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GARETH HERBERT - CIPPENHAM AND ENGLAND

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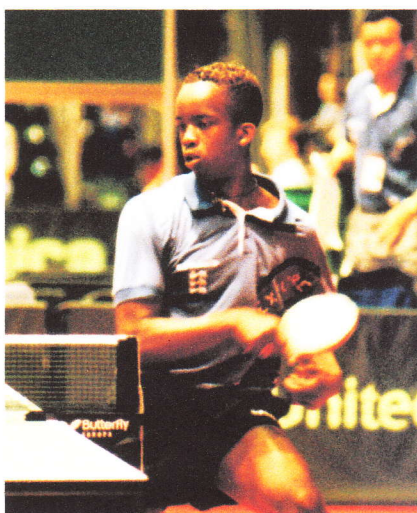
A spectacular display by Gareth Herbert in Italy last month, when he won eleven of the thirteen singles matches he contested, brought to an end a glittering junior career that has seen the boy from Chalvey Grove dominate the national scene for many years.

It was as a 10-year old that Gareth Herbert first walked into the Cippenham club in 1991. His impact was immediate - at his very first open tournament a coach from another part of the country pointed him out as a future England number one! In his first season he won the Slough League Youth Division and played a handful of matches up in the senior divisions.

By the end of his second season, 1992-3, he was national Under-12 champion, was ranked number one in the U12 age group and had made his debut for England in a triangular tournament in France. So much did he impress that he was promoted from the U12 team to the U14 team in the same event! Locally, he finished fifth in the Slough Division 2 averages and won the Boys Singles title at the Slough Closed.

The following season, he was promoted to the top division of the Slough League, finishing high in the averages. By now ranked one in England cadets and 11 in the juniors, he made his debut in the European Youth Championships, leading the cadet team. In 1994-5, Gareth maintained his position at the pinnacle of the cadet rankings and moved to five in the juniors, making his debut for the national junior team. He took a clean sweep of England cadet titles, the Boys' Singles, Boys' Doubles and Masters all came his way. At the age of 14 he won the Slough Closed Men's Singles title - the youngest ever champion!

A Glittering Junior Career came to an end at the European Youth Championships in Italy last month



In his first season out of cadets, Gareth won the Junior Boys' Singles and Mixed Doubles titles at the national championships, was selected for the junior team for the European Youth Championships, and for good measure won the national U15 and U21 titles also!

Gareth's full international debut came in a never to be forgotten day at Cippenham, in November 1996, in the first major event to be held at the newly opened Centre. In front of his own supporters he faced the might of Slovakia's European League side. That was the start of a momentous year for Gareth, who retained his national title and was ranked number one junior throughout. After winning the Junior Masters crown, at Cippenham, the highlight of his career so far came when he won gold in the Commonwealth Championships team



a member of the full England team for the first time

In action at the World Championships, Manchester, 1997

event in April 1997. Not even an appearance in the individual events of the World Championships immediately afterwards could top that!

In his last season Gareth remained at the top of the ranking list but missed the national championships. However he did win the Junior Masters and two titles at the Bernard Jeu Open in France - the team event and Boys' Singles.

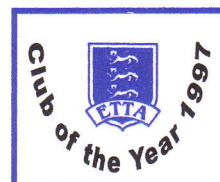
Already ranked nine in the England men's list, we wish Gareth well as he embarks upon his senior career. Despite his incredible success, Gareth has always continued to play for Cippenham in the Slough League. He is a loyal and very likeable young man. Cippenham TTC is proud of Gareth and I've a sneaking suspicion that Gareth is quite proud of his links with Cippenham.



Gareth Herbert's National Titles

U21 Men's Singles: 1995-6
U17 Boys' Singles: 1995-6; 1996-7
U17 Boys' Masters: 1996-7; 1997-8
U17 Boys' Doubles: 1996-7
U17 Mixed Doubles: 1995-6

U15 Boy's Singles: 1995-6
U14 Boys' Singles: 1994-5
U14 Boys' Masters: 1994-5
U14 Boys' Doubles: 1994-5
U12 Boys' Singles: 1992-3
U12 Boys' Doubles: 1992-3



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Results Round-Up

South Yorkshire GP Open (9/10 May)

WD: Sue Collier, winner

WS: Sue Collier, r/u

Grand Prix Finals (30/31 May)

WS: Sue Collier, r/u

WSBand1: Sue Collier, r/u

Sue and Neil make their mark in Grand Prix

Cippenham players have had a good season in the ETTA Grand Prix tournaments. Successful players in each event of each tournament are awarded points which are aggregated over the season to produce the final positions. Sue Collier and Neil Charles both won Band 1 sections and were among the forerunners in the Women's and Men's Singles.

