



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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October has been a very busy month with all four sections of the British League getting underway as did the National Junior League and, of course, the Maidenhead League

## Solid starts for both SBL teams



The new Senior British League table tennis season commenced at the start of October with, this year, two teams representing Cippenham. In addition to the established first team, comprising the same four players as last season plus Shae Thakker, a new second team has been entered. This second team is made up entirely of junior players and will help the club's younger players bridge the gap between junior and senior table tennis. Both teams acquitted themselves well during the first weekend with the first team winning three of its four matches while the second team won twice.

The first team, playing in National Division B-4, started with a 6-3 victory over Fusion 4 for whom their number one player, Tanyi Yu, contributed both his singles sets and the doubles. For Cippenham, Martin Gray and Shae Thakker, playing at three and four respectively in the team, won twice while Robert Hansell, elevated to number one this season after his incredible run of success last season, and Martin Adams won one each. Shae dropped his first game to Francesco Bonato before winning 3-1 while all the other six sets that came Cippenham's way were 3-0. Martin Gray was awarded player of the match.

WCBTT were Cippenham's opponents on Saturday afternoon. Martin Adams lost the opening set of the match to Joe Ratajczak but from then on Cippenham went on a romp, eventually winning 8-1. Only Tom Lewis, who took Martin Gray to duce in the deciding game, offered much resistance.

For the matches on Sunday, Martin Gray, who had won all four matches on Saturday, was replaced by Steve Munson. The first four encounters in the opening match against Westfield were shared, Robert and Shae easily accounting for Nicole Bird and Matthew Horrocks respectively, but losses for Martin Adams, against Roumen Stefanov, and Steve, against Kevin Bird, left the score at 2-2. However, Cippenham



Shae Thakker

upped their game and won the remaining five sets with the loss of only two games to take the points with a 7-2 victory. Robert, who won his two matches comfortably, was named player of the match as he had also been on Saturday afternoon.

Sitting top of the table after three matches, confidence was high but that was to come tumbling down against Somerset Sabres in the final match of the weekend. Only Shae, with a 3-0 win over Marcus Holba, scored for Cippenham in an 8-1 defeat. Shae was Cippenham's most successful player during the weekend, winning seven of his eight individual matches, but that defeat dropped Cippenham down to third place in the table and elevated Somerset up to second.

The new young second team were allocated into National Division C-5 and, like the first team, will play all their matches at Cippenham this season as the local club has been selected to host both divisions.

Their weekend commenced with a match against Foresters 3. The match began with a nervous Cippenham team losing all the first three sets even though they were not outclassed. Cippenham's first taste of success came just after as Rachael Iles easily beat Berry Cheer but the next two sets, the doubles and William Saint's singles against Lewis Mayhew were lost and the points were gone. However, Cippenham rallied and Jamie Woodford, on his sixteenth birthday, beat Sarah Hilditch, Rachael lost narrowly against



Jamie Woodford & Jaiden Caldeira

Yakup Yildizlar before Jaiden Caldeira secured his first win against Cheer to make the final result 6-3 to Foresters.

In the afternoon Cippenham were faced with local rivals Kingfisher 2 from Reading. This time Cippenham got off to a better start with William beating Dmitry Khakhamov, Rachael beating Tejas Mungale and Jaiden getting the better of Jamie Barlow. Interspersed with this was a loss for Jamie against the more experienced Gary Morgan but Cippenham were 3-1 up after the first round of singles. The doubles was lost but William restored Cippenham's advantage with a narrow win over Morgan. Khakhamov reduced the arrears for Kingfisher against Rachael but Jamie made sure that his team collected their first league points of the season beating Barlow. The final score was 5-4 to Cippenham after Jaiden lost a very close match against Mungale.

Anna Pierce replaced Rachael for Sunday's matches and the results followed a similar pattern to the previous day. In the morning Cippenham lost 6-3 to Cardiff City having again lost the first three singles. Jaiden then beat Rhys Fidler and Cippenham's other successes came later on when Jamie beat Evan O'Connor and Anna beat Fidler.

