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Paul Baker makes his long awaited return to table tennis

Paul Is Back!

Cast your mind back just over a year to the sickening news that Paul Baker, one of the Club's stalwarts over the past decade, had suffered a terrible injury in a freak boating accident whilst on holiday in New Zealand. Paul's leg was severely broken in many places and it was wondered whether he would ever play again.

Those who know Paul would never have doubted his desire to get back and the tenacity with which he would approach regaining his fitness.

A year on and after a few casual knocks, Paul decided to have a go at the Grand Prix, the ideal event in which to regain some match fitness in less formal competition. The deft footwork that used to propel Paul around the court is yet missing, in fact his movement is somewhat laboured, but the sureness of touch, the accuracy of shot and the unerring arm action are all there, all ingredients that made Paul such a good player in his prime.

Paul won two of the three Grand Prix events he started and the 270 points he amassed proved enough to gain the title of Grand Prix 6. Paul Elliott and Steve Crow (a blast from the past) won one each of their three and finished in second and third places while Steve Buck's two wins were not backed up and he finished in fourth place out of the trophies.

Some newer members may not know of Steve Crow—he was a player for



Paul Baker and Paul Elliott with their Grand Prix trophies

Cippenham for many years and played his part in the process that resulted in the building of our great facility in 1996.

The Grand Prix continues to get bigger and better with more players participating in this weekly Thursday evening series. This last series saw a total of 29 players taking part with weekly attendances ranging from 10 to 15.

The next Grand Prix series will start after the Club Championships have concluded in May.

	Pts
1. Paul Baker	270
2. Paul Elliott	220
3. Steve Crow	210
4. Steve Buck	200
5. Jack McCandless	160
6. Gerald Finesilver	140
7. Peter Gajdus	135
8. Tim Kiteley	120
9. Choi Lee	70
9. Terry Boxall	70
9. Eric McLeod	70



Club of the Year 1996
Club of the Year 1997

Club Championships

Tuesday and Thursday evenings in April and May

See back page for more details and schedule



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NJL Season Finishes

National Junior
League

The National Junior League, played over four Saturdays at Cippenham and Chesham High School came to a close recently. This is a competition in which the Club encourages all of its up and coming young players to participate and while the standard is quite strong at the top it tails off down the many divisions. Interest is maintained in the boys' event by promotion and relegation throughout the divisions each session. Our top team finished up the season in the highest division after winning promotion at the third session. The girls' division were played through the season.

Final Stage League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boys' Division 1							
Chiltern-CHS A	5	5	0	0	26	4	26
Southampton West	5	2	2	1	17	13	17
Chiltern-CHS B	5	1	2	2	16	14	16
Reading	5	2	1	2	16	14	16
Cippenham B	5	2	1	2	15	15	15
Chalfont A	5	0	0	5	0	30	0
Boys' Division 2							
Ashford	3	3	0	0	20	7	20
Chiltern-CHS C	3	2	0	1	16	11	16
Portsmouth	3	1	0	2	13	14	13
Cippenham D	3	0	0	3	5	22	5
Boys' Division 3							
Chiltern-CHS D	3	3	0	0	22	5	22
Cippenham C	3	2	0	1	15	10	15
Child Okeford	3	1	0	2	9	16	9
Cippenham F	3	0	0	3	5	20	5
Boys' Division 4							
Chiltern-CHS E	3	3	0	0	22	5	22
Chalfont B	3	2	0	1	17	10	17
Chiltern-CHS F	3	1	0	2	15	12	15
Cippenham E	3	0	0	3	0	27	0
Boys' Division 5							
Chiltern-CHS G	3	3	0	0	22	5	22
Kingfisher	3	2	0	1	18	9	18
Chiltern-CHS H	3	1	0	2	9	18	9
Cippenham G	3	0	0	3	5	22	5
Girls' Division 1							
Peniel A	20	14	4	2	87	33	87
Chiltern-CHS A	20	12	6	2	85	35	85
Southampton West	20	12	4	4	73	47	73
Peniel B	20	9	2	9	64	56	64
Cippenham C	20	2	0	18	32	88	32
Peniel C	20	3	0	17	19	101	19

