



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Promotion to Premier Division



Cippenham's men's first team were successful in their quest to win Division 1B of the Veterans' British League. A flawless display from Cippenham at Derby Arena saw them win all of their five matches and gain promotion to the Premier Division for the first time in the Club's history.

Having finished the first weekend, back in the autumn, top of Division 1 but only on sets difference, Cippenham knew that they needed to at least replicate that performance if they were to realise their dream of promotion. The talented and experienced squad of Andy Trott, Martin Adams, David Barr and Hari Gehlot swept all opposition aside in the three matches on the Saturday, winning 6-0 against Draycott 2, Norwich and Wolverhampton. Simon Pugh, of Wolves, managed to extend both Martin and Andy to a deciding game but otherwise it was plain sailing for Cippenham with only seven ends being lost in the other sixteen sets.

However, the team knew that Sunday was make-or-break day with Foresters C being the opponents in the morning. However, Martin Adams and his Berkshire team-mate David Barr rose superbly to the challenge, winning their four matches for a 4-2 victory and that included a first win for Martin against Andy Norwood in a few years. Hari Gehlot was the other Cippenham player in this match but he lost to both Lewis Mayhew and Matt Spero.

Cippenham thus went into the final match against Team Ecosse level on points with their opponents but with a superior sets aggregate. A draw would therefore suffice but Cippenham had lost to their Scottish opponents during the first weekend. Things were not looking good as Martin trailed Stewart Crawford 2-0 in games and 8-2 in the third. However, a fantastic comeback saw Martin win that third game at deuce and go on to obliterate his opponent in the fourth and fifth games. Ecosse drew level as Gerry Campbell beat Andy Trott but Cippenham drew ahead again when David Barr saw off Ross Martin 3-0. The match score was equalised once again when Andy lost narrowly to Crawford after having led 2-1 and it was all to play for. Martin, with an assured captain's



(l-r) Hari Gehlot; Andy Trott; Martin Adams; David Barr

performance, then gave Cippenham the point they craved by beating Ross Martin 3-1 before David administered the coup-de-grace beating Campbell 3-0 to earn Cippenham a 4-2 win and so finished two points ahead of their adversaries in the final table. Both David and Martin were unbeaten over the entire weekend with David collecting three player of the match awards and Hari the other two.

Cippenham's other two teams playing in the same competition were not so successful. The men's second team started bottom of Division 4A but, after an improved performance compared to the first weekend, ended up one place higher having leapfrogged Ormesby 2. Samson Bekele replaced Steve Smith from the first weekend and he got Cippenham off to a good start in the opening match against BATTS 2, beating Zayd Mauthoor deuce in the fifth. Mike Rhodes also beat Mauthoor 3-0 but that was all Cippenham could muster and the final result was 4-2 in favour of the Harlow-based team. Samson and Mike both gained one win again in the second match but the result was the same, a 2-4 loss to Cirencester.

In the later Saturday match, Paul Baker found his form and his player-of-the-match performance beating both Michael Young and Gary Whyman brought Cippenham their first win of the weekend, 4-2 over Ormesby 2.

Sunday was better and started with a 3-3 draw with De Vere NETTS from north Essex. Paul was again Cippenham's star with two wins and he was aided by one from Mike that earned Cippenham a valuable point. Things were looking up and a great team performance saw Cippenham win their final encounter 4-2 against Draycott 4. Samson earned the

Veterans' British League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Men's Division 1B							
Cippenham 1	10	9	0	1	47	13	18
Team Ecosse	10	8	0	2	44	16	16
Foresters C	10	5	0	5	36	24	10
Wolves	10	5	0	5	30	30	10
Norwich	10	3	0	7	15	45	6
Draycott 2	10	0	0	10	8	52	0

