



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Premier Division stay is short

Cippenham's stay in the Premier Division of the men's section of the Veterans' British League has been a short one. After gaining promotion to the elite level last year, this season's campaign has seen them relegated back to Division 1. Try as they did, all five matches were lost in the second weekend of the season as Cippenham slumped to the bottom of the table. However, Cippenham can take comfort from giving all opponents a run for their money, never being whitewashed, as their first foray into the Premier Division ultimately became unsuccessful.

Cippenham's first opponents on Saturday morning were Topspin Fusion with the Londoners spearheaded by England number one Lorestas Trumposkas. David Barr's victory over Neil Pickard was all that Cippenham could muster in a 5-1 defeat against the overnight leaders and eventual runners-up. David was also successful against Team Bribar, beating both Jason Ramage, England number four, and Niall Cameron, Scotland's number one. However, neither Martin Adams nor Hari Gehlot could add anything and the final score was a 4-2 loss. Saturday concluded with another 4-2 defeat, this time against Foresters A. Andy Trott beat Ritchie Venner and David beat Costas Papantoniou to put Cippenham 2-1 up but that was as good as it got.

Andy Trott had another good win on Sunday morning against Neil Charles, England ranked five, but eventual champions Tees Sport ran out 5-1 winners. The weekend concluded with another 4-2 defeat to Lilleshall with the highlight being Andy's win over Stephen Scowcroft while Hari spurned eleven (yes, eleven!) match points against the same player.

Meanwhile, the Cippenham men's second team were having a better time of it in Division 4B, holding on to the second position they had held after the first weekend in October. Saturday's three matches were all won. Steve Munson carried on from where he left off, unbeaten across the first weekend, with a player of the match performance as Cippenham beat Draycott's fifth team 5-



Men's B team runners-up Div 4B (l-r): Steve Munson; Steve Joel; Paul Baker

1 in the opening match. Steve was assisted by two wins from Steve Joel and one from Paul Baker. The two Steves combined to win two each as De Vere NETTS were defeated 4-2 but this time it was Steve Joel who got the nod as player of the match. A successful first day concluded with another win, this time 5-1 over Cheltenham. Steve Munson was again player of the match but his brace was matched by Paul Baker while Steve Joel weighed in with the fifth.

Sunday was a different story. Steve Joel was once again player of the match but could only help his side to a 3-3 draw against Foresters F. Steve Munson suffered his first defeat of the season in this match while Paul Baker was unlucky to lose two close matches, both over five games. That dropped point put Cippenham a point behind Cutnall Green who, with all to play for, were Cippenham's final opponents of the league season. Unfortunately, their opponents proved too strong on this occasion, winning the divisional title courtesy of a 5-1 result with Steve Joel the only contributor for Cippenham.

The Cippenham women's side slipped from third down to fourth place in Divi-

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sion 3. Their only win, to go with four defeats over the weekend, was emphatic 5-1 against Foresters 5, reversing the disappointing result from the first weekend. Julie Dean was adjudged player of the match for this victory and her brace was matched by Mary Hefferan with Sue Hayes getting the other one. Around this were four defeats although Mary did manage to win the player of the match award twice for winning both her matches in two 4-2 defeats to Foresters 4. Unfortunately, her teammates could not assist on those occasions. The other two defeats were also 4-2 and both were against

Cippenham A fall just short

The National Junior League season concluded at Cippenham at the end of February with all three of the host club's teams positioned either second or third in their respective divisions.

The A team came closest to winning their section as any win in their final match against Graham Spicer A would have seen them finish top. However, the New Malden-based team ran out 6-3 winners to beat Cippenham to the title by a solitary point. Bharath Prasanna Kumar won two close matches while his brother Sai won the opening encounter against Aryan Sarma 3-0. Unfortunately, on this occasion, Matthew Ley, who over the first three days of the season had been the team's most successful player, could not add to the scoreline although he did lead Sarma 2-1 at one point. Earlier in the day Cippenham A had realised two good wins against Kidlington Forum A and Graham Spicer B both by 8-1 with Bharath and Sai unbeaten throughout and sharing the player of the match awards.

Cippenham B, having been demoted from Division 2 following day three, found themselves in Division 3 and finished third in a closely-contested section but only one point behind the eventual winners. They started with a 6-3 win over CGS with Henry Wojcik awarded player of the match for his treble of wins but afterwards lost to both Graham Spicer teams 4-5.