A very satisfactory weekend ended on an extreme high with an excellent 8-1 victory over Horsham Spinners 3. The only set to elude Cippenham came when Anna lost to Roger Pingram, otherwise it was a clean sweep for Jamie,

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## Solid start for young first team



Cippenham's two teams made the trip to Wolverhampton to take part in the first weekend of the new season of the Women's British League. For this year, the two teams have swapped places as the improving youngsters have now overtaken the more experi-

### Senior British League *cont'd*

William and Jaiden. The match was not without its controversy, however, as referee Ken Phillips, having shown a plethora of yellow and red cards to Leo Veinsreider throughout the weekend for various misdemeanours, finally disqualified the Horsham player during his match against William after an altercation during which Veinsreider claimed an edge-ball, something that not even his own team-mates supported.

### Senior British League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>National Division B-4</b>							
Foresters 1	4	4	0	0	25	11	8
Somerset Sabres	4	3	0	1	28	8	6
Cippenham 1	4	3	0	1	22	14	6
Fusion 4	4	3	0	1	20	16	6
Portsea	4	1	0	3	16	20	2
WCBTT	4	1	0	3	14	22	2
Birmingham TTA 1	4	1	0	3	11	25	2
Westfield	4	0	0	4	8	28	0
<b>National Division C-5</b>							
Cardiff CCTTC	4	4	0	0	30	6	8
Foresters 3	4	4	0	0	23	13	8
Newton Abbot TTC	4	2	0	2	22	14	4
Kingfisher 2	4	2	0	2	19	17	4
Cippenham 2	4	2	0	2	19	17	4
Haywards Heath	4	2	0	2	13	23	4
Generation 2	4	0	0	4	11	25	0
Horsham Spinners 3	4	0	0	4	7	29	0

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Cippenham 1</b>				
Martin Gray	2	4	4	100
Shae Thakker	4	8	7	88
Robert Hansell	4	8	5	63
Martin Adams	4	8	3	38
Steve Munson	2	4	1	25
<b>Cippenham 2</b>				
Jamie Woodford	4	8	5	63
Jaiden Caldeira	4	8	5	63
William Saint	4	8	4	50
Rachael Iles	2	4	2	50
Anna Piercey	2	4	2	50

#### Results:

Cippenham 1	Cippenham 2
6-3 Fusion 4	3-6 Foresters 3
8-1 WCBTT	5-4 Kingfisher 2
7-2 Westfield	3-6 Cardiff CCTTC
1-8 Somerset Sabres	8-1 Horsham Spinners 3

enced players and, as designated now as the club's first team, taken their place in Division 3.

The youngsters' improvements showed in their results. Rachael Iles, Mia Lakhani and Anna Piercey comprised the same team as had operated, with success, in the Junior British League the previous weekend. This time they won two and drew two of their five matches and are handily placed third in Division 3 with two of the weaker sides still to play when the first stage of the competition completes in the new year.

Cippenham 1 made a storming start to the weekend, beating Greenwich-based Youngs TTC 6-0 in their opening fixture and then followed this up with a 4-2 win over North Essex. Anna was unbeaten over the two matches, losing just one game out of thirteen, and deservedly pick up the player of the match award on both occasions.

Cippenham number one, Rachael, was the star player in the later Saturday match against Loop Dublin. Rachael was imperious as she beat Ikuko McMahon and Nives Golun, both in straight games as she led her side to a 3-3 draw. Anna was the other winner for Cippenham, beating McMahon in the final set to clinch a league point for her team.

Sunday started with another 3-3 draw, this time against St Neots. This match was unusual in that all six players across both teams won one and lost one match each. Cippenham led 3-0 at the half-way stage but disappointingly lost all the following three encounters. Nevertheless, Mia was named as the player of the match. The final match of the weekend, against the division leaders Ellenborough resulted in a 6-0 defeat against a strong team representing the Enfield-based club.

Meanwhile, Cippenham's longer established team, now designated as the second team, were playing in Division 4. They finished the first half of the season in fourth place, having won one and drawn one of their five matches. Mary Heffernan was by far the most successful player for Cippenham, winning six of her eight individual matches, and being named as player of the match on two occasions. Lucie Bouron weighed in with three wins whilst Julie Dean only managed two and team captain Denise Weller one but from only four matches.

