

Gavin marks England debut with astonishing victory

# Debut Win for Gavin in Luxembourg

**C**ippenham's youngest table tennis sensa tion Gavin Evans marked his full England debut with a stunning victory at the Luxembourg International Youth Championships in June.

The 10 year old, who won the Junior Sportsman of the Year award in March at the Slough Sports Awards, and who also recently won the national under-10, under-11 and under-12 boys' singles titles, gave further indication of his world class potential when he won the miniboys' (under-13) singles against a strong international field in Luxembourg. England's Performance Director Steen Kyst Hansen was very pleased: "Gavin Evans confirmed his enormous talent and it is good for England's future that we have a younger player able to put pressure on Paul Drinkhall and Darius Knight".

In the preliminary stage Gavin won seven of his eight matches and featured in a three-way tie at the top of Group B. Gavin was placed third after beating Florent Lamoque (Belgium) 3-1 but losing to David Steinle (TT-ARGE Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany) 3-0. He then won his next three matches to finish top of Group X and qualify for a place in the semi-finals. At that stage Gavin demolished Perham Safai (Angby Stockholm) 11-7, 11-7, 11-4 and then defeated Philipp Floerke (TTV Niedersachen, Germany) in the final 11-9, 8-11, 11-8, 11-7. Gavin is sponsored by Maidenhead company Coverpoint Group.

Cippenham had two other players representing England in the same tournament. Gavin's older brother, Bradley Evans, finished ninth in the cadet boys while Joanna Parker was a creditable third in the junior girls.



Gavin on the podium in Luxembourg Photo: Luxembourg TTA



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### Welsh Takeaway

Welsh players won both the titles at the Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open. Top seed Steve Hall defeated the highest ranked English competitor, Dave Harvey, 3-0 in the final. The last local player to survive was the Slough veterans' champion Mike Rhodes who succumbed to Hall in the quarter-finals.

Cippenham member and Flackwell Heath resident Mary Heffernan made it through to the Women's Singles final with two close wins in the quarters and semis. The final also went to a fifth game but Mary eventually lost out to Regina Donovan on Wales.

#### Men's Singles:

Steve Hall (WAL) bt Dave Harvey (Gs) 7, 3, 8 Women's Singles: Regina Donovan (WAL) bt Mary Heffernan (Bu) 10, -10, -2, 10, 3 Men's Consolation: Peter Bradley (Bk) bt Geoff Civil (Bk) 3, -4, 14, 3 Women's Consolation: Lorna Slifkin (Mi) bt Joan West (Sy) –5, -8, 9, 11, 8

# 2002-3

#### August

Gareth Herbert returns from the Commonwealth Games in Manchostor with two



chester with two gold medals - Men's Team and Men's Doubles.

Cippenham plays host to a exchange visit of deaf players from Saudi Arabia and stages an England v. Saudi international match.



#### September

Cippenham players dominate the Bucks Junior Trials with the top 8 places in the junior boys' event and at least the top 3 in all others.

Both events at the Southern Region cadet trials are won - by Gavin Evans and Sylvana Bielec.

Joanna Parker makes her full England debut in the Home Internationals.

Melanie Farquhar wins the Cippenham Cadet Open.

#### October

Alan Farral is presented with the Outstanding Contribution Award - the first member to be honoured twice.

Joanna Parker makes her debut in the European League.



Cippenham stages the ETTA conference "Recruit and Prosper" and is presented with 3rd place in the National Club of the Year contest.

**Robert Hansell** is the Club's new Duty Officer - from 1<sup>st</sup> July to end September.

# Slough Retain Hammersley Cup



The successful trio : (I-r) Catherine Hayes; Caroline Linz; Sylvana Bielec

Slough retained the Hammersley Cup, the national knock-out competition for under-14 girls' teams, on  $22^{nd}$  June when they beat Hastings 7-2 in the final at Cippenham. The same trio of youngsters, Sylvana Bielec, Caroline Linz and Catherine Hayes that were successful in 2002 were so again to win the 2003 competition.

