



# CIPPENHAM NEWS

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**Happy Christmas to all members and visitors!**

## First team top WBL division

**T**he Cippenham women's first team won all five of their matches in Wolverhampton to lead Division 3 of the Women's British League at the half-way stage. The team, comprising two sixteen years-olds and a fourteen years-old, will be hoping to retain that position and gain the promotion they narrowly missed out on last season.

Rachael Iles, Cippenham's number one player demonstrated why she is ranked twenty-two in the country, by winning all her matches while Mia Lakhani, two years younger and only four places lower in the national rankings, won nine of her ten encounters. They were ably supported by Anna Piercey who weighed in with six wins.

The successful run began on Saturday morning with a 5-1 success over Greenhouse, the powerhouse club from London. Rachael and Mia won both their matches and whilst Anna won only one, that one included an 11-0 demolition of Sylwia Pajak. The Graham Spicer team from New Malden then felt the full force of Cippenham's power succumbing to a 6-0 scoreline that was nearly as easy as it sounds. Saturday's play concluded with another 5-1 victory, this time over Loop Dublin as the Irish team were no match for Rachael and Mia although Yixue Bai did manage to get the better of Anna.

Sunday's two matches started in similar vein. A storming display from Rachael Iles who put aside Sally Hughes and Lok Sze Sun both 3-0, conceding only thirty-seven points in the process, was supplemented by wins for both Mia Lakhani and Anna Piercey over Holly Holder. The final match of the weekend produced another 5-1 success for Cippenham over Colebridge 2 with Rachael and Mia again remaining unbeaten. Over the weekend's five matches, Rachael received three player of the match awards while the other two were awarded to Mia.

Meanwhile, the Cippenham second team, comprised of veteran players, occupied a mid-table position in Division 4. Mary Heffernan, despite playing in the more difficult number one position, was the standout player for Cippenham, winning seven of her ten matches while Sue



Cippenham's WBL squad this season: (l-r) Denise Weller; Julie Dean; Mary Heffernan; Sue Hayes; Rachael Iles; Anna Piercey; Mia Lakhani; Ken Phillips (NPC team 1)

Hayes won five, Julie Dean four out of eight and Denise Weller, troubled by injury, one out of two. Over the weekend Cippenham won two matches, drew one and lost the remaining two.

The opening match was a closely-fought encounter with Jersey with three of the six sets requiring a deciding game. Only Mary Heffernan's easy win over Holly McNamara finished 3-0 but the only other win for Cippenham against the islanders came from Denise Weller who enjoyed a narrow success over Kathryn Silcock. Julie Dean replaced Denise for the second match which resulted in a 4-2 victory over Halton 3. Mary scored a brace while Julie and Sue Hayes got one each. Saturday finished on a low note with a second defeat against Youngs, 4-2 with the Cippenham wins coming from Mary and Sue.

Sunday morning started brightly as Cippenham became the first, and subsequently only, team to take a point off divisional leaders Ackworth. This was a great overall team performance with each of the three Cippenham players winning and losing. Buoyed by that success, it got even better right at the end of the weekend as Cippenham strode to a 6-0 win over Sutton. Julie was made to work hard in the opener against Helen Shields but after that it was 3-0 or 3-1 all the way.

### Women's British League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Division 3</b>							
Cippenham 1	5	5	0	0	25	5	10
Worthing TTC	5	4	0	1	21	9	8
Colebridge TTC 2	5	3	0	2	17	13	6
Loop Dublin	5	1	1	3	13	17	3
Greenhouse 1	5	1	1	3	10	20	3
Graham Spicer TTC	5	0	0	5	4	26	0

<b>Division 4</b>							
Ackworth TTC	5	4	1	0	22	8	0
Youngs TTC	5	3	1	1	17	13	7
Jersey	5	3	0	2	17	13	6
Cippenham 2	5	2	1	2	17	13	5
Halton TTC 3	5	1	0	4	12	18	2
Sutton	5	0	1	4	5	25	1

#### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Cippenham 1</b>				
Rachael Iles	5	10	10	100
Mia Lakhani	5	10	9	90
Anna Piercey	5	10	6	60
<b>Cippenham 2</b>				
Mary Heffernan	5	10	7	70
Julie Dean	4	8	4	50
Sue Hayes	5	10	5	50
Denise Weller	1	2	1	50

#### Results:

<b>Cippenham 1</b>	<b>Cippenham 2</b>
5-1 Greenhouse 1	2-4 Jersey
6-0 Graham Spicer TTC	4-2 Halton TTC 3
5-1 Loop Dublin	2-4 Youngs TTC
4-2 Worthing TTC	3-3 Ackworth TTC
5-1 Colebridge TTC 2	6-0 Sutton

## Mixed results in SBL

The host club's two teams in the Senior British League were back in action late November. The Cippenham first team, operating in National Division A-2 won one and lost three of their four matches while two divisions below, in C-5, the Cippenham second team reversed that set of results by winning three and losing just once and that to divisional leaders Joola Plymouth 2.