A full list of leading places includes the following:

MS: Neil Charles, 5th
WS: Sue Collier, 2nd
MSBand1: Neil Charles, 1st
WSBand1: Sue Collier, 1st
MSBand3: Kimber Choda, 12th
MSBand4: Martin Rule, 3rd
VWS: Jackie Thomas, 5th
U21MS: Martin Rule, 6th
MD: Gareth Herbert, 9th
WD: Sue Collier, 7th

25TH AND BEST

British League Div 3 South champions
Women's British League Div 2 champions
Woolwich National Junior League champions
Ormesby Cup semi-finalists
Slough League champions
Slough Summer League champions
Slough Woolwich Junior League champions

August

Cippenham Alpha win the Slough Summer League.

September

The car park and road-way ways are completed.

Alan Farral is the first recipient of the Outstanding Contribution Award at the Club's Anniversary party.



October

Cippenham hosts its third international match when Germany are the visitors for a European Women's League match.



November

Cippenham is made the ETTA's Club of the Year for the second year running.

At the National Junior Championships Robert Pountney (JBD, JXD) and Michael Chan (CBS, CBD) win two events each.

December

A maximum (108) entry is achieved for the Cadet Open - this has since become the norm at all junior events.

Five of England's top 8 players practise at Cippenham on two evenings before Christmas.

January

Sue Hayes becomes Bucks WS champion.



Emma Human; Gemma Chapman; Jane Dickens; Claire Maher

Cippenham girls are unlucky to be pushed into third place after a three way tie at the top of WJBL Div 2.

February

Cippenham members win many titles at the Maidenhead Closed Championships.



Claire Plumridge, Jacquie Lovell, Sue Collier, Kai Milvek

Cippenham are crowned champions of Women's British League Div 2. The team have not been beaten ever in two seasons.



Mike Rhodes wins the MS at the Cippenham Veterans Open.

March

Cippenham's coaching activities take another step forward with the introduction of an elite squad meeting on Fridays. Psychological work is a major part of the programme. Ken Phillips, Sue Hayes and Rhys Evans are in charge.

Cippenham Strays (Warren Brooks, Robert Hansell) win the Slough Woolwich Junior League.

Sue Collier is third in the trials for the European Championships team, just out of the reckoning for a place at Eindhoven.



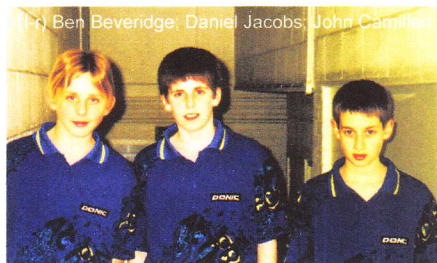
MEMORIES FROM A WONDERFUL SEASON



Evert major title at the Slough Closed comes to Cippenham. Chris Lusher and Samantha Marling win MS and WS.

Gemma Chapman is selected to represent England U12 for the first time.

5 Cippenham players are named in the England U12 training squad.



Cippenham's 3rd boys team win the Woolwich National Junior League.

April

Another max entry for the Junior Open - Gemma Chapman wins the GS title.

Cippenham crowned champions of British League Div 3 - the first time in this league since 1985!



Cippenham Brigands (Neil Charles, Kimber Choda, Steve Fawcsett, David Paterson) win the Slough League title. A new record was created - Cippenham's 14th championship.

Sue Collier wins the Bangor Open and then follows this up with the Blackpool Open WS.

Gareth Herbert wins the team and BS titles at the Bernard Jeu Open in France.



Cippenham are named Junior Club of the Year at the annual Slough Sports Awards.

All the titles came to Cippenham at the Bucks Junior/Veterans Closed.

Neil Charles wins the Slough Masters title.

Gemma Chapman makes her debut for England in an U12 tournament in France.

May

The U10/12 Open is the best day yet at the Centre. Warren Brooks and Gemma Chapman win the U12 events while David Hayes (pictured) takes the U10BS.

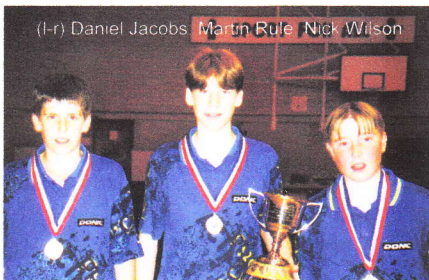


Gareth Herbert and Michael Chan win the boys' events at the National Junior/Cadet Masters - held at Cippenham. This is the second year clean sweep of boys' events for Cippenham.

