

# Season opens with another successful 4-Star

The new table tennis season has got underway with another hugely successful Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open. Over 150 players, including several ranked at the top of national lists, kept the tables busy for two days during which 375 individual matches were staged and the winners emerged from all corners of the country and beyond. Saturday saw the staging of the cadet (under-15) events while the juniors (under-18) took to the tables on Sunday.

This tournament has a habit of bringing to attention players recently arrived in the country and this year was no exception. Wah Yu Choong, a new arrival in Lancashire from Hong Kong, tore through the Cadet Boys' event dropping just one game, that to Louie Evans, on his way to the final. Having won his preliminary round group, Choong then went to work on Jarvis Lee, Ben Poulter and seventh seed Evans before mesmerising second seed David Gofton in his semi-final.

Waiting for Choong in the final was top seed and pre-tournament favourite Louis Price. Price did not have such an easy ride as Choong to the final and first dropped a game in the group stage to Pranav Gudipati, the Cippenham player who later went on to win the plate event. Joe Newman was then eliminated by Price 3-0, Nathaniel Saunders 3-1 and Charlie Graham-Adams 3-0 before a titanic struggle with Ben Hee, winner over third seed Max Stevens one round earlier, in the semifinal. The first three games of the semi all went to deuce and Hee took a 2-1 lead but the dynamic Price, ranked third in England, fought back to win the fourth and fifth games 11-9, 11-7. In the

Cippenham Junior 4-Star Open Results				
Even	t Winner	Runner-up		
JBS	Joseph Hee (E)	Ethan Walsh (He)		
JGS	Charlotte Bardsley (St)	Tiana Dennison (E)		
CBS	Wah Yu Choong (La)	Louis Price (Av)		
CGS	Darcie Proud (Li)	Yanh Ying Choong (La)		
JBP	Fraser Kent (Sx)	Damien Gray (Sy)		
JGP	Jamie-Lee Harley (WAL)	Emily Haskell (Dv)		
CBP	Pranav Gudipati (Bu)	Todd Stanmore (Ox)		
CGP	Ilyssa Lacorte (He)	Isabelle Lacorte (He)		



Joseph Hee on his way to winning JBS

final, Choong was just too strong although Price did extend the match to four games.

The best local performance came from Shae Thakker as the Cippenham player won his group and then eliminated Joshua Bruce and Felix Thomis before eventually falling to Gofton in the quarter-final but not before he scared the second seed from the Ormesby club in Middlesbrough by taking the first game.

It seemed for a while that the Choong family might have a double celebration but the counterpart Cadet Girls' Singles proved one step too far for Hang Ying Choong. The top position in the draw kept changing hands. Defending champion and top seed Gemma Kerr, ranked second in England, was beaten 3-2 in the second round by Millie Rogove and then Rogove was beaten in the semifinal by Choong in a topsy-turvy match which swung one way then the other and ended with the unlikely scoreline 13-11, 8-11, 0-11, 11-2, 11-5!

Meanwhile, the bottom of the draw was proceeding in a more orderly fashion as second seed Darcy Proud beat off the challenges of Lara Whitton and Raquel Sao Pedro although Proud did have to recover from losing the first two games in her semi-final against Pedro. By the time the final came along, Proud was in full flow and, despite dropping the third game, made short work of Choong.

Joseph Hee made his name a year ago when, recently arrived from Singapore, he won the Cadet Boys' Singles at the second running of Cippenham Junior 4-



Pranav Gudipati presented with this CB Playe award by Ken Phillips

Star Open. This year Hee was only in the older age category but again tore the field to pieces although he did drop games to Branislav Zivkovic in round two and George Hazell in the quarterfinal,

Six of the top eight seeds duly found their way into their allotted positions in the quarter-finals. Cippenham's Shae Thakker was responsible for one of the casualties when he defeated eighth seed Sam Chesterman in round two but his run was ultimately ended by Cacharel Mirjah-Mercer in the last sixteen but even then Thakker went into a 2-1 lead before Mirjah-Mercer moved into another gear.

The carnage in the second quarter of the draw was all down to Jamie Nordin. Despite only finishing second in his group, Nordin went on the rampage, defeating Rowan Jones, fourth seed Artur Caltabiano and cadet runner-up Louis Price before seventh seed Reece Chamdal proved too strong in the quarters. Chandal then became Hee's victim in their semi-final.

Third seed Ethan Walsh ended Mirjah-Mercer's run in the quarters and then beat defending champion and second seed James Smith in the semi-final, coming back from 2-0 down while doing so. One round earlier Smith had beaten Israel Owolaja in what was a repeat of the final from the previous tournament

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#### Junior 4\* Open (cont'd)

in April. The impressive defending of Hee then easily overcame the more attacking style of Walsh in the final.