In the first match of the weekend against Horsham Spinners, Rob Hansell just failed to win the opening set against Joe Sheard, going down 11-9 in the fifth and deciding game. It got worse for Cippenham as Martin Adams was beaten by Jacob Evans and it was left to Cippenham's third and fourth players to pull things around. This they did as Tom Windram overcame Oscar Marriott 3-1 and Steve Munson beat the unorthodox Rory Scott 3-0. When Rob and Martin beat Evans and



### Senior British League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>National Division A-2</b>							
Wensum 1	8	7	0	1	50	22	14
Woodford Wells TTC 1	8	7	0	1	43	29	14
Finsbury	8	5	0	3	41	31	10
Horsham Spinners 1	8	4	0	4	33	39	8
Joola Plymouth 1	8	3	0	5	38	34	6
Ellenborough 1	8	2	0	6	32	40	4
Cippenham 1	8	2	0	6	27	45	4
Kingfisher 1	8	2	0	6	24	48	4

<b>National Division C-5</b>							
Joola Plymouth 2	8	8	0	0	59	13	16
Cippenham 2	8	6	0	2	44	28	12
Bristol Associates	8	4	0	4	40	32	8
Horsham Spinners 3	8	4	0	4	37	35	8
Newton Abbot TTC	8	4	0	4	34	38	8
Gwent TTC	8	3	0	5	36	36	6
Isle of Wight 1	8	3	0	5	31	41	6
Generation 2	8	0	0	8	7	65	0

### Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
<b>Cippenham 1</b>				
Robert Hansell	8	16	7	44
Martin Adams	8	16	6	38
Tom Windram	8	15	5	33
Steve Munson	8	15	2	13
<b>Cippenham 2</b>				
Rachael Iles	2	4	4	100
Jaiden Caldeira	8	16	12	75
Jamie Woodford	8	16	11	69
Mia Lakhani	4	8	5	63
William Saint	8	16	9	56
Anna Piercey	4	0	0	0

### Results:

<b>Cippenham 1</b>	<b>Cippenham 2</b>
4-5 Horsham Spinners 1	5-4 Horsham Spinners 3
3-6 Wensum 1	2-7 Joola Plymouth 2
2-7 Joola Plymouth 1	6-3 Newton Abbot TTC
5-4 Kingfisher 1	6-3 Isle of Wight 1

Sheard in the doubles to put Cippenham 3-2 up it seemed as though a win might be on the cards. However, it was not to be as only Martin managed to win after that.

Divisional leaders Wensum were Cippenham's next opponents and once again it was a case of close matches not going the host's way that resulted in a 3-6 defeat.

Sunday morning started brightly for Cippenham as Rob and Martin won close matches against Harry Cutler and Dom Sussex to put the hosts 2-0 up against Joola Plymouth. After that all results went to Devon side's way as they romped to a 7-2 result.

At last some joy for Cippenham came in the final match of the weekend against Kingfisher, local rivals from Reading. One of the Kingfisher players had suffered a family bereavement the day before and Cippenham's opponents could field only three players as a result. For a while it appeared that Cippenham might not take advantage of such a bonus as the first three singles were all lost. However, a third doubles win of the weekend for Cippenham steadied the ship, Rob defeated Harry Randall and Tom did likewise against Anaya Patel and that secured the points for Cippenham 5-4 and a league double over Kingfisher.

The Cippenham second team also opened their weekend with a match against Horsham Spinners and reversed the scoreline from the first-team match by defeating the Sussex club's

third team 5-4. Jamie Woodford was the player of the match with two wins over Graham Beaney and Oli Thorne while all the other Cippenham players contributed one win each.

Saturday afternoon's match was against divisional leaders Joola Plymouth 2 and this resulted in a second defeat of the season when Plymouth ran out 7-2 victors. Our only success came against Plymouth's number four player Bailey Page, beaten by both Mia Lakhani and Jaiden Caldeira.

