



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Boys win division; girls hold champions

The two Cippenham teams both enjoyed a successful weekend when the Youth British Clubs League season concluded at Derby Arena.

The girls' team, playing in the prestigious Premier Division finished in the same third place they occupied at the start of the weekend. Their tally was two wins, two draws and a solitary loss from five matches against the most powerful sides in the country. Ironically, the defeat came at the hands of the team immediately below them, while the two drawn matches were against the top two sides.

Cippenham were slow to start as their single defeat of the weekend came in the very first match, beaten by the local side Draycott. For Cippenham, Plymouth-based Alyssa Nguyen made a cracking start defeating both Mabel Shute and Eva Eccles. However, Rachael Iles lost the opener to Eccles in the deciding game while Mia Lakhani went even closer but just lost out 13-11 in the decider against Shute. Putting that disappointment aside, Cippenham then trounced bottom side Greenhouse, thrashing the London-based team 6-0 with the loss of only two games.

Saturday concluded with the first of the drawn games. Sophie Barcsai won twice for London Academy but all-round team effort from the Cippenham girls saw each win once to clinch a point 3-3. Rachael and Alyssa both beat Malih Baig, ranked five in England.

It got even tougher on Sunday morning as the opponents were champions Grantham College. Hannah Silcock, the rising star from Jersey who played for Cippenham in her younger years, could not be stopped but a terrific win for Rachael over England number two Ella Pashley and the other two Cippenham girls both defeating Hannah Saunders saw Cippenham pick up another valuable point in a 3-3 draw. The weekend concluded with a 6-0 demolition of Birmingham Academy.

The Cippenham boys' team were operating in the lower reaches but excelled in winning Division 5. Even though one



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match was lost, Cippenham players won each of the five player of the match awards, Louis Alexander in the first two and Sai Prasanna Kumar in the following three matches.

Louis got Cippenham off to a great start against Wood Green in the opening match. He won his two matches and then one each from the Prasanna Kumar brothers, Sai and Bharath, were enough to secure a 4-2 victory. Louis was again to the fore in the second match, his brace with one more added by Sai being enough to grab a point with a 3-3 draw against eBaTT 4.

Cippenham finished the first day with another welcome win, this time 5-1 over Grantham Academy 5. Only Bharath was defeated in this match and that was in the opening set.

The upset of the weekend came on Sunday morning, a 4-2 defeat against Ipswich-based Britannia. Sai won his two matches while Louis and Bharath both lost one encounter narrowly in the fifth game.

That defeat put Cippenham two points behind Crosby High B who they had to play in the last match of the season with only a win being good enough for Cippenham. Louis was off-key during this match and lost both his encounters and so it was left to the younger Prasanna Kumar brothers to step up and win the match for Cippenham. Both

won their opening encounters but when Louis lost the fourth set the score stood 2-2 with everything to play for. Sai, days after his twelfth birthday, then thrashed Jayden Chau, who had earlier beat Louis, 11-4, 11-4, 11-7. The scene was set for Bharath who needed to beat Dylan Innes-Wilkin for Cippenham to triumph as champions of the division. The score stood one game all but then Bharath edged in front by winning the third game 13-11, lost the next 10-12 and it was all set for a nail-biting finale. To his credit, Bharath kept his nerve and won the fifth end 11-9 to secure the title for Cippenham.

Trojans chase NWCA

Cippenham Trojans sit two points ahead of NWCA Bluejays in the Maidenhead League but have played a match more. However, the two team have to play each other twice in the run-up to the end of the season.

Maidenhead League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cippenham Trojans	17	14	2	1	119	51	119
NWCA Bluejays	16	14	0	2	117	43	117
Old Gords Harriers	16	7	3	6	83	77	83
Cippenham Saxons	17	6	2	9	78	92	78
Cookham Social Pumas	16	6	3	7	78	82	78
OLOP Bears	16	4	4	8	71	89	71
Cippenham Spartans	16	4	2	10	65	95	65
NWCA Sharks	16	1	2	13	39	121	39

Disappointing finish for women's team

The weekend started with so much promise, the Cippenham team in the Women's British Clubs League Division 1 sitting in second place within a group of three teams separated only by sets difference. However, any hopes of promotion to the Premier Division, the top tier of women's table tennis in Britain, slipped away with a disastrous run of results. One win and four defeats from the five matches during the final weekend of matches in Wolverhampton caused Cippenham to ultimately finish down in third place, seven points behind champions Worthing.