England number two Charlotte Bardsley, fresh from playing in the European Youth Top10 the previous weekend, was in a class of her own in the Junior Girls' Singles, winning the event without being extended past seven points in any game! After winning her group, Bardsley put paid to the challenges of Mya Sultan, Darcie Proud and third seed Beth Richards to reach the final.

In the bottom half of the draw, fourth seed Tiana Dennison was fighting her way through to the final. A straightforward win over Nikka Zareh was followed by a trickier 3-1 result against Gemma Kerr. This put Dennison into the semi-final where she must have been surprised to meet Raquel Sao Pedro. This match was a classic, eventually won 12-10 in the fifth by Dennison, Sao Pedro's route to the semi-final started with defeat against Nina Kadir in the preliminary round group. However, she then embarked upon a run that saw her beat Mari-Grace Baldwin 3-2, coming from 2-0 down, Anaya Patel and then second seed and England number six Kate Cheer 3-2.

The final itself was Bardsley's easiest match of the day as she beat Dennison emphatically 11-4, 11-4. 11-3.

Cippenham Table Tennis Club is very grateful to the army of volunteers who made the tournament run so successfully. Referee Steve Smith kept to his schedule while Mike Atkinson and Ken Phillips were helped by Cippenham's usual group of tireless workers. Special thanks are also due to the fantastic group of umpires without whom the event could not be staged.

### 21st Anniversary Party Annual Prize Giving Thursday 12 October, 8:00 pm

Honour the recipients of the annual awards:

Karen Mitchell Outstanding Contribution Award Senior Player of the Year

Alan Farral and Terry Boxall Junior Player of the Year

Partake in the food and wine provided

### Who's Who at Cippenham?

Now that the dust has settled on the pre-season changes to the Club's management team, it is an opportune moment to set out for you who does what at Cippenham Table Tennis Club. That way you will know who to go to for information and advice.

#### The Management Committee:

- Ken Phillips: Chairman; Facilities Manager; Coaching Officer; Head Coach; Volunteer Champion; WBL Captain/Secretary; JBL Captain/Secretary; NJL Captain/Secretary; NCL Captain/Secretary; British League Weekend Referee; Young Players' Summer Festival Organiser/Referee; Junior 4-Star Open Assistant Organiser; Weekday Duty Manager; Calendar Sub-Committee
- Graham Trimming: General Secretary; Treasurer; Committee Secretary; Membership Secretary; Press Secretary; Newsletter Editor; Webmaster; Maidenhead League Selection Committee; British League Weekend Organiser; Team Open Organiser/Referee; Veterans' Open Organiser; Calendar Sub-Committee
- Sue Hayes: Deputy Chairman; Welfare Officer; Weekday Duty Manager; Westgate School Liaison; Grand Prix Administrator; Catering Liaison; Club Supply Agent; Members' Supply Agent; Calendar Sub-Committee; Senior Open Referee; Senior/ Veterans' Open Referee; Lead Coach
- Elena Tant: Bookings Officer; Calendar Coordinator/Sub-Committee; Maidenhead League Captain/Secretary/Selection Committee; Spartans Captain; Club Championships Organiser

Naomi Hayes: Events Officer

David Tant: Health & Safety Advisor; Maidenhead Selection Committee

#### **Three titles for Price**

Avon's Louis Price won all three titles open to him at the Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival in June. There was another bumper entry, especially for the younger age groups on the Saturday.

For a full report of the tournament please go to the Cippenham TTC website.

Cippenham Young Players' Summer Festival Results				
Event	Winner	Runner-up		
U18S	Louis Price (Av)	Mathew Pearce (WAL)		
U16S	Louis Price (Av)	Mathew Pearce (WAL)		
	Louis Price (Av)	Louie Evans (WAL)		
U14GS	Millie Rogove (He)	Lauren Loosemore (Dv)		
U12BS	Victor Rioja (He)	Harrison Emery (K)		
U12GS	Lauren Loosemore (Dv)	Scarlett Anders (Mi)		
U18C	Ben Pearce (WAL)	Jamie McNeil (Ox)		
U16C	Pranav Gudipati (Bu)	Bethany Brewer (WAL)		
U14BC	Pranav Gudipati (Bu)	Daniel Broner (He)		
U14GC	Georgia Barker (Ha)	Rhian S-Houlford (Dv)		
	Danny Klinger (Ha)	George Thorn		
U12GC	Ruby Elliott (WAL)	Rhian S-Houlford (Dv)		

Keith Hall: Maidenhead Selection Committee

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#### Other volunteers:

- Martin Adams: Senior British League Captain/Secretary/Team I Captain
- Mike Atkinson: National Junior League Organiser; National Cadet League Organiser; Junior 4-Star Open Organiser/ Assistant Referee
- Paul Baker: Veterans' British League Captain/Secretary; Senior British League Team II Captain; Senior Open Organiser; Senior/Veterans' Open Organiser
- Jim Hayes: Weekend Set-up Coordinator
- Charles Mitchell: Anniversary Party Organiser

Steve Smith: Junior 4-Star Open Referee

Denise Weller: Women's British League Captain/Secretary; Veterans' British League Captain/Secretary

Wendy Porter: Veterans' Open Referee

#### Paid appointments:

Bhanu Muralitharan: weekend catering Megan Ashfield: Tuesday Duty Officer Dylan Thakker: Thursday Duty Officer

#### **Maidenhead League teams**

The following teams have been selected:

**Cippenham Saxons—Division 1:** Ashley Shaw (capt); Albert Cheung; Ricky Hardcastle; Graham Trimming

**Cippenham Trojans—Division 1:** Tim Kiteley (Capt.); Keith Hall; Sue Hayes; Igor Liiko; Holly Long; Alex Sukhoviy

**Cippenham Spartans—Division 2:** Elena Tant (capt); Armando Borges; Dave Tant; Zsolt Varga

**Cippenham Titans—Division 2:** Walter Aldridge (capt.); Lucie Bouron; Jan Chapman; Harry Coles; Ike Greenberg; Brian Guilloud; Lyazid Wirkhani

#### Ken—Table Tennis England VP

Many congratulations to our own Ken Phillips for his award of Vice-President of Table Tennis England at the national association's recent AGM. A richly deserved honour for his services over four decades to club, county, region and nationally.

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## **Mixed fortunes for Cippenham teams in VBL**

It was a weekend of mixed fortunes for the three Cippenham teams as the new season of the Veterans' British League kicked off in Derby. The men's first team occupy a mid-table position in a highly competitive Division 1A while the second team, promoted from Division 4 last season found the going tougher and are bottom on Division 3B but their cause is not yet doomed. The ladies' team, who went the other way down from Division 1 to Division 2 have made a sound start and will have their chances for a promotion back up to Division 1 when the league concludes in the new year.

Division 1A is hugely congested with one team on seven points, three teams on five points and the other two on four points. Cippenham 1 are one of the teams on five points and so could still finish in any of the six positions depending on their form in the second half of the season. Cippenham started with their only win of the weekend, 4-2 over last placed Team Ecosse from Scotland. Team captain Martin Adams was the star of this particular show, winning both his matches against Stewart Crawford and Gerald Campbell 3-0 with a greater degree of comfort than even that suggests and he was well backed up by Martin Gray and Mark Banks who both beat Colin Green.

Saturday's fixtures were completed with two 3-3 draws against Topspin Fusion from south London and Wirepoint Bulldogs. Both results were gained with all three Cippenham players contributing to the points, winning one match each in both matches. Martin Adams was once again to the fore on Sunday morning as his wins against Hari Gehlot and Jojo Senior, backed up by Martin Gray's win also over Senorin, contributed to another 3-3 draw against London Moberley. The weekend finished disappointingly with a 4-2 defeat at the hands of top-placed Foresters A but Martin Gray will take a lot of credit for two wins against Ritchie Venner and Wesley Bush-Harris.

Meanwhile, the men's second team managed only two points gained via 3-3 draws with the teams placed second and third in an otherwise disappointing set of results. Mike Rhodes was the only winner in a 5-1 defeat to Whitworth Academy but Cippenham lost three other sets 3-2 which, if reversed, would have seen them win against the team placed immediately above them. Saturday's results then improved with those two draws, firstly against XLNT Draycott 3, then against South Essex. Simon Vine was the star for Cippenham, winning three of his four matches while Paul Baker added one for the point against South Essex and he and Mike also won against Draycott.

Sunday morning started poorly as Cippenham went 4-0 down to Foresters D before Paul and Simon won the final two sets to make the score more respectable. Two 3-2 losses earlier in the match put paid to any chance of a point from this match. The final match was against divisional leaders St Georges and Mike was Cippenham's only winner in a 5-1 defeat.

The ladies' team was the most successful of all the Cippenham teams and sit third in their division of eight teams, sandwiched on sets aggregate between two other teams on the same number of points. The weekend started really brightly with 5-1 wins against both Market Rasen II and Halton 1. Denise Weller and Sue Hayes both won their two matches against Market Rasen and Julie Dean added one other. Denise was rested for the match against Halton but Sue maintained her winning ways, Julie came to the fore with two herself and Wendy Porter added the other. A perfect Saturday was completed with a 4-2 win against Billwood. Denise won her two matches both 3-0 while Sue and Wendy completed the job for Cippenham.