The second team got back to winning ways, 6-3, on Sunday morning after a match against another opponent from Devon in the shape of Newton Abbot. Cippenham went 2-0 down in the opening exchanges between the number one and two players from both teams and it was left to Jaiden and Mia to repair the damage. This they did in superb fashion, both winning their two matches with Jaiden scooping the player of the match nomination. However, it was Mia who was particularly impressive in beating Mark Burrige who had earlier accounted for Cippenham's number one William Saint.

The weekend concluded with a further 6-3 victory, this time over the Isle of Wight. Jaiden was again nominated as the player of the match but Jamie Woodford was equally as successful, both winning their two matches. Mia and Will won one match each beating Bodnar and Hannides respectively while Scott Lawson won two singles and shared in a doubles win for the islanders.



## Junior leagues commence

### National Junior League Day 1

The National Junior League got underway at Cippenham in late October and proved to be very successful for the host club's three teams.

Cippenham A lead the way in Division 1 while the B team are only two places below in the same division. Cippenham C head up Division 6. Three of Cippenham's nine players are from one family, Prasanna Kumar. Bharath and Sai were both very successful for the first team while older brother Arjun was equally successful for the C team. Helping Bharath and Sai was Matthew Ley who tuned in the day's best performance with eight wins from his nine matches on his Cippenham debut. Bharath won six times and Sai five.

Jack Dennis was the star for the B team, winning seven of his nine matches while Ankush Srinivas did similarly for the C team while, with six wins, his team-mate Arman Hafeez was only one short.

### National Junior League Day 2

With three players dropping out in the week leading up to the second day of the National Junior League, teams' organiser Ken Phillips was left with a huge headache. Two of the missing players were from the Cippenham B team operating in the top division. Ankush Srinivas was elevated from the C team to take

one of those places and the other was filled by Daniel Brazil. However, this resulted in a very weak and inexperienced team for such a high division and they consequently lost all their matches 9-0 and face relegation to Division 2 next time around.

With Ankush promoted and another player unavailable, Christopher Farrall was drafted in to team up with Arjun Prasanna Kumar and Aryan Sharma in the third team. They acquitted themselves reasonably well despite finishing bottom of the four team division in which the top and bottom teams were separated by only three points. The team even had the distinction of winning one of its matches and, ironically, that was against Ashford B, the divisional leaders. Arjun did well to win seven of his nine individual matches, while Aryan won four and Christopher one out of six.

The A team, however, were not affected by the lack of players and the same trio who had won Division 1 first time around were present to do battle again. This time they had to give second-best to Graham Spicer A who won the division by six points. Matthew Ley and Sai Prasanna Kumar both won six of their nine matches while Sai's brother Bharath won five times.

### National Cadet League Day 1

The new season of the National Cadet League got underway at Cippenham with two teams representing the host club.

Cippenham A were placed in Division 1 and finished the day in second place having won two and lost one of their three matches. The B team were in Division 5 and finished in third place having won one and lost two matches.

Bharath Prasanna Kumar was the star of the show for Cippenham A with an unblemished record of having won all of his nine matches. Only once was Bharath extended to a fifth and deciding game and that was against bottom team Kingfisher A. Against division leaders Graham Spicer A, Bharath won all his matches 3-1 while against the same club's B team his matches were all concluded three-straight. Bharath was ably supported by his younger brother Sai who won five of his nine matches, including a player of the match performance against Kingfisher. Needless to add, the other two player of the match awards both went to Bharath. Unfortunately, the third Cippenham player, Aarav Seth, was unable to add to the team's score throughout the day.