Men's Division 4A							
BATTS 2	10	8	0	2	43	17	18
Cirencester TTC	10	6	2	2	36	24	14
De Vere N.E.T.T.S.	10	4	4	2	35	25	12
Draycott 4	10	2	3	5	26	34	7
Cippenham 2	10	2	1	7	22	38	5
Ormesby 2	10	1	2	7	18	42	4

Women's Division 2 (Stage 2-Bottom)							
Ellenborough 2	10	2	5	3	29	31	9
Milton Keynes	10	4	1	5	24	36	9
Lyncrest	10	2	3	5	24	36	7
Cippenham	10	0	3	7	19	41	4

Women's Division 2 (Stage 1)							
Foresters 2	7	6	0	1	31	11	12
Colleens	7	5	1	1	29	13	11
Sutton at Hone	7	4	1	2	25	17	9
Foresters 3	7	3	2	2	23	19	8
Lyncrest	7	1	3	3	18	24	5
Ellenborough 2	7	1	3	3	18	24	5
Milton Keynes	7	2	0	5	12	30	4
Cippenham	7	0	2	5	12	30	2

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham Men 1				
David Barr	9	18	16	89
Martin Adams	8	16	13	81
Andy Trott	6	12	9	75
Hari Gehlot	7	14	9	64

Cippenham Men 2				
Samson Bekele	5	10	5	50
Mike Rhodes	10	20	8	40
Paul Baker	10	20	6	30
Steve Smith	5	10	3	30

Cippenham Women				
Mary Heffernan	4	8	5	63
Julie Dean	8	16	6	38
Denise Weller	8	16	4	25
Sue Hayes	10	20	4	20

Results:

Cippenham Men 1	Cippenham Women
6-0 Draycott 2	1-5 Foresters 3
6-0 Norwich	0-6 Foresters 2
6-0 Wolves	2-4 Lyncrest
4-2 Foresters C	3-3 Ellenborough 2
4-2 Team Ecosse	2-4 Milton Keynes
Cippenham Men 2	
2-4 BATTS 2	
2-4 Cirencester TTC	
4-2 Ormesby 2	
3-3 De Vere N.E.T.T.S.	
4-2 Draycott 4	

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Junior teams miss out on titles



(l-r) Sandra Deaton (Chair, TTE); William Saint; Jaiden Caldeira; Jamie Woodford; Ken Phillips (npc)

Cippenham's two teams in the Junior British League were left disappointed when the competition concluded at Derby. Both teams led their divisions at the half-way stage after the autumn's first session and still led their divisions going into the final round of matches on Sunday afternoon. However, poor results from both teams led to them being demoted to the runners-up positions in their divisions.

The girls' team looked to have cemented their position at the top of Division 2 after the first day's play on Saturday. The team of Rachael Iles, Mia Lakhani and Anna Piercey started with a 6-0 win over Northern Girls although it was not as straight-forward as the result might suggest with three of the five sets requiring a deciding game. The next match against Halton was equally as impressive as Cippenham won 5-1 with Mia and Anna winning all their matches and all five of the Cippenham wins were by 3-0, an impressive performance. Saturday was completed with another 6-0 win against London Academy 2 yet, like the opening match of the day, three of the sets required a decider.

Sunday was less successful. It seemed to start well as Mia and Rachael won close matches against Parmis Ahsani and Jonabel Tagiobao respectively to put Cippenham 2-0 up in the opening match against Greenhouse. However, the team from the London-based charity fought back to level 2-2. Mia completed her player of the match performance by beating Anaiya Ali but Tagiobao was too strong for Anna and a point had been dropped.

Cippenham, though, still went into their final match against Ackworth leading their nearest challengers by a point. A draw would have given Cippenham the divisional title but the Yorkshire school-based team had other ideas and raced



(l-r) Sandra Deaton (Chair, TTE); Mia Lakhani; Anna Piercey; Rachael Iles; Ken Phillips (npc)

into a 4-0 lead, thereby claiming the divisional title for themselves. Mia did pull one back for Cippenham but the final result was 5-1 and Cippenham had to settle for the runners-up medals.