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Boys' B				
Alex Polding	15	35	24	69
Peter Gajdus	7	17	10	59
Ollie Valdez	7	17	6	47
Frazer Harper	8	18	3	17
Matthew Parkinson	8	18	2	11
Boys' C				
Peter Gadjus	6	17	12	71
Anthony Gardner	6	16	9	56
James Mellish	3	8	4	50
Frazer Harper	6	16	7	44
Usman Tanveer	9	26	7	27
Ollie Valdez	3	9	1	11
Boys' D				
Tom Stevens	3	8	5	63
Salman Tanveer	6	17	10	59
Alex Parkinson	7	21	11	52
Anthony Gardner	5	10	5	50
David Akehurst	3	9	4	44
James Mellish	3	9	4	44
Matt Ashfield	3	9	3	33
Matt Tempest	2	6	0	0
Boys' E				
Matt Ashfield	8	18	15	83
Alex Parkinson	5	10	8	80
Anthony Gardner	5	10	6	60
Tom Stevens	4	8	4	50
Matt Tempest	3	8	3	38
David Akehurst	5	10	3	30
William Tint	8	18	5	13
Alistair Coull	3	9	0	0
Boys' F				
Piers Kemp	3	8	5	63
Salman Tanveer	5	10	6	60
David Akehurst	3	8	4	50
Matt Tempest	8	17	6	35
William Tint	8	17	5	29
Alistair Coull	5	10	1	10
William Hopgood	5	10	1	10
Harry Ray	5	10	0	0
Boys' G				
Tom Stevens	3	9	7	78
Robbie Rolfe	6	18	5	28
Harry Ray	6	18	5	28
William Hopgood	6	18	3	17
Boys' X				
Piers Kemp	3	9	4	44
Ollie Valdez	3	9	3	33
Alistair Coull	3	9	2	22
Matthew Parkinson	3	9	1	11
Girls				
Angela Oetiker	20	40	19	48
Stephanie Mitchell	15	29	10	34
Anna Summerbell	20	39	1	3
Hayley Marriott	5	10	0	0

Nets and Edges

3 teams again in BL

The Club has once again entered three teams into the British League for season 2007-8. None of our teams are in line for either promotion or relegation so we therefore expect to have two teams in Division One and one team in Division Three. The format of the League will be decided in May as will the composition of the Club's teams.

Olympic bid submitted

The Club has officially applied to be a training venue leading up to the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Although applications had to be submitted by the end of January we can expect to have to wait about a year before knowing whether our application is likely to be successful. If it is, we could see one or more Olympic table tennis teams training at Cippenham in the weeks before the Games.

Mel Down Under

Last month it was reported that Team GB at the Australia Youth Olympic Festival did not win any of their team matches. I am pleased to correct this untruth, pointed out to me by one of the stars of the team, Mel Farquhar. Seems like the results on the internet were only from the final phase!

New Format for Club Championships

A new format has been devised for the Club Championships. After a absence of a few years it has been decided to re-introduce these events but with a difference. They will be played over a three-week period in April and May on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. There will be less formality than usual with a competition of this sort—in fact it will be run a little along the lines of the popular Grand Prix, but with screened-off courts, and with registration on the night. There will be eight events altogether—something for everyone. Please see schedule on back page for more details.

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Another Title for Eddie

Cadet / U13
Open

Despite a smallish entry, the Cippenham Cadet and Under-13 2-Star Open Championships ran successfully on 17 March, and like the massively entered New Year Festival in January, half of the winners' awards travelled afterwards down the M4 and into Wales. However, there was local success in the form of Eddie Mitchell.

Eddie did not drop a game all day in winning the Under-13 Boys' Singles. The top seed was flawless as he gave the local organizers something to cheer. The runner-up spot went to third seed Connor Neenan after he beat second seed Harry Lumb 15-13 in the fifth and deciding game.

The Welsh onslaught started in the under-13 events. Chloe Thomas headed a group of nine players to beat Tin-Tin Ho into second place and another regular visitor to Cippenham from Wales, Daniel O'Connell, beat Kent's Lumb in the final of the Cadet Boys' Singles. Later in the day Thomas was second to Jasmin Ould in the Cadet Girls' Singles.

The event was organized by Sue Hayes, refereed by Mick Strode, and attracted a total of 51 entries.



Eddie Mitchell receives his U13BS trophy from tournament organizer Sue Hayes

Cadet Boys' Singles:

Daniel O'Connell (WAL) bt Harry Lumb (K) 7,-6,12,3

Cadet Girls' Singles:

Jasmin Ould (K) bt Chloe Thomas (WAL) 10,8,8

U13 Boys' Singles:

1. Edward Mitchell (Bu); 2. Connor Neenan (Mi)

U13 Girls' Singles:

1. Chloe Thomas (WAL); 2. Tin-Tin Ho (Mi)

Cadet Boys' Consolation:

Alex O'Connell (WAL) bt Luke Spencer (Wa) 6,-10,5,7

Cadet Girls' Consolation:

1. Charlotte Spencer (Wa); 2. Eman Hussein (Mi)

U13 Boys' Consolation:

1. William Lawes (Nk); 2. Jarred Knowles (Bk)

... and another also for Davis

Veterans'
Open

Surrey's Steve Davis retained his Men's Single title at the Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open on 25 March. After losing the first game to third seed Fred Dove, Davis' two-winged attacking game then proved too strong for his Essex opponent and the second seed won the next two games comfortably and then clinched the title 12-10 in the fourth game. All the seeds progressed through their preliminary round groups comfortably enough, but after that did not prosper so well. The other two seeds both lost in the second round after receiving byes in the first round. Top seed Hari Gehlot fell in four games to an inspired Steve Giles while fourth seed Derek Holman fell three-straight to Graham Outrim. Hari's brother Ramesh restored the Gehlot family pride in the quarter-final, however, stopping Giles in his tracks. Ramesh then lost to Dove in the semi-final, the same stage

that Outrim's run finally came to an end at the hands of Davis.

