

England go down to Germany ... again!

European League champions Germany again proved their dominance over the rest of the continent with a 4-1 mauling of England at Cippenham Table Tennis Centre on October 28th.

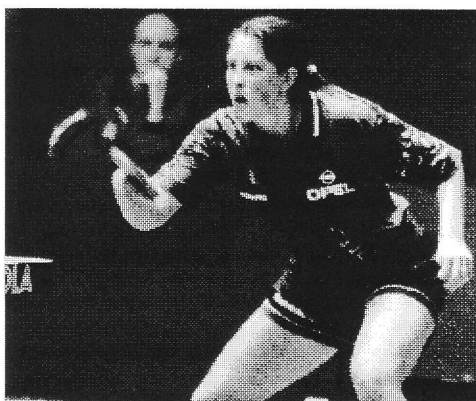
Having already qualified from their group for the semi-finals, Germany had the luxury of resting all of their top four established stars for this latest encounter with England. Into their team came Christina Fischer, normally a reserve to the top four, Cornelia Bottcher making only her second international appearance (the first was at Cippenham in January), and 17 year old debutant Tanya Hoffman.

England were without the ill Andrea Holt but were otherwise at full strength, with Lisa Lomas, Helen Lower and Nicola Deaton.

This was the third international match to be played at Cippenham in less than a year and was witnessed by a crowd approaching 100.

Although the result was 4-1 in the German's favour, the match was closer than the score suggests and might conceivably have gone to the home side. The loss of Holt was a severe blow as not only did it rob England of one of their more experienced players, but the team was also without its normal doubles pairing.

The match began with an exciting tussle between Nicola Deaton and Christina



Fischer. Deaton did extremely well to pull back from 15-20 down in the first game but could not win the deuce points. The second was also very tight, going to the German 23-21.

Lisa Lomas equalised the scoreline for England with a three game win over Cornelia Bottcher, but Helen Lower failed to impress with a below par performance against the determined Tanya Hofmann.

A doubles win for the Germans made it 3-1 and they wrapped it all up in the next match as Christina Fischer got the better of former European silver medallist Lisa Lomas in the most attractive match of the evening. On this occasion the defensive skills of Lomas were not quite able to overcome the power of Fischer.

Once again the Centre received much praise for the manner in which these matches are presented.



Germany's Cornelia Bottcher, in action at Cippenham

England 1; Germany 4

N Deaton l.t. C Fischer -20, -22
L Lomas bt C Bottcher 11, -19, 13
H Lower l.t. T Hofmann -17, -19
N Deaton & H Lower l.t. C Fischer & C Bottcher -20, -9
L Lomas l.t. C Fischer -19, 14 -16

Thank You

The Club wishes to record thanks to the following whose enormous help at the Germany match made the event so well organised:

**Ken Phillips, Jacquie Lovell
Mike Rhodes, Peter Hillier**

also Graham Trimming, Alec Watson, Roy Mitchell, Jackie Thomas, Claire Plumridge, Alan Farral, Muriel Hooker, Ben Beveridge, Jane Dickens, Emma Human, Gemma Chapman.



**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year**



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Jesper returns

Jesper Hougaard, who returned to his native Denmark in the summer, made a welcome return to Cippenham colours. Jesper stepped into the breach to play for his old club in the first weekend's matches in the Woolwich Junior British League. Jesper replaced Gareth Herbert who was selected to represent England in the Austrian Open over the same period.

Cippenham are getting quite a reputation now for being in overseas players. Jesper is the second import this season, following Kai Milvek who came across from Estonia specially to play for Cippenham in the Women's British League.

Who next ... Jan Ove Waldner?

Team changes

WJBL Boys I: add Jesper Hougaard
WJBL Boys II: delete Johnny Davidson
add Robert Hansell
WNJL Boys III: add Daniel Jacobs
Buccaneers: delete Hamid Bahader
Villains: add Hamid Bahader,
delete Dave Richards, Stephen Rule
Spartans: add Steve Dorrell

Honours shared at Handicap Tournament

The five main events at this season's annual Handicap Tournament on October 25th produced a maximum eight winners to the delight of the Club's Handicapping Committee of Ken Phillips, Rhys Evans and Graham Trimming who did a magnificent job equalising the prospects of all the competitors.

The Senior Handicap Singles produced a fantastic win for Frank Earis who being the highest ranked and most handicapped player in the tournament had to overcome massive starts against most of his opponents. The final between Frank and Jane Dickens was a memorable match as Frank overcame the loss of the first game and a huge deficit in the second to win that game 22-20 and the third by the narrow margin of 21-19.

The counterpart junior event was won by 11 year old Andrew ("Skip") Dickens who beat Josey McNamara in an entertaining final.

The Senior Doubles event was won by a junior pairing of Ben Beveridge and Claire Maher, while the Junior Doubles brought Tom Whale and David Hayes their first table tennis trophies.

The most intriguing event, as ever, was the Top 'n' Tail Doubles in which the top and the bottom players are paired. However, as is often the case, it was a middle pairing which won the event, namely Simon Parnell and James Read.