Kai Milvek wins all three titles at the VETTS National Masters and Georgia Vener wins O60WD.

At the AGM the Club reports that not only has the season been successful on the table, but that financially the results are just as good!

June



Slough retain the national Carter Cup (boys U17) when eight local teams contest the National Team Finals at Bury St. Edmunds. Slough's women's team and U14 boys plus Maidenhead U17 and U14 girls and High Wycombe U17 and U14 boys all reach the semi-finals.

Cippenham Table Tennis Club is 25 years old. The season just finished was its greatest yet.. Graham Trimming reminisces some of the highlights.

Cippenham makes its first appearance in the National Team Finals. Without Gareth Herbert the team unfortunately lost 4-5 in the semi-final of the Ormesby Cup, the national club championship.



(l-r) Steve Joel; Neil Charles; Kimber Choda



Warren Brooks (U12BS, U12BD) and Gemma Chapman (U12GD) win events at the National U10/11/12 Championships. This is the second year running that the U12BS title has come to Cippenham.

Cippenham gets its first World Champion when Kai Milvek wins the O40 Women's Team event in the World Veterans Championships. Kai also picks up bronze medals in WS and WD.



All photos by Graham Trimming except Slough Sports Awards



Photos by Rhys Evans
meal at the U10/11/12 Nationals.

A crowd of 30-odd members and parents enjoying a



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Weekend Diary August/September

September

Sat 5th	9.00am	Bucks Junior/Cadet Trials
Sun 13th	9.00am	Southern Region Junior Training
Sat 26th	12.00pm	England Under-12 Squad Training
Sun 27th	9.30am	England Under-12 Squad Training

Weekday Diary

Mon	5.30	Advanced Coaching
	7.30	Excellence Coaching
Tues	5.15	Beginners' Coaching
	7.30	Summer League match
	7.30	Practice Tables
Thurs	5.15	Beginners' Coaching
	7.30	Adults' Coaching
	7.30	Practice Tables
Fri	7.00	Elite Coaching

Bar Opening Times

Tuesday & Thursday
9pm - 11pm

Not all throughout August



Three more coaches!

Congratulations are due to Jane Dickens, Jacqui Lovell and Claire Portsmouth who all passed their Level 2 coaching assessments recently. Jane, at just 16-years old, must be one of the youngest qualified coaches while for Claire it is an even more meritorious achievement as she has never played competitive table tennis and only got involved at all about a year ago.

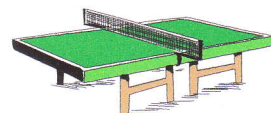
Even more welcome is the fact that all three newly qualifieds are ladies, which must assist in achieving a better balance of players between the sexes in the future.

THREE MORE FOR U12 SQUAD

Three more Cippenham players have been called up into the England Under-12 Training Squad for the new season which commenced on 1st July.

The newcomers are David Hayes and Chris Wilson (both 10 years of age) and Bradley Evans who only turned nine a month ago. It is very encouraging for the coaches working at Cippenham Table Tennis Club that the younger players are now becoming recognised for the great talent that they possess.

Retained from the previous squad are Hannah Stone and Joanna Parker, so in total there are five Cippenham players in the national squad of 48. National U12 champions Warren Brooks and Gemma Chapman, together with Francesca Parnell, move out of the U12 squad now into the cadets.



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VISIT BY MP

Slough's MP, Fiona Mactaggart, paid a visit to the Club on 10th July at the invitation of the Sports Council. As she is assistant to the Heritage Secretary, the Sports Council was promoting to her the benefits of Lottery Sports Grant aid, citing Cippenham Table Tennis Centre as an example of best practice.

FUN AT THE SUMMER BARBECUE

About 70 members and their families attended the Summer Barbecue on 5th July. Fortunately the sun shone and fun was had by all. Thanks to Jacqui and the others who cooked food in advance, and to Gareth Lovell and Ian Beveridge who manned the actual barbecue.



Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 1998-9

	Full	Conc'n
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£10.00	£5.00
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£17.50	n/a
Slough League Registration	£10.00	£5.00
Maidenhead League Registration	£15.00	£7.50
Practice Fees	*£2.50	*£1.25
Match Fees	£3.00	£1.50
Coaching Fees	**£3.00	**£1.50
* plus £1.00 (50p) for non-members		
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