Graham Trimming was the only member of the host club to make it out of the groups; the higher rated Mike Rhodes had to settle for the consolation event which he duly won beating Mike Wilkins in the final.

This was one tournament when the main interest did not centre around the men's event. After the preliminary groups of the Women's Singles, six women slogged it out in the knock-out stage and all five matches went the distance needing five games each to decide. The quarter-finals produced wins for Diane Melville 12-10 in the fifth against Sue Lang and for Amanda Alabaster 11-8 against Denise Weller. Melville followed this up with the shock of the tournament, an 11-9 fifth game win over top seed and defending

champion Regina Donovan from Wales, while second seed Janet Brown's win over Alabaster was even tighter, 14-12 in the fifth. It was a surprise to no-one then that the final went the distance before Brown ran out winner 13-11 in the fifth.

The tournament was organized by Graham Trimming, refereed by Peter Hillier and attracted an entry of 55 players.

Men's Singles:

Steve Davis (Sy) bt Fred Dove (E) -6,5,6,10

Women's Singles:

Janet Brown (Ox) bt Diane Melville (Sy) 11,9,-9,-10,11

Men's Consolation:

Mike Rhodes (Ha) bt Mike Wilkins (Bu) -5,3,9,-9,5

Women's Consolation:

1. Lorna Slifkin (Mi); 2. Margaret Thornton (Sy)

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Weekend Diary April/May

April

Sun 1 Cippenham Double Group 2-Star Open

May

Sat 5 ETTA National Cadet Masters

Sun 6 ETTA National Cadet Masters

Sat 12 ETTA National Junior Masters

Sun 13 ETTA National Junior Masters

Sat 19 Southern Region Junior Training

Sun 20 Southern Region Junior Training

Weekday Diary

Mon 7:00 Advanced 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
7:40 Grand Prix

Club Championships

Just turn up and register by 7:45 pm on the evening. No pre-booking and the cost is just your normal practice fee plus £1 (50p for concessions).

Tues 17 Apr Open Doubles
Thurs 19 Apr Junior Singles (born on or after 1.1.89)
Tues 24 Apr Open Singles
Thurs 26 Apr Cadet Singles (born on or after 1.1.92) and Veterans' Singles (born on or before 1.1.67)
Tues 1 May Drawn Doubles (partners re-drawn each round)
Thurs 3 May Junior Doubles (born on or after 1.1.89) and Tweenie Singles (born between 2.1.67 and 31.12.88 inclusive)

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2006-07

	Full	Conc'n
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£15.00	£7.50
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£25.00	n/a
Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.50	£0.75
Family Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£2.50	n/a
Slough League Registration	£15.00	£7.50
National Junior League registration	n/a	£12.00
Practice Fees	*£3.50	*£1.75
Slough League Match Fees	£3.50	£1.75
Coaching Fees (per session)	**£5.00	**£2.50
Coaching Fees (per term - 1st group)		£30.00
Coaching Fees (per term - 2nd group)		£20.00
* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members		
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members		

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Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

Jun 9/10 Cippenham YP Summer Festival
Jun 16/17 Southern Region Junior Training
Jul 1 Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2* Open

Slough League Tables

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Chalfont Argonauts	16	15	1	0	134	26	92
Burnham Nomads	18	9	3	6	96	84	61
Cippenham Outlaws	19	9	4	6	98	92	60
Cippenham Buccaneers	18	9	0	9	91	88	56
Chalfont Bohemians	16	7	2	7	72	87	42
Burnham Leopards	19	7	1	11	79	111	42
George Green Goblins	19	6	2	11	79	111	42
Burnham Pumas	13	0	1	12	40	90	18
Division 2 Handicap							
Burnham Lions	5	3	1	1	31	19	31
Cippenham Scoundrels	5	1	3	1	25	25	25
George Green Gremlins	4	3	0	1	22	18	22
Cippenham Rascals	4	0	2	2	18	22	18
Cippenham Vagabonds	5	1	1	3	18	32	18
WAMDSAD A	3	1	1	1	16	14	16

Cippenham TTC's thirteen year reign as Slough League champions is officially over. Chalfont Argonauts have now established an unassailable lead at the top of the division with Burnham Nomads the most likely runners-up. Outlaws and Buccaneers are engaged in a tussle for third and fourth spots. The Division 2 Handicap moves into cross-over semi-finals third week of April with the final at Burnham on 1 May.

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