Overall, the competition proved very enjoyable to the record entry. This is the first time for three years that the handicap events have been divorced from the main Club Championship - so next April's event will not be so cluttered with events!

Results:

SHS: Frank Earis bt Jane Dickens
JHS: Andrew Dickens bt Josey McNamara
SHD: Ben Beveridge & Claire Maher bt
Armando Borges & Chris Dickens
JHD: David Hayes & Tom Whale bt Ross
Gibson & Daniel Whale
TTD: Simon Parnell & James Read bt
Andrew Dickens & Robert Hansell
Parents' Singles: Jan Chapman bt Chris
Dickens
Parents' Doubles: Jan Chapman & Richard
Smart bt Paul Savage & Jane Smart

Frank and Mike star for Veterans

Frank Earis and Mike Rhodes both played well for the Cippenham Veteran Men's team in the Veterans British League Division 4, played at Cippenham on 8/9 November.

Cippenham finished winning three of their five matches - a creditable performance in a very strong division. Frank had one of the wins of his life, beating Stuart Gibbs, once ranked number two in the country behind Denis Neale.!

Results:

Cippenham 4; Team Rawreth 2
Cippenham 2; Newbury Park 4
Cippenham 5; Seasiders II 1
Cippenham 4; Ashford 2
Cippenham 0; Ellenborough 6

Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Mike Rhodes	5	10	7	70%
Frank Earis	5	10	6	60%
Graham Trimming	5	10	2	20%

Results Round-Up

Peniel 5* Junior Open (6/7 Sep)

U17BS: Gareth Herbert, r/u
U12BS: Warren Brookes, r/u
U12GS: Gemma Chapman, r/u
U14BSCons: Robert Wilson, winner

Home Countries Internat'l (26-28 Sep)

MSCons: Gareth Herbert, winner

Clare Pengelly 3* Open (27/28 Sep)

WSBand1: Sue Collier, winner
MS: Neil Charles, r/u
MSBand4: Martin Rule, r/u
U21MS: Robert Pountney, r/u

VETTS Midlands Masters (4/5 Oct)

O40WS: Kai Milvek, winner
XD: Kai Milvek, winner
O60MSCons: John Lloyd, winner
O70WS: Georgia Veneer, r/u
O40WD: Kai Milvek, r/u
O60WD: Georgia veneer, r/u
O40WSCons: Jackie Thomas, r/u

Gloucester Junior 2* Open (26 Oct)

JGS: Gemma Chapman, winner
JGSGrade1: Gemma Chapman, winner

South of England Junior 3* (8/9 Nov)

U12BS: Warren Brooks, winner
U12GS: Gemma Chapman, winner

Five out of five for Cippenham in British League ...



The Cippenham team in Division 3 South of the British League has maintained its great start to the season. All the first five matches have been won and only Sue has yet tasted defeat twice.

October started with a routine 7-1 win at Horsham, although three sets did require a deciding game and two of these were very close. Only Steve Joel met with defeat on that day, surprisingly against Horsham's number two.

On 26th October came the toughest test yet. The Centre hosted a match between the top two teams in the division when Barnet II came to do battle. A thrilling match stood at 2-2 at the half way stage before Cippenham won all the remaining matches to win 6-2. There were good performances from Neil Charles and Steve Joel in this match.

Finally, Adeyfield were dispatched 7-1 in November after switching the venue. The return will now be played in Hertfordshire.

... And Five out of Five for National League Boys

New league, new team, familiar result. The Club's first team is top of the British League, the ladies are top of the Women's British League ... it follows that our boys' third team (*the top two compete in the Woolwich Junior British League*) will be a dominant force in the newly created Woolwich National Junior League.

Brilliant performances from Robert Hansell, Ben Beveridge and John Camilleri stormed Cippenham to the top of this league with an almost unblemished record when the first day's play was staged at our own Centre in October.

Eight boys teams are competing in the event and they will play each other three times over the four Saturdays throughout the season. The competition at Cippenham is being repeated in other areas around the country with the prize of a place in the Woolwich Junior British League awaiting all the area champion teams.

Cippenham has also entered another boys' team, comprised mainly of very young players, but with Steven Davies included to bring some additional experience. The are currently bottom of the group but as coach Ken Phillips says - they are the future!

A girls' team comprising Joanna Parker, Francesca Parnell, Claire Smart and Hannah Stone has also been entered but as yet there is insufficient opposition for the league to be commenced.