Greenhouse were Cippenham's first

### Women's British League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division 3</b>							
Ellenborough	5	5	0	0	27	3	10
St Neots TTC	5	3	2	0	23	7	8
Cippenham 1	5	2	2	1	16	14	8
Loop Dublin	5	2	1	2	17	13	5
N.E.T.T.S.	5	2	1	2	15	15	5
Graham Spicer	5	2	0	3	11	19	4
Youngs TTC	5	1	0	4	7	23	2
Halton TTC 3	5	0	0	5	4	26	0

#### Division 4

Greenhouse 1	5	4	1	0	21	9	9
Worthing TTC	5	3	2	0	18	12	8
Jersey	5	2	1	2	16	14	5
Cippenham 2	5	1	1	3	12	18	3
Sutton	5	1	1	3	12	18	3
Drumchapel Glasgow 3	5	1	0	4	11	19	2

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Cippenham 1</b>				
Rachael Iles	5	10	6	60
Anna Piercey	5	10	6	60
Mia Lakhani	5	10	4	40
<b>Cippenham 2</b>				
Mary Heffernan	4	8	6	75
Lucie Bouron	5	10	3	30
Denise Weller	2	4	1	25
Julie Dean	4	8	2	25

#### Results:

Cippenham 1	Cippenham 2
6-0 Youngs TTC	2-4 Greenhouse 1
4-2 N.E.T.T.S.	1-5 Jersey
3-3 Loop Dublin	4-2 Drumchapel Glasgow 3
3-3 St Neots TTC	2-4 Worthing TTC
0-6 Ellenborough	3-3 Sutton

opponents on Saturday morning. Julie and Mary won one each in a 2-4 defeat, both having beaten Parmis Ah-sani. Mary was rested for the next match against Jersey in which Denise secured Cippenham' only win in a 1-5 reversal. There was a change of fortunes in the third match as the Cippenham second team beat Drumchapel Glasgow third team 4-2. Cippenham went 3-0 up before Drumchapel brought the score back to 3-2. However, Mary earned her player of the match award with the completion of her brace whilst beating Megan Mulhern.

One win apiece from Mary and Lucie were not enough against Worthing on Sunday morning as the south-coast side ran out 4-2 winners. The weekend finished on a brighter note as Cippenham shared the spoils with Sutton at Hone 3-3. Once again, Mary was the star winning her two matches against Heidi Smith and Helen Shields with consummate ease before Lucie grabbed a point for her team with a 3-1 win over Smith.



## Both teams top their divisions



Both Cippenham teams made excellent starts to the new Junior British League table tennis season as both completed the first half of the season top of their respective divisions. All the matches were staged at the impressive Derby Arena.

The boys' team were operating in Boys' Division 5 and this turned out to be an ultra-competitive division in which all fifteen matches played between the six teams resulted in a scoreline of either 4-2 or 3-3. Happily, Cippenham's results were at the better end of this with two 4-2 victories and three 3-3 draws. Jamie Woodford and William Saint were outstanding claiming two player of the match awards each while Jaiden Caldeira helped his team's cause with two important wins.

The first opponents on Saturday morning were Bribar Cleeve Park. William, playing in the number one position, led his team well with two individual wins while Jamie and Jaiden both beat the Sidcup-based team's number three player. The other two matches on Saturday were drawn 3-3. The lunchtime fixture was against London Academy 2. Jamie and William gave Cippenham a 2-0 lead with two extremely close encounters. London stormed back to equalise 2-2 only for Jamie to complete his brace to give Cippenham a share of the points. Chelmsford provided the opposition for the late afternoon match and this followed a very similar pattern. William and Jamie put Cippenham 2-0 up, again getting the better of their opponents after very closely fought matches, but the Essex team bounced back to go 3-2 up. Once again, it was Jamie who rose to the challenge to secure Cippenham a point with a 3-1 win over Saul Chivers.

Sunday morning saw Cippenham back to winning ways with a 4-2 success against Hull-based St Marys Spurs. William and Jamie both won twice for Cippenham although, once again, the contests were tight especially their matches against the Saints number one Luke Hodgson. The weekend finished with yet another 3-3 draw, this time against Milton Keynes in a real team effort that saw all three Cippenham players taste success with a win apiece.

Demonstrating the closeness of the matches, nine of Cippenham's seventeen individual victories were won by the narrow score of 3-2.



**The Cippenham teams: (l-r) Rachael Iles; Mia Lakhani; Anna Piercey; Ken Phillips (npc); Jamie Woodford; Jaiden Caldeira; William Saint**

Meanwhile, in the same hall, the Cippenham girls' team were establishing a narrow lead at the top of Girls' Division 2. Over the weekend, all three girls earned player of the match awards with Rachael Iles being named twice, Mia Lakhani and Anna Piercey once each. This division was not as highly competitive as the boys' division and Cippenham stroled to victory in their first four matches.

