. Jesper saved four match points in the second game of the final against Oliver Stephens and then led 18-16 in the third. For once his legendary will to win deserted him at that stage and the boy from Kent won 21-18.

There were good performances from other Cippenham members. David Ralls, from the Club's Woolwich Junior British League team reached the semi-final and Paul Pountney was eliminated only one round earlier. Warren Brooks, Johnny Davidson, Daniel Jacobs and Robert Hansell all progressed from their groups.

Jane Dickens reached the semi-final of the girls' event, while Claire Maher won the consolation.

Results:

Boys Singles

O Stephens (Rotherhithe) bt J Hougaard (Slough) 19, -22, 18

Girls Singles

K Jai (Thames Valley) bt L Pointer (Isle of Wight) 21, 16

Consolation Boys Singles

M Gilston (Staines) bt C Brook (Stowmarket) 21, -19, 17

Consolation Girls Singles

C Maher (Maidenhead) bt T Huntley (Brighton) 15, 18



Samantha stars at Sunderland

Samantha Marling had her best results of the season at the Yasaka Northern Open in April. Sam won the Band 1 Singles and the Womens' Doubles with her sister Sally. For good measure Sam also reached the final of the Womens' Singles where she lost to Sally.



Martin picked for England

Martin Rule became the latest Cippenham player to get international honours when he played for the England cadet team at the Spanish Junior Open in May. Martin has also earned a call up for the home countries quadrangular tournament in June.

Double for Jane

Jane Dickens became only the second player ever to win both Slough League singles handicap competitions in the same season. Jane won both the Lynford Bowl and the Wharton Vase at the finals played at John Crane TTC in April.



Another title for Gareth

Gareth Herbert won the Slough League's Masters title at Cippenham in May, and with it the £120 first prize. In a final between two junior players, 16 years old Gareth beat Martin Rule, two years his junior. Martin had good wins over Mike Rhodes and Kimber Choda on his way to the £60 runner-up prize.

Cippenham set up record win

Cippenham won the Slough League last season for a record equalling thirteenth time. Same club, new team. This time it was the all junior Cippenham Vagabonds team that triumphed - congratulations to Gareth Herbert, Martin Rule and Jesper Hougaard and to team captain Ken Phillips.

Plan now for next season

Now is the time to start planning for next season. Membership forms are already out - and if you want to play in a team, these must be returned to Graham Trimming by June 30th. Don't delay - Graham will be on holiday and will NOT be chasing late forms!

Highlights of the Season 1996-7

October

1st - after nearly five years of planning Cippenham Table Tennis Centre is finally opened. It was not finished but the health and safety plan was signed at 4pm - three hours to spare!

13th - first outside event held at the Centre - the regional junior trials.

19th - first county matches and coach education class held at the Centre.

31st - Cippenham nominated as ETTA Club of the Year!

November

9th - Cippenham makes debut in Veterans' British League.

9th - first international at the Centre when England play Slovakia in a mens' friendly. Cippenham's own Gareth Herbert makes his full debut in this match.

9/10th - Cippenham's juniors gain outstanding success at St. Ives Team Tournament.

30th - Slough win Bucks Mens Inter-League at the Centre.

December

1st - Gareth Herbert retains his Junior Boys Singles title at the English Junior Nationals.

7th - first open tournament - the Cadet 2-Star - held at the Centre. The first open tournament in Slough for 25 years. A home win for Martin Rule. National Lottery grants an additional £21,000 to complete works at the Centre.

January

4/5th - Slough make a clean sweep of Bucks Junior and Cadet Inter-League competitions held at the Centre.

19th - Cippenham clinches Womens' British League Division 3 title at first attempt.

21st - England play Germany in European Womens' League Super Division Semi-Final at the Centre.

February

16th - Clean sweep for Cippenham at Bucks Junior Closed at the Centre.

22nd - Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open proves a resounding success.

March

15th - Club Championship and Handicap Tournament attracts a record entry and play lasts for 11 hours.

23rd - a clean sweep of all championship titles by Club members at Slough Closed.

April

5th/6th - Gareth and Jesper make it an incredible win double for Cippenham at the National Junior/Cadet Masters.

Gareth wins team gold for England at Commonwealth Championships

Gareth Herbert made his second and third appearances for the England senior team at the Commonwealth Championships in Glasgow in April. He was unbeaten in England's first two matches of the tournament and was rewarded with a gold medal when the England team won the mens' team title.

Results from Glasgow

England 4; South Africa 0

G Herbert bt D Goedecke 14, 10
G Herbert & A Perry bt G Petersen & S Overmeyer 9, 14

England 4; Mauritius 0

G Herbert bt G Desscan 15, 9
G Herbert & A Perry bt J Ganegam & H Thynjoun 6, 13

Gareth also played in the individual events at Manchester, becoming the first Cippenham member ever to compete in the World Championships. Gareth won several matches in the various events, his most successful being reaching the fourth round of the Mixed Doubles with Lindsay Thornton.