The opening encounter of the weekend was against Enfield-based Ellenborough. The 4-2 defeat had much to do with narrow defeats early in the match. Mia Lakhani was the first to suffer, 11-9 in the fifth and deciding game against Hurey Ahmetoglu, then Anna Piercey went the same way against Sanja Clements. Between those two defeats, an even closer match saw Rachael Iles just get the better of Sara Williams. Mia offered Cippenham some hope with a 3-0 win against Clements and so it was left to Anna to bring home a point in the

final match against Williams. The England number one veteran woman, though, got the better of Anna over five games and Ellenborough had triumphed 4-2.

It was almost a similar story in the second match against Ormeau. Another 4-2 defeat for Cippenham whose Irish opponents won all three encounters that went the distance of five games while both Mia and Rachael beat their number one player Sabina Devereux more comfortably.

Worthing, who won nine out of ten points during the weekend, proved just too strong in the final match on Saturday. Rachael and Mia narrowly lost out to Darcie Proud and Sally Hughes respectively in the opening two sets but then the team from the south coast stormed into a 5-0 lead before Mia beat Holly Holder for Cippenham's only win.

The only cheer for Cippenham came early on Sunday morning. Bottom team Byng Hall were swept aside 5-1 with Anna being adjudged player of the match for her two wins against Annabelle Baker and Jurate Brazaityte. Rachael also won her two matches and Cippenham won 5-1.

With Anna unable to continue through injury, the weekend concluded with



Women's British Clubs League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Worthing A	10	7	2	1	39	21	16
Halton TTC 1	10	7	1	2	39	21	15
Cippenham	10	3	3	4	30	30	9
Ellenborough TTC 1	10	4	1	5	27	33	9
Ormeau	10	3	2	5	24	36	8
Byng Hall TTC	10	0	3	7	21	39	3
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Rachael Iles	10	20	13	65			
Mia Lakhani	10	20	12	60			
Anna Piercey	9	18	5	28			
Results:							
2-4 Ellenborough TTC 1							
2-4 Ormeau							
1-5 Worthing A							
5-1 Byng Hall TTC							
1-5 Halton TTC 1							

another defeat, this time 5-1 against Halton with Rachael being the only winner for Cippenham.

Youth British Clubs League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boys' Division 5							
Cippenham	10	7	2	1	41	19	16
Crosby High TTC B	10	7	2	1	38	22	16
Britannis TTC	10	7	0	3	38	22	14
eBaTT 4	10	3	2	5	24	36	8
Grantham Academy 5	10	2	1	7	21	39	5
Wood Green	10	0	1	9	18	42	1
Girls' Premier Division							
Grantham College 1	10	7	2	1	47	13	16
London Academy 1	10	6	3	1	41	19	15
Cippenham	10	5	3	2	38	22	13
Draycott 1	10	5	1	4	35	25	11
Birmingham Academy	10	1	2	7	11	49	4
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Cippenham Boys							
Sai Prasanna Kumar	10	19	16	84			
Louis Alexander	10	20	13	65			
Bharath Prasanna Kumar	10	19	10	63			
Cippenham Girls							
Alyssa Bguyen	10	20	15	75			
Rachael Iles	10	20	14	70			
Mia Lakhani	10	20	9	45			
Results:							
Cippenham Boys				Cippenham Girls			
4-2 Wood Green				2-4 Draycott 1			
3-3 eBaTT 4				6-0 Greenhouse			
5-1 Grantham Academy 5				3-3 London Academy 1			
2-4 Britannia TTC				3-3 Grantham College 1			
4-2 Crosby High TTC B				6-0 Birmingham Academy			

Debutants show promise



It was a much better third day at the Cadet British Clubs League. After struggling to find players for day two, a whole new squad of five debutants was drafted in to make up the C team in Division 5 while a couple of players originally designated for the C team were promoted to the B team in Division 4.