A patched-up Cippenham C team, featuring debutants Akpesiri Egborge and Jude Marshall, creditably finished second in Division 6 with Akpesiri, player of the match, and Yaseen Abdelbary faultless in the 7-2 win against Warren Spring C who included an unlicensed player. Akpesiri also won twice in each of the other two matches as Cippenham were beaten 6-3 by Warren Spring B and 7-2 by Ashford C.

Saxons thrash Trojans

The Maidenhead League Division 1 title race took quite a turn in late February when leaders Cippenham Trojans were thrashed 9-1 by Cippenham Saxons. Only Maciej Dlugozima registered a win for Trojans, over Bharath Prasanna Kumar, while Louis Alexander and Troy Williams were imperious for Saxons. That result leaves Saxons still twelve points behind Trojans but with Trojans have failed to win any of their last three matches, it is all to play for, especially with Cookham Social Pumas lurking only one point behind Saxons.

Veterans' British League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Men's Premier Division							
Tees Sport	10	7	2	1	38	22	16
Topspin Fusion 1	10	7	1	2	39	21	15
Team Bribar	10	4	4	2	33	27	12
Lilleshall	10	5	1	4	42	28	11
Foresters A	10	2	1	7	22	38	5
Cippenham 1	10	0	1	9	16	44	1
Men's Division 4B							
Cutnall Green	10	9	1	0	52	8	19
Cippenham 2	10	7	2	1	38	22	16
De Vere NETTS	10	6	0	4	34	26	12
Chippenham	10	2	2	6	23	37	6
Foresters F	10	1	2	7	18	42	4
Draycott 5	10	1	1	8	15	45	3
Women's Division 3 Stage 2 (Top half)							
Foresters 4	9	7	0	2	35	19	14
Drumchapel Glasgow 1	9	5	2	2	30	24	12
Foresters 5	9	5	1	3	33	21	11
Cippenham	9	4	0	5	30	24	8
Women's Division 3 Stage 1							
Foresters 5	6	5	0	1	27	9	10
Foresters 4	6	5	0	1	25	11	10
Drumchapel Glasgow 1	6	3	1	2	19	17	7
Cippenham	6	3	0	3	21	15	6
Continental Stars	6	1	1	4	11	25	3
Fulham Brunswick	6	0	0	6	6	30	0
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Men 1							
David Barr	8	16	6	38			
Andy Trott	4	8	3	38			
Hari Gehlot	9	18	4	22			
Martin Adams	9	17	2	12			
Men 2							
Steve Munson	9	18	15	83			
Steve Joel	9	18	13	72			
Samson Bekele	4	8	4	50			
Paul Baker	8	16	6	38			
Women							
Mary Heffernan	8	16	12	75			
Denise Weller	3	6	4	67			
Julie Dean	8	16	8	50			
Sue Hayes	8	16	6	38			
Results:							
Men 1							
1-5 Topspin Fusion 1	5-1 Draycott 5						
2-4 Team Bribar	5-1 Chippenham						
2-4 Foresters A	4-2 De Vere NETTS						
1-5 Tees Sport	3-3 Foresters A						
2-4 Lilleshall	1-5 Cutnall Green						
Women							
2-4 Drumchapel 1							
2-4 Foresters 4							
5-1 Foresters 5							
2-4 Foresters 4							
2-4 Drumchapel Glasgow 1							

National Junior League

(Round 4)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Graham Spicer A	3	3	0	0	20	7	20
Cippenham A	3	2	0	1	19	8	19
Kidlington Forum A	3	1	0	2	11	16	11
Graham Spicer B	3	0	0	3	4	23	4
Division 3							
Graham Spicer 3	3	3	0	0	15	12	15
Graham Spicer D	3	2	0	1	14	13	14
Cippenham B	3	1	0	2	14	13	14
CGS	3	0	0	3	11	16	11
Division 6							
Ashford C	3	3	0	0	24	3	24
Cippenham C	3	1	0	2	12	15	12
Warren Spring B	3	1	0	2	11	16	11
Warren Spring C	3	1	0	2	7	20	7
Players' Averages (cumulative):							
	M	P	W	Av			
Cippenham A							
Bharath Prasanna Kumar	12	36	23	64			
Sai Prasanna Kumar	12	36	23	64			
Matthew Ley	12	36	22	61			
Cippenham B							
Jack Dennis	3	9	7	78			
Aarav Seth	3	9	4	44			
Samuel Wolfenden	6	18	5	28			
Edward Meacock	6	18	5	28			
Henry Wojcik	12	36	5	14			
Ankush Srinivas	3	9	0	0			
Daniel Brazil	2	6	0	0			
Cippenham C							
Arman Hafeez	6	17	14	82			
Ankush Srinivas	3	9	7	78			
Arjun Prasanna Kumar	9	26	20	77			
Akpesiri Egborge	3	8	6	75			
Aryan Sharma	3	9	4	44			
Yaseen Abdelbary	6	16	7	44			
Christopher Farrall	2	6	1	17			
Jude Marshall	3	8	0	0			
Results:							
Cippenham A				Cippenham B			
8-1 Kidlington Forum A				6-3 CGS			
8-1 Graham Spicer B				4-5 Graham Spicer D			
3-6 Graham Spicer A				4-5 Graham Spicer C			
Cippenham C							
2-7 Ashford C							
7-2 Warren Spring C							
3-6 Warren Spring B							