Sylvana and Caroline both won their three matches while Catherine beat Gemma Davies 3-1 in the final match after having lost out narrowly 11-9 in the fifth to Lisa Standen in the opening game. Hastings' Stacey Furnival also beat Catherine 3-0 and took a game each off Sylvana and Caroline, otherwise it was three-straight all the way for the Slough girls.

Teams based on players from the Cippenham club have now won a massive seventeen national titles in the past eight years, confirming the Club's position at the very top of English table tennis.

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# - Highlights of Another Successful Season

#### November

Cippenham players win all eight titles at the Bucks Junior Closed - only one title has eluded the Club in the last five years! David Hayes and Gemma Chapman win the major events.



The Club appoints Jacquie Lovell as its first Volunteer Champion with a remit of managing and extending the Club's already fantastic volunteer force.

Bradley Evans and Melanie Farquhar win the Southern Region Junior Trials and Gavin Evans (aged 9) comes in second in the boys' event.

#### December

Robert Hansell and Jane Dickens dominate as Cippenham players win all five major titles at the Bucks Senior Closed.

A fantastic Christmas party is held at the Centre.

The Club's first ever Banded Open proves to be a success.

Jacquie Lovell wins the Women's Singles at the Berkshire Closed.

#### January



James Milton and Melanie Farquhar win the main events at the Club's U14/16 Open.

David Hayes makes the trip to I reland and proves himself better than all the locals in his catergory as he wins the Cadet Singles.

Gareth Herbert commences writing for the Slough Observer and has subsequently written many articles.

Congratulations to **Mick Strode** - winner of the Ivor Montagu Trophy for services to the ETTA.

### February

A second successive championship and promotion is won at the Veterans' British League. Ken Philipson, deputising for Clive Payne, plus Mike Rhodes and Paul Baker win Division 2.

Cippenham's four teams in the Junior British League fail to win a division.

Callum Mather commences as the Club's first paid Duty Officer.

Mike Rhodes defies the seeding to reach the final of the successful Cippenham Veterans' Open.

Gemma Chapman and Gavin Evans win the Junior Girls' and Cadet Boys' events at the National Trials.

Mark Banks wins the Maidenhead Closed Men's Singles.

#### March



Ken Phillips wins another award - Service to Sport at the Slough Sports Awards. There were awards also for the Club and for Gareth Herbert and Gavin Evans.

David Hayes wins everything at the Slough Closed except the cadet event.

Robert Hansell becomes the new Club champion.

After a trememdous finish the "A" team surges up to a third place finish in Division 1 South of the British League.

Cippenham Pirates win the Slough League championship - the Club's  $19^{\rm th}$  title and  $10^{\rm th}$  in succession.

#### April

David Hayes and Caroline Linz win the titles at the Cippenham Junior Open.

Gemma Chapman finishes  $5^{th}$  in the National Junior Masters held at Cippenham. Bradley Evans and Melanie Farquhar finish  $5^{th}$  and  $7^{th}$  in the National Cadet Masters.

Mark Banks retains his Slough Masters title.

Cippenham Rogues retain the Dilger Cup handicap team competition.

Gavin and Myles Evans and Katie Rule all star for England in the British Primary Schools' Championships.

Cippenham is represented by no less than 17 players, all of whom have qualified through their respective counties, at the ESTTA Individual Championships.

#### May



Cippenham's women's team retains the Gainsford Cup with the same personnel as in 2002 - Gemma Chapman, Jane Dickens and Sue Hayes.

Slough finish runners-up in the Leach Cup.

Bradley Evans stars as England win the Six Nations Cadet Championship.

#### June

Gavin Evans wins four national titles - U10BS, U11BS , U12BS and U12BD with brother Myles.

David Hayes and Melanie Farquhar each cap highly successful seasons with titles at the immensely popular Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival.

Gavin Evans marks his England debut by winning the U13BS at the Luxembourg International Youth Festival.

Slough retain the Hammersley Cup - the team is Sylvana Bielec, Catherine Hayes and Caroline Linz.