However, it was the Cippenham A team that stole away the honours on the day, winning Division 3 and ensuring that they will finish the season in Division 2. Rohan Bhide once again led the way, winning all nine of his matches and consequently scooping the player of the match award for all three matches. Rohan was aided by Armaan Koteshwar and Nayan Yelkur who contributed five and four wins respectively. Cippenham lost the first match against Crusaders B

4-5 but then stormed back to beat Warren Spring A 8-1 and Ashford B 6-3.

The B team, however, found the going a little tougher narrowly losing all three matches but Yuvan Varshney excelled, winning seven of his nine individual matches and picking up two player of the match awards along the way. Saavan Hunjan and Ayush Kulkarni also contributed but Shreyas Wagle found it harder to win matches.

For a scratch side, Cippenham C performed well, finishing third in Division 5. Soham Chattopadhyay, Vivaan Dhankur and Ethan Yogesh Chavan all won two matches each, while Ayaan Zaib picked up one but Ayansh Venkat failed to win although only played in one of his team's matches.

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Veterans' teams all maintain positions

The Veterans' British Clubs League season concluded at Derby with all three Cippenham teams maintaining positions in the same division for next season although the men's second team came mightily close to securing one of the two promotion places.

The men's first team, hampered by the absence of Dave Barr and having to promote one player from the second team for each of their first two matches, were just aiming to maintain their status in Division 1. This was achieved after a weekend that saw them win one match, lose one and draw the other three.

The one defeat came early on against Foresters A despite Rob Hansell winning both of his matches. The solitary victory was against Wensum on Saturday evening while the other matches were all drawn.

The Cippenham men's second team were simultaneously operating in a closely-contested Division 3 in which just three points separated the top side from the highest of the relegated teams. Three teams finished on twelve points at the top of the division but, unfortunately for Cippenham, their slightly inferior sets aggregate pushed them down into third place in that threesome. Nevertheless, it was a great weekend for the team as they climbed up from fifth place with three victories and two draws from their five matches.

The Cippenham women's team were also in action in Derby and they maintained their sixth place, out of eight, that will be enough to secure their status in Division 2 for next season.

The weekend commenced with the two outstanding matches from phase one. Billwood put Cippenham to the sword 6-0 in the opening fixture but then the team of Mary Heffernan, Julie Dean and Denise Weller bounced back with a 3-3 draw against Drumchapel Glasgow, each contributing one win apiece.

The division then split into two halves with Cippenham placed in the bottom section. Julie was player of the match in the late Saturday 4-2 win over Northern Belles after two closely-fought wins over Linda Sanderson and Lynda Lo. Denise also beat Lo while Mary eased past Karen Aitkenhead.

This momentum continued into Sunday morning when the reverse fixture against Drumchapel Glasgow was won, this time, 4-2. Denise was Cippenham's hero with wins against Catherine O'Neill and Senga Thomson while Mary also beat Thomson and Julie also beat O'Neill. A feature of this match was that all six sets were won 3-0.

The weekend concluded with a defeat, 4-2 to Irish side Colleens. Mary and Denise won one each but Julie was unable to add to the score.

For a more comprehensive report, please visit the website:

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Veterans British Clubs League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Men's Division 1B							
Hurricane TT	10	8	2	0	44	16	18
Foresters A	10	7	0	3	32	28	14
Cippenham 1	10	3	4	3	31	29	10
Stocksbridge	10	2	4	4	26	34	8
Moberley TTC	10	1	5	4	26	34	7
Wensum	10	0	3	7	21	39	3

Men's Division 3B							
Norton Commandos	10	5	2	3	35	25	12
Topsin Fusion 2	10	4	4	2	33	27	12
Cippenham 2	10	5	2	3	32	28	12
Foresters F	10	4	2	4	30	30	10
Foresters D	10	3	3	4	26	34	9
St Georges 2	10	1	3	6	24	36	5

Women's Division 2—Stage 2							
Colleens	10	6	1	3	37	23	13
Cippenham	10	3	2	5	24	36	8
Northern Belles	10	1	2	7	19	41	4
Drumchapel Glasgow 1	10	0	3	7	20	40	3

Women's Division 2—Stage 1							
Foresters 3	7	5	1	1	29	13	11
WW Lightning	7	4	0	3	27	15	11
Billwood	7	4	2	1	26	16	10
Ashford	7	3	2	2	22	20	8
Colleens	7	3	1	3	22	20	7
Cippenham	7	1	2	4	14	28	4
Drumchapel Glasgow 1	7	0	3	4	16	26	3

