

Official Newsletter of Cippenham Table Tennis Club: December 2022: No. 236

Happy Christmas to all members and visitors!

Men's first team top of division



The Cippenham men's first team enjoyed a successful first weekend in the Veterans' British League Division 1B, winning four of their five matches and sit narrowly in top position level on points with Team Ecosse but ahead on games ratio.

They have put themselves in a great position to stand a chance of grabbing the single available promotion spot to the Premier Division, the highest echelon of the league, when the competition resumes in the new year. With Cippenham's number one Andy Trott being unavailable for Saturday's series of three matches, it was the responsibility of Martin Adams, welcome new signing Dave Barr, and Hari Gehlot to get the campaign underway.

Things went to plan initially with a comprehensive 6-0 win over Draycott B. This was promptly followed up with another victory, this time 4-2 over Norwich. Captain Martin led the team in winning both his matches over Wayne Mason and Mats Olsson, and earned the player of the match award but was unable to contribute in the following match as Team Ecosse, a team consisting of Scottish international players, defeated Cippenham narrowly 2-4. Dave and Hari notched up the wins against Ross Martin and Jerry Campbell respectively.

The Sunday morning session was an extremely tight affair against Foresters, with three of the six encounters extending to a deciding game. Dave was the star player in this match as his defensive talents proved to be the difference as he overcame both Andy Norwood and Lewis Mayhew, dropping just the one end. Hari and Andy both completed crucial, high-pressure victories over Matt Spero to chalk an important and hard-fought 4-2 win.

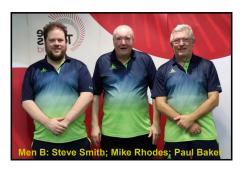
The final encounter of the weekend saw Cippenham impressively overcome Wolves, arguably the pre-season favourites, and who had previously defeated Team Ecosse, 5-1. Andy's class prevailed as he recorded comfortable wins over the highly ranked Simon



Pugh and Lee Horton, only losing a handful of points. Dave comfortably beat Horton and both he and Martin marked 3-1 victories over Steve Robinson.

Meanwhile, elsewhere in the same Derby Arena venue, the Cippenham men's second team were having a distinctly different sort of weekend, finishing bottom of Division 4A and will have to work hard to avoid relegation when the season resumes. All five matches were lost: 2-4 against Ormesby 2 and De Vere NETTS, and 1-5 against BATTS 2, Draycott 4 and Cirencester. Mike Rhodes and Steve Smith both won three of their ten individual matches over the weekend while Paul Baker tasted victory just once.

The Cippenham ladies' team, playing in Women's Division 2, had a marginally better outcome. Although they failed to win a match, they drew 3-3 twice, lost 2-4 twice and once were beaten 1-5. The team was hampered by the absence of Mary Heffernan, who has been playing well in the High Wycombe League this season, and had to rely on the other three members of the squad, Julie Dean, Denise Weller and Sue Hayes.



Julie won one individual encounter in each of the five team matches to finish with a fifty percent win record, while Denise and Sue both won three of their ten matches.

The heaviest defeat, 1-5, came in the very first match against Sutton at Hone. There then followed a 3-3 draw with Lyncrest in which all three Cippenham ladies scored a win but Saturday concluded with a 2-4 defeat to Irish side Colleens. All three players won one each again in the 3-3 draw with Ellenborough 2 on Sunday morning and the weekend concluded with yet another 2-4 defeat, this time at the hands of Milton Keynes.

New: VETTS Super 60s



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	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Men's Division 1B							
Cippenham 1	5	4	0	1	21	9	8
Team Ecosse	5	4	0	1	21	9	8
Foresters C	5	3	0	2	18	12	6
Wolves	5 5	2	0	3	14 11	16 19	4 4
Norwich Draycott 2	5 5	0	0	3 5	5	25	0
Men's Division 4A	5	U	U	5	5	25	U
BATTS 2	5	5	0	0	23	7	10
De Vere NETTS	5	3	1	1	19	11	7
Cirencester TTC	5	3	0	2	17	13	6
Draycott 4	5	1	2	2	15	15	4
Ormesby 2	5	1	1	3	9	21	3
Cippenham 2	5	0	0	5	7	23	0
Women's Division 2							
Colleens	5	5	0	0	24	6	10
Foresters 2	5	4	0	1	21	9	8
Sutton at Hone	5 5	3	0	2	18 13	12 17	6 4
Ellenborough 2 Foresters 3	5 5	1	2		13	17	4
Lyncrest	5	1	2	2	13	17	4
Cippenham	5	0	2	3	11	19	2
Milton Keynes	5	1	0	4	7	23	2
Players' Averages:							
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2-4 Colleens