Results:

Cippenham III 6; Chalfont 1
Cippenham III 7; Milton Keynes 0
Cippenham III 7; Chesham "B" 0
Cippenham III 7; Chesham "A" 0
Cippenham III 7; Cippenham IV 0
Cippenham IV 0; Chalfont 7
Cippenham IV 2; Chesham "B" 5
Cippenham IV 0; Chesham "A" 7
Cippenham IV 3; Milton Keynes 4

League Table:

	P	W	F	A	Pts
Cippenham III	5	5	34	1	10
Chalfont	5	4	29	6	8
Chesham "A"	5	4	28	7	8
OLOP I	5	2	13	22	4
Chesham "B"	5	2	12	23	4
Milton Keynes	5	2	12	23	4
OLOP II	5	1	7	28	2
Cippenham IV	5	0	5	30	0

Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Robert Hansell	5	10	10	100%
John Camilleri	5	10	10	100%
Ben Beveridge	5	10	9	90%
Steven Davies	4	8	2	25%
Ross Drabble	4	8	1	13%
Thomas Mitchell	4	8	0	0%
David Hayes	3	6	0	0%

Report on November session next issue.

Cippenham 7; Horsham III 1

S Collier bt S Pound 18, 18
N Charles bt A Chambers 12, 8
M Rule bt S Watson 16, -15, 19
S Joel l.t. G Carter -18, -17
N Charles bt S Pound 13, 13
S Collier bt S Watson 12, 13
S Joel bt A Chambers 13, -17, 18
M Rule bt G Carter 18, -20, 8

Cippenham 6; Barnet II 2

N Charles bt D Seaholme 14, 9
S Collier l.t. J Dodd -16, 10, -13
S Joel bt T Waller -21, 14, 11
M Rule l.t. M Greenberg 17, -19, -13
N Charles bt J Dodd 14, 16
S Joel bt D Seaholme 11, -16, 14
S Collier bt M Greenberg 16, 16
M Rule bt T Waller 19, 19

Cippenham 7: Adeyfield Kompass 1

N Charles bt N Swift 11, 11
S Collier l.t. J Holland -10, -12
S Joel bt M Boardman 20, -17, 9
M Rule bt C Marlow -13, 14, 19
N Charles bt J Holland 16, 19
S Joel bt N Swift 15, 18
S Collier bt C Marlow 11, 14
M Rule bt M Boardman 17, -14, 17

Woolwich Junior British League report will appear next month.

Players Averages

	M	P	W	Av
Neil Charles	5	10	9	90%
Sue Collier	4	8	6	75%
Steve Joel	5	10	9	90%
Kimber Choda	1	2	1	50%
Martin Rule	4	8	7	87%
Mike Rhodes	1	2	2	100%

Club of the Year - Again!

For the second successive year Cippenham has been nominated by the English Table Tennis Association as its Club of the Year - for entry into a competition organised by the Central Council for Physical Recreation, and sponsored by the Foundation for Sports and the Arts.

The top prize is £10,000 - here's hoping!

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December/January Weekend Diary

December

- Sat 6th 9.00am Cippenham Cadets 3-Star Open
Sun 7th 9.00am Bucks Junior Inter-League
Sat 13th 2.00pm Bucks county match
Sun 14th 9.00am Southern Region Junior Training Day
Sun 21st 9.00am Bucks Junior/Veterans Closed Championships
Sat 27th 11.00am Leach Cup zone matches
Sun 28th 2.00pm British League v. KCD Stiga II

January

- Sun 4th 9.00am Berkshire Closed Championships
Sun 11th 9.00am Bucks Mens Inter-League 2nd Half
Sun 18th 9.00am Southern Region Junior Training
6.00pm British League v. Byng Hall II
Sat 24th 9.00am Bucks Cadet Inter-League
Sun 25th 12.30pm Slough Woolwich Junior League

Weekday Diary for December

Mon 5.30 Advanced Coaching
7.30 Excellence Coaching

Tues 5.00 Beginners' Coaching
7.15 League Matches
7.30 Practice Tables

Thurs 5.00 Beginners' Coaching
7.15 League Matches
7.30 Practice Tables

Bar Opening Times

Tuesday & Thursday
9pm - 11pm

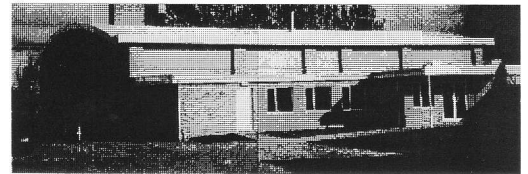
Further Dates For Your Diary

Feb 7	Veterans County Div 1B Session	Mar 28	Woolwich National Junior League
Feb 8	Berks Inter-Town Junior/Cadet	Mar 29	SR Junior Training Day
Feb 14	Woolwich National Junior League	Apr 4	Cippenham Junior 3 Star Open
Feb 15	Slough Woolwich Junior League	Apr 18	Club Championships
Feb 28	Cippenham Veterans 2 Star Open	Apr 19	Slough Woolwich Junior League
Mar 1	Bucks Veterans Inter-League Playoff	Apr 25	Cippenham Grand Prix 2 Star Open
Mar 14/15	Veterans British League Div 4/5	May 10	SR Junior Training Day
Mar 21/22	Slough Closed Championships	May 16/17	National Junior/Cadet Masters

Your Newsletter

Some recent events have not yet been reported in this Newsletter - they will be covered in the January issue. The reason - computer failure - this Newsletter started life as the November issue but was incomplete at the time that Graham suffered a computer malfunction!

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