It was a similar story for the Cippenham boys' team in Division 5. Throughout the ten matches, over two weekends, the Cippenham team was unbeaten but drew six of those matches, winning only four. That was the nature of a closely-contested division in which twelve of the thirty matches played overall resulted in 3-3 draws.

The first match on Saturday resulted in one of those draws against Milton Keynes. All three Cippenham players, William Saint, Jamie Woodford and Jaiden Caldeira won one match each and Jamie failed narrowly in his quest for a second when he was beaten 3-2 by Benjamin Dunkley in the opening set. Saturday's results improved with a 5-1 defeat of St Mary's Spurs and 4-2 over Chelmsford. William was unbeaten across these two matches while Jamie won three times and Jaiden one in each match.

Sunday began with a match against Cippenham's nearest challengers for the title, Briar Cleeve Park. William was player of the match as his two wins secured Cippenham a 3-3 draw aided by Jamie's victory over Isaac Egginton.

If Cippenham could beat London Academy 2 in the final match then there was nothing Cleeve Park could do about it. Unfortunately, that did not happen as, while Cleeve Park were beating St Mary's Spurs 6-0 as expected, Cippenham were held to a 3-3 draw by third-placed London Academy 2. It all looked to be going Cippenham's way as William easily disposed of Parsa Yamin in the opening set but Jamie lost a close match against Fernando Frandes to make the score 1-1. Showing all their

Junior British League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boys' Division 5							
Briar Cleeve Park 1	10	6	2	2	38	22	14
Cippenham	10	4	6	0	35	25	14
London Academy 2	10	3	5	2	30	30	11
Milton Keynes TTC	10	2	5	3	29	31	9
Chelmsford 1	10	2	3	5	27	33	7
St. Mary's Spurs	10	1	3	6	21	39	5
Girls' Division 2							
Ackworth TTC	10	8	0	2	41	19	16
Cippenham	10	7	1	2	41	19	15
Greenhouse 1	10	6	2	2	40	20	14
Northern Girls	10	2	1	7	23	37	5
London Academy 2	10	2	1	7	18	42	5
Halton TTC	10	2	1	7	17	43	5

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham Boys				
William Saint	10	20	16	80
Jaiden Caldeira	10	20	13	65
Rachael Iles	10	20	6	30
Cippenham Girls				
Mia Lakhani	10	19	15	79
Anna Piercey	10	20	14	70
Rachael Iles	10	19	10	53

Results:

Cippenham Boys	Cippenham Girls
3-3 Milton Keynes TTC	6-0 Northern Girls
5-1 St Mary's Spurs	5-1 Halton TTC
4-2 Chelmsford 1	6-0 London Academy 2
3-3 Briar Cleeve Park 1	3-3 Greenhouse 1
3-3 London Academy 2	1-5 Ackworth TTC

fighting strength Cippenham responded with two very narrow wins, Jaiden over Janak Shah 11-9 in the fifth and then William over Frandes 12-10 also in the fifth game. However, Jaiden was no match for Yamin and Jamie failed against Shah at the end and the title was lost.

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player of the match award for his two wins against Tony Smith and Reza Kiani while Mike and Paul both beat Lee Baker.

The Cippenham ladies' team were less successful and gained only one point all weekend to finish bottom of Division 2. That point came on Sunday morning against Ellenborough 2 and was won courtesy of a brace from Mary Hefferman and one from Sue Hayes. Other results included defeats of 2-4 against Milton Keynes and Lyncrest, 1-5 against Foresters 3 and 0-6 against divisional champions Foresters 2.

NJL season concludes

In a remarkable example of consistency, all four Cippenham teams finished the season in second place in their divisions in the National Junior League. Across the four teams, eighteen players were given the chance to play for Cippenham during the season and gained valuable experience in this nationally-organised competition, the local rounds of which were all played at Cippenham.

