



CIPPENHAM NEWS

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Team 2 Division C-5 runners-up

It was mission accomplished for both Cippenham teams as the Senior British League season concluded. For the first team, the priority was to retain sixth position in the National Division A-2 table and thereby avoid relegation back to Division B from where they had been promoted last season as champions. The Cippenham second team had their sights at the other end of their table in a quest to retain second place in Division C-5 and earn the runners-up medals.

The opening matches on Saturday morning were quite a contrast. While the first team were up against eventual divisional champions Woodford Wells, the second team had a much easier task against Generation 2 who failed to win a match all season. Those matches ran true to form with the first team losing 8-1 and the second team winning 7-2. Tom Windram's win over Zoltan Hosszu was the first team's only success while William Saint, Jamie Woodford and Jaiden Caldeira all bagged braces and Anna Piercey added another in the second team's winning performance.

Things, though, really came to a head on Saturday afternoon. Both teams had what appeared at the time to be "must win" matches and both teams faced opposition from the Horsham Spinners club. After the first round of singles, both scores stood at 2-2 and six of those eight sets had gone the distance to a deciding game.

Martin Gray opened up for the Cippenham first team against the Horsham first team with a 12-10 fifth-game win over Jacob Evans and then Rob Hansell suffered a loss by the same score despite being two games and 10-7 up in the third when an unfortunate stray ball into his court led to a disputed "let call". Tom Windram then lost 11-8 in the fifth against Rory Scott before Martin Adams secured an easier 3-0 victory over Ugur Saglik.

The Cippenham second team, up against Horsham thirds got off to a great start when Jamie Woodford beat Graham Beaney 3-1. However, the next two matches, William Saint against Dean Rose and Anna Piercey against Josef



Krakovsky, were both lost in five before Jaiden Caldeira evened up the score with a nail-biting 12-10 fifth-game success against Oli Thorne.

Cippenham then won both doubles matches and both teams found themselves 3-2 up. The next three singles matches went 2-1 against Cippenham on both sides of the hall and so both matches were now squared at 4-4. The tension was high! Tom Windram faced Saglik in the top match while Anna Piercey was faced with Thorne in the lower division. Both matches went 1-0, 1-1, 1-2, 2-2 with both fourth games won at deuce. To the delight of the Cippenham contingent in their own hall, Tom and Anna both won the important fifth games to secure two vital league points for their teams.

Both teams had matches against high-flyers on Sunday morning. The first team did well against second-placed Wensum to recover from 3-0 down to 3-3 but then ran out of steam and lost 6-3. The second team gave divisional winners Joola Plymouth 2 an enormous fright, going 4-3 up with two wins from Jamie and one apiece from William and Anna before succumbing 5-4.

The final matches of the season saw the

Cippenham first team pitched against Joola Plymouth's first team and an evenly-matched contest saw Cippenham eventually lose 5-4. The Cippenham second team were faced with having to match Bristol Associates' result in order to stay ahead of the west country side and clinch second position in the division. However, Bristol were up against Plymouth, already divisional champions, and lost 8-1 and so it really did not matter what Cippenham did. To their credit, they brushed aside a formidable Newton Abbot team 6-3 with all their team members contributing and Jaiden excelling with two good wins.



Since doubles was introduced into the Senior British League format some years ago, Robert Hansell and Martin Adams have secured many vital wins together for Cippenham.

Cippenham A drop to third place

The National Cadet League season concluded with Cippenham's two teams sharing mixed results.

Cippenham A, who had finished second in Division 1 after all three previous days, looked set to do likewise but a final match 6-3 defeat to Kingfisher A saw them slump to third, two points behind their opponents. Kingfisher had Rishaan Sawant, playing for the first time this season, to thank for this result as he beat all three Cippenham players, Bharath Prasanna Kumar, Bharat's younger brother Sai, and Aarav Seth. Cippenham, hitherto, had made an impressive start to the day with two 5-4 victories over Rosehill and league champions Graham Spicer A. Against

Rosehill, it was Bharath who won the three, picking up the inevitable player of the match award while Sai won twice. The roles were reversed against Spicers with Sai winning three times and Bharath just failing 14-12 in the fifth against Kei Yin Ng.

Cippenham B lost to Ashford D 5-4 in the opening match, then beat Chiltern B 8-1, before losing their final match 6-3 to divisional winners Basingstoke.

Over the season Bharath won 32 of his 36 individual matches while Sai won 24. For the B team, Daniel Brazil recorded the best average with 22 wins from 36 while Christopher Farrell won exactly half of his matches.