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## Weekend Diary August/September

#### August Sun 17 10:30am Southern Region squad training September Sat 6 9:30am **Bucks Junior Trials** Sun 7 10:30am Southern Region squad training Sat 13 11:30am British League Divisions 1/2 South (1) Sun 14 10:00am British League Divisions 1/2 South (1) Southern Region Preliminary Trials Sun 21 9:30am

# Weekday Diary

Mon		Advanced Coaching Excellence Coaching		
Tues		Slough League matches Practice Tables	Bar Opening Times	
Wed	7:30	Squad Training	Tuesday & Thursday	
Thurs		Beginners' Coaching	9pm - 11pm	
		Slough League matches Practice Tables		
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### Three Gold Medals for Gemma

Gemma Chapman won all her matches in the British Schools' Championships. and returned from Largs, near Glasgow, Scotland, with three winners' medals. Playing in the under-18 age group Gemma steered England to the gold medal position in the girls' team event and then won the girls' singles and doubles titles for herself.

Gemma was not alone on England duty as Cippenham colleagues David Hayes and Marc Armstrong teamed up for England "B" in the under-16 age category. After combining together to take third place in the team event they then also reached the semi-final of the doubles. In the singles event the two Cippenham players clashed in the quarter-final with David winning the day. David then did tremendously well to take Tim Yarnall to a fifth and deciding game in the semi-final.

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Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8) £12.00 £6.00	)
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8) £21.00 n/a	3
Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month) £1.20 £0.60	)
Family Membership (after 30/11 per month) £2.10 n/a	3
Slough League Registration £10.00 £5.00	)
Practice Fees *£2.50 *£1.2	
Slough League Match Fees £2.50 £1.2	
Slough Youth Division Match Fees £0.50 £0.50	)
Coaching Fees (per session) **£3.00 **£1.50	)
Coaching Fees (per term - 1 <sup>st</sup> group) £25.00	)
Coaching Fees (per term - 2 <sup>nd</sup> group) £15.00	)
* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members	
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### Next Season's Calendar

### Future Events at Cippenham

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Oct 5	Cippenham Cadet 2-Star Open	
Oct 12	Southern Region squad training	
Oct 25	Cippenham 2-Star Open (senior)	
Oct 26	Maidenhead Charity Handicap Tourn.	
Nov 1/2	County Champs Junior Premier Div. (1)	
Nov 8	National Junior League (1)	
Nov 9	Cippenham TTC Closed Championships	
Nov 16	Southern Region squad training	
Nov 22/23	Southern Region Trials	
Nov 29	Bucks Junior Closed	
Dec 7	Cippenham Banded 2-Star Open	
Dec 13	National Junior League (2)	
Dec 21	Southern Region squad training	
	Cippenham TTC Christmas Party	
Jan 4	Southern Region squad training	
Jan 10	Cippenham U14/16 1-Star Open	
Jan 11	British League Divisions 1/2 South (3)	
Jan 18	Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open	
	1 Maidenhead Closed Championships	
Feb 7	National Junior League (3)	
Feb 14/15	Reading Closed Championships	
Feb 22	Southern Region squad training	
Feb 29	Slough Closed Championships	
Mar 6/7	British League Divisions 1/2 South (4)	
Mar 21	Southern Region squad training	
Mar 28	Cippenham TTC Handicap Tournament	
Apr 3	National Junior League (4)	
Apr 4	Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open	
May 1/2	ETTA National Junior Masters	
May 15/16	ETTA National Cadet Masters	
Other Cippenham TTC Events		
Sep 6/7	Women's British League (1)	
Oct 18/19	Junior British League (1) (Stoke)	
Nov 22/23	Veterans' British League (1) (Stoke)	
Dec 13/14	British League D1S (2) (Oakhampton)	
Dec 13/14	British League D2S (2) (Ashford)	
Jan 24/25	Women's British League (2) (Grantham)	

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-eb 7/8	Veterans' British League (2) (Doncaster)
eb 14/15	Junior British League (2) (Aldersley)

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