Saturday morning started with a 4-2 with over Halton. The Widnes-based team is a bit of a powerhouse in north-west England but, nevertheless, could field only two players for this match. Two wins for Rachael, together with the two walkovers, were sufficient to provide Cippenham with both league points. In the lunchtime fixture, two wins apiece by Rachael and Mia, backed up by one for Anna, gave Cippenham a reasonably straight-forward 5-1 win over Northern Girls and the same format provided a further 5-1 win over Ackworth in the later match.

Come Sunday and it was Anna who scored two in the 4-2 win over London Academy 2 while Rachael and Mia both lost out to the opposition number one, Lianna Shilani Tousi. These four straight wins saw Cippenham top of the table, a position they retained despite losing their final match 4-2 against Greenhouse. Rachael and Mia both won for Cippenham but, unfortunately, Anna was defeated in the all-important match against the London club's num-

### Junior British League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boys' Division 5							
Cippenham	5	2	3	0	17	13	7
London Academy 2	5	1	4	0	16	14	6
Bribar Cleeve Park 1	5	2	1	2	15	15	5
Chelmsford 1	5	1	2	2	14	16	4
St Marys Spurs	5	1	2	2	14	16	4
Milton Keynes TTC	5	0	4	1	14	16	4
Girls' Division 2							
Cippenham	5	4	0	1	20	10	8
Ackworth TTC	5	4	0	1	19	11	8
Greenhouse 1	5	3	0	2	19	11	6
London Academy 2	5	2	1	2	14	16	5
Halton TTC	5	1	1	3	10	20	3
Northern Girls	5	0	0	5	8	22	0
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Boys							
Jamie Woodford	5	10	8	80			
William Saint	5	10	7	70			
Jaiden Caldeira	5	10	2	20			
Girls							
Rachael Iles	5	10	8	80			
Mia Lakhani	5	9	6	67			
Anna Piercey	5	9	4	44			

<b>Results:</b>	
<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
4-2 Bribar Cleeve Park 1	4-2 Halton TTC
3-3 London Academy 2	5-1 Northern Girls
3-3 Chelmsford 1	5-1 Ackworth TTC
4-2 St Marys Spurs	4-2 London Academy 2
3-3 Milton Keynes TTC	2-4 Greenhouse 1

Due to the intense amount of activity in October and the resultant lack of space this month, the reports of the first weekend of the Veterans' British League and Day 1 of the National Junior League have been held over until next month.

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## Weekend Diary

Nov 5	County Championships O60 Div 2B
Nov 6	National Cadet League (1)
Nov 19	National Junior League (2)
Nov 27	National Cadet League (2)
Dec 3/4	Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open
Dec 10/11	Senior British League (2)
Dec 17	County Championships O60 Div 2B
Jan 7	Reading League Handicap Competition
Jan 8	National Cadet League (3)
Jan 14	Senior British League (3)
Jan 21	National Junior League (3)
Jan 29	Berkshire Inter-Town
Feb 19	Cippenham Team 1-Star Open
Feb 25	National Junior League (4)
Feb 26	Cippenham Women & Girls 1-Star Open
Mar 5	Reading Closed Championships
Mar 11	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Mar 12	National Cadet League (4)
Mar 18	Southern Region Cadet Qualifiers
Apr 1/2	Senior British League (5)

## Weekday Timetable

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

## Fees Season 2022-23

	<b>Full</b>	<b>Conc'n</b>
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



## Congratulations, Steve

Great news—Steve Smith, who started his career in officiating at Cippenham and, despite now living in Birmingham, still plays for us in VBL, has recently qualified as an International Referee.

Steve completed the International Referee School in Helsinki, which was delayed because of the pandemic. It comprised a four-day seminar, including a written exam and interview, leading to the qualification, and was presided over by Werner Thury, Chair of the ITTF Umpires and Referees Committee and Referee for the table tennis events at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

It is an elite list that Steve now joins with just four other English names on the list of International Referees.

Steve was quick to pay tribute to those, including Mick Strode at Cippenham, who have given him encouragement along the way and said "Not forgetting where I've come from, the club where I started my refereeing journey will aptly be the first venue that I referee at with my new qualification, as I will be the referee for the Cippenham Junior 4\* in early December".



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