Gareth failed to get through his Mens Singles group and also fell at the first hurdle in the Mens Doubles with Darren Blake.

In the Ranking Tournament Gareth was successful in his group but was then eliminated by Eric Owens (USA) in Round 1.

Stars train at Cippenham for the World's

Prior to the World Championships at Manchester several top players were spotted training at Cippenham. Along with regulars Gareth Herbert, Ewan Walker and Matthew Syed, lucky visitors were also able to witness, on occasions, the skills of Alex Perry, Terry Young, Darren Blake and New Zealand number one Peter Jackson.



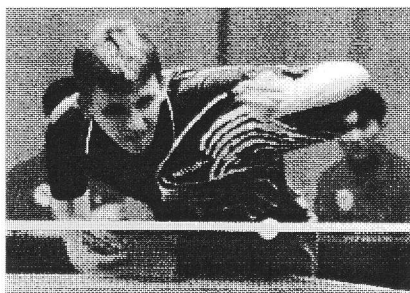
Alex Perry travels from Devon to play at Cippenham!



England number one Matthew Syed is another who rates Cippenham the best in the country!



Cippenham's own Gareth Herbert



Scotland's Ewan Walker

Photos from Manchester by Graham Trimming

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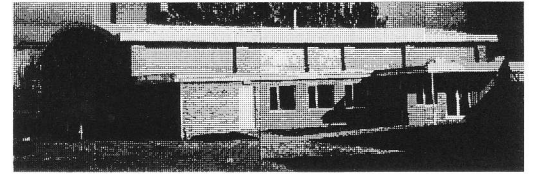
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Summer Weekend Diary

June

Sat 7th 9.00am Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2-star Open

Sat 14th 9.00am Southern Region Coaches Get Together



Weekday Diary for June/July

Mon 5.30 Advanced Coaching
7.30 Excellence Coaching

Tues 5.00 Beginners' Coaching
7.15 Summer League Matches
7.30 Practice Tables

Wed 7.30 Grand Prix

Thurs 5.00 Beginners' Coaching
7.15 Summer League Matches
7.30 Practice Tables

Bar Opening Times

Tuesday to Thursday

9pm - 11pm

SUMMER LEAGUE TEAMS

The following teams have been selected to represent the Club in the Slough Summer League:

Alpha:

Samantha Marling (capt); Steve Joel; Graham Trimming

Beta:

Jacque Lovell (capt); Phil Prady; Chris Lusher

Gamma:

Wendy Barlow (capt); Aaron Brown

Delta:

Christine Gaillard (capt); Elza Lusher; George Appleby

Eastern Region holds seminar at Cippenham

Cippenham Table Tennis Centre hosted a seminar for delegates from the Eastern Region on 25th May. The event was the brainchild of Eastern Region Development Officer Sandra Collins and included a tour of the new Centre, various talking sessions and a small tournament in a day that lasted over seven hours!

Under the title of *Dreams Can Come True*, the three main spoken sessions were:

Daring To Dream

Building The Dream

Living The Dream

Club members Graham Trimming, Paul Baker and Steve Joel were able to give delegates a valuable insight into how the Cippenham project came about and how it was realised, and how the Centre is operated now it is built.

Some of the delegates, of which there were forty, were already running their own purpose built facilities, while others were at all other stages from planning onwards.

Let us hope that many more of these centres become a reality in the near future.

ALEC WATSON RETIRES AS CHAIRMAN



The retirement of Alec Watson, after ten years as Chairman of Cippenham Table Tennis Club, was marked with the presentation of an inscribed tankard at the Club's Annual General Meeting on 28th May. After being forced to retire prematurely from playing table tennis due to an ankle injury, Alec decided that now was the time to call it a day on the management side as well. Alec will be forever remembered as the Chairman who guided the Club through its recent development and for the work he did in chairing the Building Sub-Committee throughout its successful existence.

The Management Committee, elected at the same meeting, welcomes back "old boy" Frank Earis, as well as new committee members Rhys Evans and Simon Mellish.

The full Management Committee is:

Chairman:	Ken Phillips
Deputy Chairman:	Rhys Evans
General Secretary:	Graham Trimming
Treasurer:	Peter Hillier
Bookings Officer:	Mike Rhodes
Social Officer:	Jacque Lovell
Public Relations Officer:	Steve Joel
Coaching Officer:	Ken Phillips
Committee members:	Frank Earis
	Simon Mellish

No nominations were received for the positions of Club Captain and Events Officer. If any member is interested in taking up one of these interesting positions in one of England's most progressive table tennis clubs then please speak to either Ken or Graham.

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