Maidenhead League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Cippenham Trojans	12	8	3	1	84	36	84
Cippenham Saxons	12	6	2	4	72	48	72
Cookham Social Pumas	12	7	2	3	71	49	71
OLOP Bears	15	1	4	10	54	98	54
Old Gords Harriers	10	4	2	4	52	48	52
NWCA Bluejays	9	5	1	3	46	44	46
Cippenham Vikings	10	2	0	8	21	79	21

Mixed results in final JBL session

The three Cippenham teams in the Junior British League finished the season with mixed results in Derby. The boys' first team, despite winning half of its ten matches over the season, finished fifth out of six in a very tightly contested Division 2, while the second team slipped a place in Division 7 to finish in fifth place out of eight. The girls' team maintained its fourth position in Division 1.

The best results came from the girls' team who won one, lost one and drew three of its five matches across the weekend. All three Cippenham girls, Mia Lakhani, Rachael Iles and Anna Piercey, won a match apiece as their team drew the opening match with Draycott second team 3-3. Cippenham led 2-1 and 3-2 but could not pull off a winning score in an evenly-matched contest. Saturday afternoon brought Cippenham's only defeat of the weekend against eventual divisional winners London Academy 2, the powerhouse club from the capital winning 4-2. Rachael and Anna both easily beat King Tung Gene Lam but three of the other four sets were lost by close margins in the fifth and deciding games, two of them 12-10. Second-placed Grantham College 2 were Cippenham's third opponents on Saturday and this produced another 3-3 draw with all three Cippenham players again sharing the spoils.

Sunday morning began with yet another 3-3 draw, this time against Bribar Crewe Central. Yet again, the three Cippenham players shared the success. Finally, a player of the match performance from Rachael secured Cippenham their only win when, in the final match of the season, they beat Belfast-based Ormeau 4-2. Cippenham went 3-0 up but it eventually fell to Rachael to defeat Niamh Mason to secure Cippenham's 4-2 victory.

The boys' first team won two and lost three of its matches over the weekend. A 6-0 drubbing by eventual division winners Woodford Wells in the opening match was closer than the result suggests with William Saint twice being thwarted in the deciding game. Benjamin Dunkley won twice but that was not sufficient to give Cippenham any points as they fell 4-2 to Draycott 2 in the second match although the day finished with an excellent 4-2 win over third-placed Lillington. Ryan Chung was the player of the match with wins against Chun Wai Sheung and Daniel Stone while Benjamin and William both found Rex Wong too strong.

Benjamin was Cippenham's only winner in a 5-1 defeat to Fusion 2 on Sunday morning but the season ended with a flourish, 6-0 against Grantham Academy 3 with player of the match Benjamin well supported by unbeaten performances from William and Ryan.

The Cippenham second boys' team was operating in the larger eight-team Division 7 which was split after the first round of matches. The remaining two matches in stage one were completed on Saturday morning and resulted in a 4-2 defeat to Urban 3 and a 6-0 white-wash by Brighton. Jamie Woodford and Louis Alexander both scored for Cippenham in the first match. Cippenham thus found themselves in the bottom half of the division at the break and completed Saturday's matches with a 4-2 victory over Draycott 3. Player of the match Jamie and George Driscoll both won twice but Nick Carter was unable to add to the score.

Two further defeats on Sunday completed a difficult weekend for the team. George was Cippenham's only winner in a 5-1 defeat to Ashford while Jamie and Louis won one apiece in the 2-4 loss to Wood Green.