National Cadet League (Round 4)							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Graham Spicer A	3	2	0	1	18	9	18
Kingfisher A	3	2	0	1	15	12	15
Cippenham A	3	2	0	1	13	14	13
Rosehill	3	0	0	3	8	19	8
Division 6							
Basingstoke	3	3	0	0	18	9	18
Cippenham B	3	1	0	2	15	12	15
Ashford D	3	2	0	1	15	12	15
Chiltern B	3	0	0	3	6	21	6
Players' Averages (cumulative):							
	M	P	W	Av			
Cippenham A							
Bharath Prasanna Kumar	12	36	32	89			
Sai Prasanna Kumar	12	36	24	67			
Aarav Seth	12	36	0	0			
Cippenham B							
Daniel Brazil	12	36	22	61			
Christopher Farrall	12	36	18	50			
Yaseen Abdelbary	12	36	8	22			
Results:							
Cippenham A				Cippenham B			
5-4 Rosehill				4-5 Ashford D			
5-4 Graham Spicer A				8-1 Chiltern B			
3-6 Kingfisher A				3-6 Basingstoke			

Senior British League							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
National Division A-2							
Woodford Wells TTC 1	14	13	0	1	84	42	26
Wensum 1	14	12	0	2	88	38	24
Finsbury	14	9	0	5	72	54	18
Horsham Spinners 1	14	8	0	6	61	65	16
Joola Plymouth 1	14	5	0	9	62	64	10
Cippenham 1	14	4	0	10	52	74	8
Kingfisher 1	14	3	0	11	40	86	6
Ellenborough 1	14	2	0	12	45	81	4
National Division C-5							
Joola Plymouth 2	14	13	0	1	97	29	26
Cippenham 2	14	10	0	4	74	52	20
Bristol Associates	14	9	0	5	68	58	18
Newton Abbot TTC	14	7	0	7	65	61	14
Isle of Wight 1	14	6	0	8	63	63	12
Horsham Spinners 3	14	6	0	8	60	66	12
Gwent TTC	14	5	0	9	59	67	10
Generation 2	14	0	0	14	18	108	0
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Cippenham 1							
Shae Thakker	2	4	2	50			
Robert Hansell	14	28	13	46			
Martin Adams	14	28	11	39			
Tom Windram	12	23	9	39			
Martin Gray	6	12	4	33			
Steve Munson	8	15	2	13			
Cippenham 2							
Rachael Iles	2	4	4	100			
Jamie Woodford	14	28	19	68			
Mia Lakhani	4	8	5	63			
Jaiden Caldeira	14	28	17	61			
William Saint	14	28	16	57			
Louis Alexander	2	4	2	50			
Anna Piercey	6	12	4	33			
Results:							
Cippenham 1				Cippenham 2			
1-8 Woodford Wells TTC 1				7-2 Generation 2			
5-4 Horsham Spinners 1				5-4 Horsham Spinners 3			
3-6 Wensum 1				4-5 Joola Plymouth 2			
4-5 Joola Plymouth 1				6-3 Newton Abbot TTC			



Bharath Prasanna Kumar—32 wins out of 36 in NCL this season

Cippenham ranked seventh nationally, second in area

In an unofficial ranking of English table tennis clubs, based on finishing positions in the four (senior; women; juniors; veterans) sections of the British League, Cippenham are placed seventh nationally and second in the new South East Area that comprises Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey and Sussex.

One point was awarded to the team at the bottom of each of the six sections (SBL; WBL; VBL (men); VBL (women); JBL (boys); JBL (girls)), two points for the next to bottom teams and so on until the number of points awarded for top position equaled the number of teams in that section.

National (England):		
Club	Town	Pts
Draycott & Long Eaton	Draycott	753
Fusion	London	741
Ormesby	Middlesbrough	481
Foresters	Crawley	474
BATTS	Harlow	373
London Academy	London	354
Cippenham	Slough	353
Brighton	Brighton	340
Urban	Barnet	328
Greenhouse	London	326

Area (South East):		
Club	Town	Pts
Foresters	Crawley	474
Cippenham	Slough	353
Brighton	Brighton	340
Horsham Spinners	Horsham	207
Kingfisher	Reading	196
New House	Sittingbourne	137
Graham Spicer	New Malden	132
Milton Keynes	Milton Keynes	120
Worthing	Worthing	106
Portsea Island	Portsea	101

Champions of Maidenhead

Team: Trojans Singles: Sai

The annual Maidenhead Closed Championships were completely dominated by the young guns of Cippenham this season. A quartet of junior players expelled the old guard and swept up both of the major titles. Last year's champion, Maciej Dlugozima, was away and could not defend his title but there were plenty of other more established players in the field and they could do nothing against the speed and power of the youngsters.

Only fifteen players competed for the blue riband event, the Open Singles, but the entry was strong, featuring most of the top players in the League. Top seed Michal Garski was the first to fall, beaten in his group by Sai Prasanna Kumar, the youngest player in the field. Michal did, however, progress from second spot in the group and then beat second seed Paul Savage in the quarter-finals. However, Michal met his match in the semi-final, beaten by 16-years old Louis Alexander who had to recover from losing the first two games of this enthralling encounter. Earlier, Louis, after winning his group, had eliminated the vastly experienced Gary Crick in the quarters.