The Cippenham A team finished second in Division 2 as they were in day three. On this fourth and final day's play

Cippenham beat Guildford A 9-0 and Kidlington Forum 6-3 but lost 2-7 to Kingfisher A and it was this defeat in the final match that saw Cippenham eclipsed for top spot by a single point and the Reading-based team claim top spot. George Driscoll got Cippenham off to the perfect start beating Matthew Gorby 3-0 and when Louis Alexander beat Advay Chopra 11-8 in the fifth the score stood 2-1 to Cippenham. Just one more set was required to give the hosts top spot in the division. However, it was not to be as the following six sets were all lost. Edward Meacock came

closest to pulling off that elusive final point when he lost deuce in the fifth to Chopra. Edward and Nick Carter had previously picked up player of the match awards in the first two winning matches.

For a fuller report please log on to the cippenhamttc.co.uk website

First Women & Girls' event

Following an initiative by the national governing body, Table Tennis England, and Sport England to encourage greater female participation in sport, Cippenham Table Tennis Club organised its first Women & Girls' 1-Star Open in February. While there were fewer contestants than the organisers would have liked, there was much good table tennis, played in a competitive yet friendly atmosphere, and those that came along enjoyed the experience.

The total entry was twenty players and that gave enough time for all of them to have two events each. The morning session included age-group events, one for under-21s and the other for over-21s. The afternoon brought all the players together in a completely open draw.

The final of the over-21 event was played out by the top two seeds and the match was very evenly contested. Three deuce games came and went before Ewelina Sychta just about managed to fight off the challenge of national women and girls' ambassador Sally Hughes by the narrow margin of two points in the fifth and deciding game.

The under-21 event went to Lowri Hurd who overcame the much higher-ranked Rachael Iles 3-1. Rachael had earlier defeated her Cippenham team-mate Anna Piercey 3-1 in the semi-final while Hurd's victory over Man Nga Chan proved a little more straight-forward.

The afternoon session proved to be a contest between the over-21s and the under-21s with the younger age group prevailing. The four finalists from the



Finalists in both U21 and Open: Rachael Iles and Lowri Hurd

morning's events were the top four seeds for the open event after lunch. All four made it to their appointed places in the semi-final draw but it was the youngsters that won through to the final. At the top half of the draw Lowri Hurd continued her great form beating top seed Ewelina Sychta 3-2 while second seed Rachael Iles came from behind to eliminate Sally Hughes 3-1. That set up a repeat of the under-21 final played four hours earlier and a repeat it was, Hurd again getting the better of Rachael 3-1.

The tournament was organised by Elena Tant and refereed by Sue Hayes.

Cippenham Women & Girls' 1-Star Open Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
OS	Lowri Hurd (Bd)	Rachael Iles (Bu)
O21S	Ewelina Sychta (Wo)	Sally Hughes (Sx)
U21S	Lowri Hurd (Bd)	Rachael Iles (Bu)
OC	Sarah Hudson (Bd)	Sylwia Pajac (Lon)
O21C	Sarah Hudson (Bd)	Sylwia Pajac (Lon)
U21C	Grave Liu (E)	Zoe Gunpot (Mi)