3-3 Ellenborough

2-4 Milton Keynes

There is a new team competition this season. The Veterans' English Table Tennis Society (VETTS) has introduced the VETTS Super 60s Team Competition. This is an event for players aged over 60 and the inaugural event took place Grantham. Cippenham sent a women's team comprising Denise Weller, Mark Heffernan and Sue Hayes.

This proved to be a successful first outing for the Cippenham trio who also make up the bulk of one of the club's teams in both the Women's British League and the Veterans' British League. The team was placed in Division 2 and finished a creditable second place out of six.

Cippenham started the weekend with a 3-3 draw against Stockton. All three ladies got their campaign started with a win apiece. Sue and Mary both beat Jane Lynas while Denise won the opening set against Pat Clements. An easy 6-0 thrashing of Rugby Rebels followed and the Saturday matches concluded with a 5-1 victory over JMS. Denise and Mary both won two while Sue beat Sally Bax but had to give second best to Margaret Dignum.

VETTS Super 60s Team Comp PWDL F A Pts Women's Division 2 The Dark Horses 5 0 0 125 5 10 Cippenham 3 1 1 22 8 Stockton ETTTC 1 1 20 7 The Lady Charm 2 0 3 13 17 .IMS 0 4 10 20 Rugby Rebels Players' Averages: М w Mary Heffernan 5 10 8 80 Denise Weller 10 70 Sue Hayes Results: 3-3 Stockton ETTTC 2-4 The Dark Horses

6-0 The Lady Charm

6-0 Rugby Rebels

5-1 JMS

Sunday morning proved to be Cippenham's hardest match and their 2-4 defeat against The Dark Horses settled the divisional winners' spot in favour of their opponents. Sue and Mary both beat the number three Senga Thomson but the team as a whole found Christine Wicks and Carrie Cope too hot to handle. However, Cippenham bounced back in the final match of the weekend to secure the runners-up spot with a 6-0 win against The Lady Charm. Denise was taken to five games by Ya Jun Yang but only two other ends were dropped to conclude a satisfactory weekend.

Trojans lead the way

The Cippenham Trojans team of Maciej Dlugozima, Hari Prasad, Bas Mocharrafie, Sue Hayes and Chris Collins lead the way in the Maidenhead League after nine matches. Maciej is still on 100%, having won all twenty of his matches and also having secured six player of the match awards. Trojans have already defeated last year's champions, Cippenham Saxons, twice and Saxons' hopes of retaining the title look all but over.

The team offering more challenge to Trojans is NWCA Bluejays who inflicted a 6-4 defeat on Saxons and held Trojans to a draw. NWCA are nine points behind Trojans with a match in hand.

Vikings have lifted themselves off the bottom of Division 1 with two draws and will be looking to retain or improve upon that position as the season progresses.

There are only five teams in Division Two but, incredibly, only four points separate the top four of them. However, that is not the whole story as two teams have played two more matches than the other two.

Cippenham Titans actually lead the way but the best placed Cippenham team is Spartans, especially since signing up Bharath Prasanna Kumar who is yet to be beaten.

Maidenhead League							
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Division 1							
Cippenham Trojans	9	8	1	0	72	18	72
NWCA Bluejays	8	7	1	0	63	17	63
Cippenham Saxons	7	4	0	3	47	23	47
Cookham Social Pumas	8	4	0	4	42	38	42
OLOP Bears	7	1	1	5	21	49	21
Cippenham Vikings	7	0	2	5	14	56	14
Old Gords Harriers		0	1	7	11	69	11
Division 2							
Cippenham Titans	8	3	1	4	40	40	40
Stoke Poges Bees	8	3	2	3	38	42	38
Cippenham Spartans	6	4	1	1	36	24	36
Bourne End Lions	6	3	2	1	36	24	36
NWCA Seahawks	6	1	0	5	20	40	20

NJL and NCL reach half-way stage

oth the National Junior League and National Cadet League have reached the half-way stage of the season with two weekends for each league being crammed into a seven-week window so it has been a very busy time for our youngest players.