Junior British League							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boys' Division 2							
Woodford Wells TTC	10	7	1	2	41	19	15
Draycott 2	10	5	2	3	33	27	12
Lillington TTC	10	6	0	4	32	28	12
Fusion 2	10	5	1	4	36	24	11
Cippenham 1	10	5	0	5	31	29	10
Grantham Academy 3	10	0	0	10	7	53	0
Boys' Division 7 Stage 2 (Bottom half)							
Cippenham 2	10	3	2	5	26	34	8
Wood Green	10	3	2	5	25	35	8
Ashford	10	2	2	6	22	38	6
Draycott 3	10	1	2	7	19	41	4
Boys' Division 7 Stage 1							
Bribar Cleeve Park 1	7	5	2	0	30	12	12
Urban TTC 3	7	5	1	1	25	17	11
Kingfisher 2	7	3	4	0	26	16	10
Brighton TTC	7	4	1	2	31	11	9
Cippenham 2	7	2	2	3	19	23	6
Wood Green	7	2	0	5	15	27	4
Draycott 3	7	1	1	5	12	30	3
Ashford	7	0	1	6	10	32	1
Girls' Division 1							
London Academy 2	10	7	3	0	30	21	17
Grantham College 2	10	5	4	1	38	22	14
Draycott 2	10	4	4	2	33	27	12
Cippenham	10	3	3	4	28	32	9
Bribar Crewe Central	10	1	3	6	24	36	5
Ormeau 1	10	0	3	7	18	42	3
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Boys 1							
Benjamin Dunkley	10	20	15	75			
William Saint	10	20	10	50			
Ryan Chung	10	20	6	30			
Boys 2							
Jamie Woodford	9	18	12	67			
Louis Alexander	9	17	7	41			
George Driscoll	9	17	5	20			
Nick Carter	3	6	0	0			
Girls							
Rachael Iles	10	20	13	65			
Anna Piercey	10	20	8	40			
Mia Lakhani	10	20	7	35			
Results:							
Boys 1				Boys 2			
0-6 Woodford Wells TTC				2-4 Urban TTC 3			
2-4 Draycott 2				4-2 Draycott 3			
4-2 Lillington TTC				0-6 Brighton TTC			
1-5 Fusion 2				1-5 Ashford			
6-0 Grantham Academy 3				2-4 Wood Green			
Girls							
3-3 Draycott 2							
2-4 London Academy 2							
3-3 Grantham College 2							
3-3 Bribar Crewe Central							
4-2 Ormeau 1							



photo: Alan Lave

Jamie qualifies as coach

Congratulation to the thirteen newly qualified coaches who completed their Level 1 course at Cippenham during February. The Club is delighted to assist Table Tennis England by hosting these courses and is especially proud that one of our own, 17-years old Jamie Woodford (pictured right in this group photo), was one of the newly qualified.

Course tutor Mark Mitchell gave special

praise also to Cippenham Head Coach Ken Phillips who "also offered his considerable experience to help and support some of the learners to practise their coaching at his club during his junior coaching sessions".

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Weekend Diary

Mar 10	National Cadet League (4)
Mar 17	Reading Closed Championships
Mar 23	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Apr 6/7	Senior British League (4)
Apr 13	County Championships
Jun 29/30	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest



Ordering kit and equipment through Tees Sport

The Club is pleased to announce that a new agreement has been reached with Tees Sport and as part of this members can obtain a discount on table tennis equipment as follows:

Discounts are 25% off **catalogue price** on the following brands:

- Butterfly
- Donic
- Andro
- Xiom
- Tees Sport

You'll be entitled to 15% off the **catalogue price** of any other brands or 5% off the website price if this is cheaper.

If you are interested, please refer to the Tees Sport catalogues at the Club and the Tees Sport website for catalogue and list prices. Their website site can be found at: <https://www.teessport.com>

A special price, currently £27, for the club shirt with Cippenham logo on it is also available. Having your own name on the back is also possible at an additional fee of 25p per letter. As these are printed to order, they will be non-refundable so please ensure you order the correct size! Please see attached photos of members modelling (!) the club's shirt.

Free postage and packing are also included on any order.

If you are interested in placing an order, please contact the Club's agent **Tim Kiteley** by email (tim.kiteley@cantab.net) or in person at the Club.

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>)
	19:15	Practice tables
Weds	19:30	Elite Coaching Group (<i>term time</i>)
Thurs	19:15	Maidenhead League matches (<i>seasonal</i>)
	19:15	Practice tables

Fees Season 2023-24

	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
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 (Monday) (per term)		£25.00
Coaching Fees (Wednesday) (per term)		£35.00



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