### National Junior League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1—Round 2							
Graham Spicer A	3	3	0	0	23	4	23
Cippenham A	3	2	0	1	17	10	17
Chiltern A	3	1	0	2	14	13	14
Cippenham B	3	0	0	3	0	27	0
Division 5—Round 2							
Ashford B	3	2	0	1	15	12	15
Chiltern C	3	2	0	1	15	12	15
Ashford C	3	1	0	2	12	15	12
Cippenham C	3	1	0	2	12	15	12
Division 1—Round 1							
Cippenham A	3	3	0	0	19	8	19
Graham Spicer A	3	2	0	1	17	10	17
Cippenham B	3	1	0	2	9	18	9
Graham Spicer B	3	0	0	3	9	18	9
Division 6—Round 1							
Cippenham C	3	3	0	0	20	7	20
Rosehill B	3	2	0	1	17	10	17
Ashford D	3	1	0	2	17	10	17
Warren Spring C	3	0	0	3	0	27	0
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Cippenham A							
Matthew Ley	6	18	14	78			
Bharath Prasanna Kumar	6	18	11	61			
Sai Prasanna Kumar	6	18	11	81			
Cippenham B							
Jack Dennis	3	9	7	78			
Samuel Wolfenden	3	9	2	22			
Henry Wojcik	6	18	0	0			
Ankush Srinivas	3	9	0	0			
Daniel Brazil	2	6	0	0			
Cippenham C							
Arjun Prasanna Kumar	6	18	14	78			
Ankush Srinivas	3	9	7	78			
Arman Hafeez	3	9	6	67			
Aryan Sharma	3	9	4	44			
Christopher Farrall	2	6	1	17			

### Results:

Day 1	Day 2
<b>Cippenham A</b>	<b>Cippenham A</b>
7-2 Cippenham B	9-0 Cippenham B
5-4 Graham Spicer A	1-8 Graham Spicer A
7-2 Graham Spicer B	7-2 Chiltern A
<b>Cippenham B</b>	<b>Cippenham B</b>
2-7 Cippenham A	0-9 Cippenham A
5-4 Graham Spicer B	0-9 Chiltern A
2-7 Graham Spicer A	0-9 Graham Spicer A
<b>Cippenham C</b>	<b>Cippenham C</b>
9-0 Warren Spring C	4-5 Chiltern C
5-4 Ashford D	5-4 Ashford B
6-3 Rosehill B	3-6 Ashford C

The Cippenham B team comprised three debutants, all making their first ever appearance for a Cippenham team. Over the day's play, Daniel Brazil did well to win six of his nine matches and he was supported by Christopher Farrall with five wins to his credit and Yaseen Abdelbary with two. Daniel was player of the match in his team's 6-3 victory over CGS Blacks.

### National Cadet League (Round 1)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Graham Spicer A	3	3	0	0	21	6	21
Cippenham A	3	2	0	1	14	13	14
Graham Spicer B	3	1	0	2	12	15	12
Kingfisher A	3	0	0	3	7	20	7
Division 5							
Kingfisher E	3	3	0	0	20	7	20
Graham Spicer E	3	2	0	1	16	11	16
Cippenham B	3	1	0	2	13	14	13
CGS Blacks	3	0	0	3	5	22	5
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Cippenham A							
Bharath Prasanna Kumar	3	9	9	100			
Sai Prasanna Kumar	3	9	5	56			
Aarav Seth	3	9	0	0			
Cippenham B							
Daniel Brazil	3	9	6	67			
Christopher Farrall	3	9	5	56			
Yaseen Abdelbary	3	9	2	22			

### Results:

Cippenham A	Cippenham B
6-3 Kingfisher A	3-6 Kingfisher E
3-6 Graham Spicer A	4-5 Graham Spicer E
5-4 Graham Spicer B	6-3 CGS Blacks

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## Weekend Diary

Dec 2/3	Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open
Dec 9	Senior British League (3)
Dec 10	National Cadet League (2)
Dec 16	County Championships
Jan 6	Cippenham Team 1-Star Open
Jan 7	National Cadet League (3)
Jan 14	Reading Individual Handicap Competition
Jan 20	National Junior League (3)
Jan 21	Berkshire Inter-Town Competition
Jan 27	County Championships
Jan 28	Cippenham Women & Girls 1-Star Open
Feb 3/4	County Championships
Feb 11	Level 1 coaching course
Feb 24	National Junior League (4)
Mar 10	National Cadet League (4)
Mar 17	Reading Closed Championships
Mar 23	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Apr 6/7	Senior British League (4)
Apr 13	County Championships
Apr 27	Cippenham 5x2 Senior/Vets' 1* Open
Jun 29/30	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest

## Weekday Timetable

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

## Fees Season 2023-24

	<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
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

## Cippenham TTC

### Festive Evening and Annual Awards

Including hard-bat tournament

**Tuesday 19th December 2023**

From 7:30 pm

**Free to all members and their families**

Register by 7:45 pm in you want to play in the  
hard-bat tournament

**Light buffet including mince pies and mulled  
wine provided**

## 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 19 December (see above), re-opening on Tuesday 2nd January.



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