The NJL has not produced much in the way of success for Cippenham with our four teams generally finishing in second or third positions in the four-team divisions. The exception is the C team that finished bottom of Division 5 on the first day but then bounced straight back to reclaim their position by winning Division 6 on the second day. Well done to the three Prasanna Kumar brothers, Bharath, Sai and Arjun who were responsible for this fight-back.

The NCL has produced more favourable results with the A team, having finished second in Division 2 on day one, improving on that on the second day and duly winning promotion to Division 1 where they will take their place

amongst the league's elite in the new year.

However, the most impressive individual performance so far came from Sai Prasanna Kumar on day two. He won all nine of his matches, including three in a 3-6 team defeat, as his Cippenham C team finished second in Division 5. At just eight years of age, Sai is surely a star of the future!



National Junior League

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Players' Averages:

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Cippenham A				
Edward Meacock	5	15	10	67
Nick Carter	3	9	4	44
George Driscoll	5	15	6	40
Louis Alexander	5	15	3	20
Cippenham B				
Charlie Cook	5	15	11	73
Samuel Wolfenden	2	6	3	50
Ankush Srinivas	6	18	6	33
Rishi Nanda	5	15	4	27
Cippenham C				
Bharath Prasanna Kumar	6	18	14	78
Sai Prasanna Kumar	6	18	10	56
Arjun Prasanna Kumar	4	12	6	50
Cameron Fyfe	2	6	0	0
Cippenham D				
Arjun Prasanna Kumar	1	3	3	100
Mateusz Skowera	2	6	3	50
Aarav Seth	5	15	7	47
Aryan Sharma	5	15	8	40
Reeyan Sharma	3	9	3	33
Victor Harrit	2	6	0	0
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3-6 Bourne End JSC A		shford		
Cippenham C		enham		
4-5 Ashford E		shford		
3-6 Guildford B		Chiltern		
1-8 Chiltern C		hiltern		
Round 2			_	
Cippenham A	Cipp	enham	В	
3-6 Chiltern A		Bourne I		SC B
5-4 Guildford A		Chiltern		
2-7 Ashford C	5-4 0	Chiltern	С	
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9-0 Ashford F		Chiltern		

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Cippenham A	3	3	0	1	17	10	21 17
Bourne End JSC B	3	1	0	2	14	13	14
Crusaders B	3	0	0	3	2	25	2
Division 3	2	2	٥	٥	25	2	25
Kidlington Forum A Ashford B	3	3	0	0 1	25 19	2 8	25 19
Bourne End JSC C	3	1	0	2	7	20	7
Cippenham B	3	0	0	3	3	24	3
Division 5	^	2	^	^	47	40	47
Kingfisher D Cippenham C	3	3	0	0 1	17 16	10 11	17 16
Bourne End JSC D	3	1	0	2	13	14	13
Graham Spicer D	3	0	0	3	8	19	8
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Cippenham A Kidlington Forum A	3	3	0	0 1	20 17	7 10	20 17
Crusaders A	3	0	0	3	9	18	9
Bourne End JSC B	3	1	0	2	8	19	8
Division 4	_					_	
Kingfisher D	3	3	0	0	20 17	7	20 17
Cippenham B Kidlington Forum B	3	1	0	1	9	10 18	9
Ashford C	3	0	0	3	8	19	8
Division 5							-
Kingfisher C	3	3	0	0	23	4	23
Cippenham C	3	2	0	1	15	12	15
Kidlington Forum C Bourne End JSC D	3	1	0	2	9 7	18 20	9 7
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Cippenham B							
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8-1 Bourne End JSC B 7-2 Kidlington Forum B

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Weekday Timetable

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

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Weekend Diary



Christmas Closure

Please note that the Club will be closed on Tuesday and Thursday evenings during the weeks before and after Christmas, except for the members' festive evening on 20 December (see above), re-opening on Tuesday 3rd January.

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