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham Men 1				
Robert Hansell	5	10	7	70
Andy Trott	5	10	6	60
Martin Adams	10	20	10	50
Dave Barr	5	10	5	50
Hari Gehlot	2	4	2	50
Steve Joel	2	4	1	25
Paul Baker	1	2	0	0
Cippenham Men 2				
Steve Joel	8	16	13	81
Hari Gehlot	8	16	12	75
Samson Bekele	8	16	6	38
Paul Baker	6	12	1	8
Cippenham Women				
Mary Heffernan	10	20	9	45
Denise Weller	7	14	6	43
Julie Dean	9	18	7	39
Sue Hayes	4	8	2	25

Results:

Cippenham Men 1	Cippenham Women
4-2 Wensum	0-6 Billwood
3-3 Moberley TTC	4-2 Northern Belles
2-4 Foresters A	3-3 Glasgow Drumchapel 1
3-3 Stocksbridge	4-2 Glasgow Drumchapel 1
3-3 Hurricane TT	2-4 Colleens
Cippenham Mem 2	
4-2 St Georges 2	
3-3 Norton Commandos	
6-0 Foresters D	
3-3 Topsin Fusion 2	
4-2 Foresters F	

Cadet British Clubs League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 3—Round 3							
Cippenham A	3	2	0	1	18	9	18
Crusaders B	3	3	0	0	17	10	17
Ashford B	3	1	0	2	14	13	14
Warren Spring A	3	0	0	3	5	22	5
Division 4—Round 3							
Ashford C	3	3	0	0	15	12	15
Warren Spring B	3	2	0	1	15	12	15
Chiltern B	3	1	0	2	14	13	14
Cippenham B	3	0	0	3	10	17	10
Division 5—Round 3							
Crusaders C	3	2	0	1	20	7	20
Graham Spicer 7	3	3	0	0	19	8	19
Cippenham C	3	1	0	2	10	17	10

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham A				
Rohan Bhide	6	18	17	94
Armaan Koteswar	9	27	16	59
Anish Adapa	6	18	8	44
Nayan Yelkur	6	18	7	39
Cippenham B				
Yuvan Varshney	6	18	15	83
Nayan Yelkur	3	9	7	78
Ayush Kulkarni	6	18	9	50
Saavan Hunjan	1	3	1	33
Ignacy Jaraszek	6	18	5	28
Shreyas Wagle	2	6	0	0
Cippenham C				
Simon Powell	3	9	9	100
Saavan Hunjan	3	9	9	100
Yuvan Varshney	3	9	6	67
Shreyas Wagle	6	18	9	50
Soham Chattopadhyay	2	5	2	40
Vivaan Dhankhur	2	5	2	40
Ethan Yogesh Chavan	2	6	2	33
Ayaan Zaib	2	5	1	20
Ayansh Venkat	1	3	0	0

Results:

Cippenham A	Cippenham B
4-5 Crusaders B	2-7 Chiltern B
8-1 Warren Spring A	4-5 Ashford C
6-3 Ashford B	4-5 Warren Spring B
Cippenham C	
1-8 Crusaders C	
3-6 Graham Spicer 7	
6-3 Warren Spring C	

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Weekend Diary

Mar 1: Cippenham Women & Girls' 1-Star Open
Mar 7: County Championships Veterans Division
Mar 8: County Championships Veterans (Surrey)
Mar 15: Cadet British Clubs League (4)
Mar 21: Reading Closed Championships
Mar 22: Heathrow League (4)
Mar 28/29: Senior British Clubs League (4)
Apr 11: Maidenhead Closed Championships
Apr 12: Heathrow League (6)
May 17: Bucks Closed Championships

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 2025-26

	Full	Conc'n
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£20.00	£10.00
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£30.00	n/a
Junior British Clubs League registration	n/a	£13.00
Cadet British Clubs League registration	n/a	£13.00
Practice Fees	£4.50	£2.50
British Clubs Leagues match fees	£5.00	
Maidenhead League Match Fees	£4.50	£2.50
Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term)		£30.00
Coaching Fees (Wednesday) (per term)		£40.00



A couple of great photos by Mike Rhodes of Steve Joel and Mary Heffernan in action at the recent Veterans' British Clubs League weekend.



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