Sundays' opponents were stronger and this reflected in the results. Secondplaced IPS Tigers were held to a 3-3 draw with Denise again leading the way with two wins at the top of the order and Wendy provided the all-important win against Susie Hughes. A match against divisional leaders Northern Belles completed the weekend and this resulted in a 4-2 defeat for Cippenham. Denise lost her unbeaten record to Linda Sanderson, but beat Shirley Gelder while Sue beat Karen Henry. Julie was 2-0 up against Sanderson in the final set but could not quite pull off the win that would have seen Cippenham fight back from 3-0 down to 3-3. Cippenham are handily placed in the division with only the bottom two placed teams to play when the season resumes.



Martin Adams in action at Derby—photo by Mike Rhodes

Veterans'	Bri	itis	h	Le	agı	Je	
League Tables:	Ρ	w	D	L	F	A	Pts
Men's Division 1A		_					
Foresters A	5	3	1	1	17	13	7
Wirepoint Bulldogs	5	2	1	2	15	15	5
Topspin Fusion	5	1	3	1	15	15	5
Cippenham 1	5	1	3	1	15	15	5
London Moberley	5	0	4	1	14	16	4
Team Ecosse	5	1	2	2	14	16	4
Men's Division 3B	_			•		•	•
St Georges	5	4	1	0	21	9	9
South Essex	5	1	4	0	16	14	6
XLNT Draycott 3	5	2	2	1	16	14	6
Foresters D	5	2	0	3	13	17	4
Whitworth Academy	5	1	1	3	14	16	3
Cippenham 2	5	0	2	3	10	20	2
Women's Division 2	_	_	~	•	<b>~</b> -	~	
Northern Belles	5	5	0	0	27	3	10
IPS Tigers	5	3	1	1	21	9	7
Cippenham	5	3	1	1	19	11	7
Billwood	5	3	1	1	17	13	7
Halton 1	5	2	0	3	12	18	4
Market Rasen II	5	1	1	3	10	20	3
RTA	5	1	0	4	9	21	2
Carpe Diem	5	0	0	5	5	25	0
Players' Averages:							
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Men's A							
Martin Adams	5		10		6		60
Martin Gray 5 10			6 60				
Mark Banks	5	5 10		3	3 30		
Men's B							
Simon Vine		5 10		4			
Mike Rhodes		5 10		3 30			
Paul Baker	5	5 10		3	3 30		
Women					_		
Denise Weller	4		8		7		88
Sue Hayes	4		8		6		75
Wendy Porter	3		6		3		50
Julie Dean	4		8	3	3		38
Results:							
Men's A		Me	n's	В			
4-2 Team Ecosse		1-5	Wł	nitwo	orth A	cade	emy
3-3 Topspin Fusion		3-3	XL	NT I	Drayo	cott 3	
3-3 Wirepoint Bulldogs					Esse		
3-3 London Moberley		2-4	Fo	reste	ers D		
2-4 Foresters A					rges		
Women							
5-1 Market Rasen II							
5-1 Halton 1							
4-2 Billwood							
3-3 IPS Tigers							
2-4 Northern Belles							

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### Weekday Timetable

Mon	19:15	Advanced Coaching Group
Tues	19:15 19:30 19:40	Local league matches Practice tables Grand Prix (when run)
Weds	19:30	Elite Coaching Group
Thurs	17:15 19:15 19:30	Beginners' coaching Local league matches Practice tables

### Fees Season 2017-18

	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
Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.80	£0.90
Family Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£3.00	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
Local League Match Fees	£4.00	£2.00
Coaching Fees (Thursday) (per session)	**£6.00	**£3.00
Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term )		£35.00
* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members		
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members		



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### **Weekend Diary**

Oct 7/8	Senior British League Nat Div C4 & C5 (1)
Oct 14:	National Junior League (1)
Oct 21:	County Championship Veterans' Division
Oct 22:	Bucks Closed Championships
Oct 28/29	County Championships Senior Prem Div
Nov 4/5	Senior British League Nat Div C4 & C5 (2)
Nov 12	National Cadet League (1)
Nov 19	Cippenham Super 6 Senior 2* Open
Nov 25	National Junior League (2)
Dec 3:	National Cadet League (2)
Jan 14	Cippenham Team 2* Open
Jan 21	Senior British League Nat Div C4 & C5 (3)
Jan 27	National Junior League (3)
Feb 3/4	County Championships Senior Division

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