In the top half of the draw, Sai Prasanna Kumar saw off the challenge by the combination-batted Chris Collins in the quarters and then beat his doubles partner Troy Williams, who had earlier eliminated Sai's brother Bharath, 3-0 in the semi.

That all set up a final between Sai and Louis but no-one anticipated the outcome! The final scores of 11-2, 11-8, 1-4 in favour of Sai were remarkable, especially when it is considered that, at the tender age of 10 years and 40 days he became by far the youngest player ever to win the title and, it is believed, in the youngest-ever final.

The four youngsters also battled it out for the doubles title with Bharath and Louis recovering from a game down to defeat Troy and Sai 3-1 in the final.

For good measure, Bharath was also successful in the Handicap Singles event despite having to give points to most of the other players.



Congratulations to the Cippenham Trojans team of Maciej Dlugozima, Hari Prasad, Michal Garski, Igor Liiko, Albert Cheung and Graham Trimming who have clinched the title of the Maidenhead League. Needing a maximum of four sets in their final match of the season against Cippenham Vikings, Trojans made absolutely sure with an easy 10-0 win. Meanwhile, the same evening, second-placed Cippenham Saxons were losing 6-4 to third-placed Cookham Social Pumas but congratulations also due to the Saxons team of Louis Alexander, Bharath Prasanna Kumar, Troy Williams, Jemma Walker and Peter Chipperton for their success. Cippenham thus hold the top two positions in the Maidenhead League for the fourth season running.

This is the thirteenth time that a Cippenham team has won the Maidenhead League and the sixth in a row. For Graham, this was an eighth Maidenhead team title, matching his number of similar titles in the now defunct Slough League, while it was the fourth time Albert has been so rewarded, the third time for Maciej and Hari and the first for Igor and Michal.

In Division 2, Cippenham Normans were left to rue their first-week concession to Bourne End Lions that eventually cost them the title.

Maidenhead League							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Cippenham Trojans	18	14	3	1	132	48	132
Cippenham Saxons	18	11	2	5	119	61	119
Cookham Social Pumas	18	12	2	4	115	65	115
NWCA Bluejays	18	8	2	8	85	95	85
Old Gords Harriers	18	6	3	9	80	100	80
OLOP Bears	18	1	5	12	62	118	62
Cippenham Vikings	18	2	1	15	37	143	37
Division 2							
Bourne End Lions	20	16	1	3	152	48	152
Cippenham Normans	20	17	1	2	150	50	150
Cippenham Titans	20	7	3	10	95	105	95
Stoke Poges Bees	18	6	2	10	68	112	68
Cippenham Spartans	18	6	1	11	65	115	65
NWCA Seahawks	20	2	0	18	50	150	50
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Trojans							
Maciej Dlugozima	13	39	35	90			
Michal Garski	11	33	29	88			
Albert Cheung	5	15	11	73			
Hari Prasad	9	27	18	67			
Igor Liiko	7	20	11	55			
Graham Trimming	9	27	12	44			
Saxons							
Sai Prasanna Kumar	1	3	3	100			
Troy Williams	9	26	23	88			
Louis Alexander	12	36	31	86			
Bharath Prasanna Kumar	14	41	29	71			
Jemma Walker	9	26	11	42			
Peter Chipperton	9	26	9	35			
Vikings							
Sai Prasanna Kumar	1	3	3	100			
Mary Heffernan	4	12	10	83			
Tom Lewis	5	15	10	67			
Newton Moraes	1	3	1	33			
Priyanka Sabharwal	1	3	1	33			
Sue Hayes	6	18	3	17			
Aarav Seth	4	12	2	17			
Qasim Hussain	15	45	4	9			
Armando Borges	10	30	1	3			
Randall Rodrigues	3	9	0	0			
Normans							
Marek Kik	6	17	16	94			
Aqeel Raza	12	35	28	80			
Dave Carter	15	44	35	80			
Paul Dennis	13	38	30	79			
Jarek Skowera	11	31	20	65			
Titans							
Aarav Seth	14	42	28	67			
Randall Rodrigues	17	51	31	61			
Priyanka Sabharwal	15	45	20	44			
Alex Akil	11	33	7	21			
Spartans							
Sai Prasanna Kumar	8	24	24	100			
Newton Moraes	11	33	22	67			
Steve Piercy	14	42	10	24			
Sunjay Thakker	10	30	3	10			
Jan Chapman	1	3	0	0			

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Weekend Diary

Dates for next season will appear here in due course

Dates for Club Championships

Thursday 2 May: Veterans' Singles and Tweenies' Singles (7:30 pm)

Thursday 9 May: Open Doubles (7:30 pm)

Thursday 16 May: Open Singles (7:30 pm)

TBC: Junior Singles

No prior booking required, just turn up and report by the stated times

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

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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 11 June, 8:00 pm

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



Ordering kit and equipment through Tees Sport

The Club has a new agreement Tees Sport and as part of this members can obtain a discount on table tennis equipment.

This can be bats, clothing (including the official Cippenham shirt) etc.

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.



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