National Junior League (Day 4)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 2							
Kingfisher A	3	3	0	0	18	9	18
Cippenham A	3	2	0	1	17	10	17
Kidlington Forum	3	1	0	2	13	14	13
Guildford A	3	0	0	3	6	21	6
Division 4							
Ashford B	3	2	0	1	18	9	18
Cippenham B	3	2	0	1	17	10	17
Bourne End JSC B	3	2	0	1	17	10	17
Ashford D	3	0	0	3	2	25	2
Division 5							
Guildford B	3	3	0	0	20	7	20
Cippenham C	3	2	0	1	18	9	18
Chiltern C	2	0	0	2	4	14	4
Chiltern D	2	0	0	2	3	15	3
Division 6							
Ashford E	2	2	0	0	11	7	11
Cippenham D	2	1	0	1	9	9	9
Ashford F	2	0	0	2	7	11	7
Chiltern E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham A				
Nick Carter	8	24	14	58
Edward Meacock	9	27	15	56
George Driscoll	10	30	16	53
Louis Alexander	9	27	10	37
Cippenham B				
Charlie Cook	11	31	23	74
Samuel Wolfenden	8	22	12	55
Ankush Srinivas	12	34	10	29
Rishi Nanda	5	15	4	27
Cippenham C				
Bharath Prasanna Kumar	12	36	29	81
Sai Prasanna Kumar	12	36	18	50
Arjun Prasanna Kumar	10	30	12	40
Cameron Fyfe	2	6	0	0
Cippenham D				
Arjun Prasanna Kumar	1	3	3	100
Arman Hafeez	2	6	4	67
Aryan Sharma	9	27	14	52
Mateusz Skowera	2	6	3	50
Aarav Seth	10	29	13	45
Reeyan Sharma	5	14	5	36
Victor Harrit	4	11	1	9

Results:

Cippenham A	Cippenham B
6-3 Kidlington Forum	6-3 Bourne End JSC B
9-0 Guildford A	3-6 Ashford B
2-7 Kingfisher A	8-1 Ashford D
Cippenham C	Cippenham D
3-6 Guildford B	5-4 Ashford F
8-1 Chiltern D	4-5 Ashford E
7-2 Chiltern C	

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Weekend Diary

Mar 11	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Mar 12	National Cadet League (4)
Mar 18	Southern Region Cadet Qualifiers
Mar 19	Cippenham 5x2 Senior/Veterans' 1-Star
Mat 25/26	County Championships Senior Division 2
Apr 1/2	Senior British League (5)
Jun 17/18	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.

Another full entry for Team Open

The ever-popular Cippenham Team Open was once more oversubscribed. The maximum entry was reached a full thirteen days before the official closing date and so the maximum twenty-four teams of two players took to the tables for this unique event that combines a team event with the progressive knock-out format in which all the competing teams are ranked at the end of the day. Players arrived from as far afield as south Devon, Herefordshire, Norfolk and Worcestershire as well as many from the home counties.

The worthy winners were Alim Hirji and Garth Kinlocke playing as a team called "Grip It & Rip It". They did indeed grip the tournament and ripped their opponents apart with a flawless display that saw both players go through the day unbeaten. The only other player to remain unbeaten was Mollie Patterson who lived up to her ranking of sixth in England. However, her team-mate Daniel Allen could not match Patterson's success and their "Table for Two" team ultimately finished seventh.

The eventual finalists were The Urban Legends in the guise of Lucas Papantoniou and Tommy Gritton. Papantoniou went through the rounds unbeaten until he met Hirji in the final while Gritton was only one behind, having also lost to Ed Slot before he fell victim to Kinlocke as the final finished 2-0 in favour of Grip It & Rip It. Ed Slot had an equally impressive day as his only loss was sustained in the preliminary round group when Johnny Parker got the better of him.

The tournament was organised by Graham Trimming and refereed by Sue Hayes.

Weekday Timetable

Mon	18:00	Beginners' Coaching Group
	19:45	Advanced Coaching Group
Tues	19:15	Maidenhead League matches
	19:30	Practice tables
Weds	19:30	Elite Coaching Group
Thurs	19:15	Maidenhead League matches
	19:30	Practice tables

Fees Season 2022-23

	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
Maidenhead League Registration	£18.00	£9.00
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 (Thursday) (per session)	£6.00	£3.00
Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term)		£25.00
Coaching Fees (Wednesday) (per term)		£35.00



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Cippenham Team 1-Star Open Results

Winners: Grip It & Rip It: Alum Hirji & Garth Kinlocke
Runners-up: The Urban Legends: Lucas Papantoniou & Tommy Gritton

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