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Martin stars in VBL debut

The Cippenham veterans' men team has been hugely strengthened this season by the inclusion of **Martin Adams** and he won 8 out of 10 in his debut weekend. However, the team managed only four points and finished the first weekend third in a closely contested Division 2B while the women's team finished two points and two places worse off in their Division 1.

The weekend at RAF Cosford started very well for the Cippenham men's team. Martin Adams, in his first season for Cippenham in the Veterans' British League but captain of the Club's team in the Senior British League for many seasons, led the way. His two wins over Dave Aitkenhead and Jim Stanas came either side of a closely fought battle in which Paul Baker beat Richard Wilson 11-9 in the fifth after having swapped deuce games in the third and fourth. Then Christos Hannides secured the win and the second league point beating Wilson 3-1 and it mattered little that Paul lost to Aitkenhead because Cippenham had won the match 4-2.

Mike Rhodes was brought into the team in place of Paul for the second match against PSP Insurance. Martin easily beat Rick Jemmott to give Cippenham and early lead while Mike beat Terry Parkins 11-9 in the fifth and Martin beat Trevor Lloyd, also over five games, to put Cippenham 3-1 up. However, the extra points proved elusive as Mike lost 3-1 to Jemmott and then agonisingly Christos missed out 12-10 in the decider against Parkins after having recovered from two games down.

Christos sat out the match against Topspin Fusion A, a match lost 6-0 by Cippenham against the runaway divisional leaders with Martin suffering his only defeats of the weekend.

Sunday morning started with a disappointed 4-2 defeat to Wolves - Martin being the only successful player beating Steve Robinson and Stephane Bonafous. The weekend finished with another 3-3 draw with Draycott and Long



Martin Adams

Thanks to Mike Rhodes for the photos from VBL



(l-r): Mike Rhodes; Chris Hannides; Martin Adams; Paul Baker

Eaton 2. Once again Cippenham led 3-1 with Martin, twice, and Christos winning their matches in straight games, only for Christos and Paul both losing out over five games to deny the team another point.

The women's team were less successful and struggled against good opposition in Division 1. Saturday did bring about their one victory of the weekend. After losing the opening match 5-1 to Milton Keynes, in which Denise Weller had got Cippenham off to a promising start against Dawn Pearce, they came back strongly to win their second match against RTA 5-1. The only set to elude Cippenham was Jackie Channell's opening win against Julie Dean, after which it was all Cippenham with Denise and Sue Hayes each winning both their sets. The day finished with another 5-1 defeat at the hands of divisional leaders Fusion when Julie Dean got the better of Jackie Williams. Sunday brought no joy at all with two 6-0 defeats to BATTS PPP and Jacksdale.

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Men's Division 2B							
Topspin Fusion A	5	5	0	0	28	2	10
Wolves	5	2	2	1	16	14	6
Cippenham	5	1	2	2	12	18	4
Border Reivers	5	1	2	2	12	18	4
PSP Insurance	5	0	3	2	11	19	3
Draycott & Long Eaton 2	5	0	3	2	11	19	3
Women's Division 1							
Fusion	5	5	0	0	25	5	10
Milton Keynes	5	3	1	1	18	12	7
BATTS PPP	5	2	2	1	20	10	6
Jacksdale	5	2	1	2	15	15	5
Cippenham	5	1	0	4	7	23	2
RTA	5	0	0	5	5	25	0

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham Men				
Martin Adams	5	10	8	80
Christos Hannides	4	8	2	25
Paul Baker	3	6	1	17
Mike Rhodes	3	6	1	17
Cippenham Women				
Denise Weller	4	8	3	38
Sue Hayes	3	6	2	33
Julie Dean	4	8	2	25
Wendy Porter	4	8	0	0

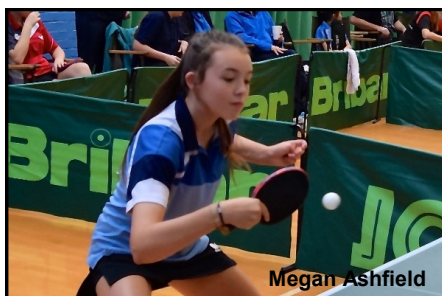
Results:

Cippenham Men	Cippenham Women
4-2 Border Reivers	1-5 Milton Keynes
3-3 PSP Insurance	5-1 RTA
0-6 Topspin Fusion A	1-5 Fusion
2-4 Wolves	0-6 BATTS PPP
3-3 Draycott & Long Eaton	0-6 Jacksdale

Jemma leads Cippenham to two wins



Shristi Ghosh



Megan Ashfield



Jemma Walker

Cippenham girls made a satisfactory start to their Junior British League campaign at RAF Cosford. After four years' absence, the Slough based club's girls team are back in the big time after having qualified via the play-offs in July. Two wins and a draw from their five matches sees them with five points in fourth place in a tightly contested Division 3 with all to play for next time around.

Within a good all-round team performance, it was Jemma Walker's two braces that secured the team's two victories. However, her five wins over the weekend were matched by Shristi Ghosh while Megan Ashfield won three times from the more difficult number one position.

The weekend, though, could hardly have started less well with Cippenham on the wrong end of a 6-0 drubbing by BATTS B who ultimately gained only the same number of points as Cippenham during the whole weekend. However, luck was not on the side of the Cippenham girls and three successive sets went against them in the fifth end, and two of these were at deuce.

As if to prove the point that they deserved better, the girls then went on to beat Cardiff 4-2 and Cardiff finished the weekend in second place! All the three girls played their part but it was Jemma Walker's first brace, that included a tight 11-9 fifth game win over Jamie Lee-Harley that proved decisive. Shristi Ghosh also beat Lee-Harley while Megan Ashfield beat Lara Whitton. Cippenham's two losses were both against the opposing number one player Lydia John.

Match number three provided Cippenham's only draw in a division in which there were many. This time it was Shristi who played the starring role against Pudsey with wins against Ruby Chan and Sammy Parker, while Jemma also beat Chan.

The following day started brightly for Cippenham and they raced into a 2-0 lead against divisional leaders Urban. Megan and Shristi beat Talia Banin-Reid and Ema Gadzhova respectively but that was all the girls could muster. Megan came closest by taking Gadzhova to a decider.

The weekend finished on an up-beat note with another victory, this time 4-2 against Northfield. Once again Jemma played the lead role beating both Charlotte Weatherby and Iman Muktar while Shristi and Megan joined in with one apiece as both lost out against the Northfield number one Hannah Clark.

League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Girls' Division 3							
Urban TTC	5	3	2	0	19	11	8
Cardiff	5	3	0	2	16	14	6
BATTS B	5	2	1	2	16	14	5
Cippenham	5	2	1	2	13	17	5
Northfield	5	0	3	2	13	17	3
Pudsey	5	0	3	2	13	17	3

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Shristi Ghosh	5	10	5	50
Jemma Walker	5	10	5	50
Megan Ashfield	5	10	3	30

Results:

0-6 BATTS B	2-4 Urban TTC
4-2 Cardiff	4-2 Northfield
3-3 Pudsey	

Thanks to Saikat Ghosh
for the photos from JBL

Ricky takes away Banks' unbeaten record

Mark Banks' unbeaten run in the Maidenhead League, which stretches back five years to season 2009-10, came to a climatic end when Cippenham's own Ricky Hardcastle toppled his crown 3-1 in the match between Cippenham Trojans and Cookham Social Typhoons.

Ironically, Ricky later lost to Steve Miller 3-0 in a match that Cookham won 7-3 to maintain their position at the top of Division One.

NWVA Blue Jays surprisingly hold second place at the moment, four points

behind Cookham while the two Cippenham teams, Saxons and Trojans, are neck and neck just one further point behind.

Ricky is not the only player going well for Cippenham in the Maidenhead League. Albert Cheung has also made a blistering start, and is the only other player to have so far beaten Ricky, while new boy Simon Vine and old boy Simon Wilde are also doing well.

Vikings and Spartans are sixth and seventh respectively in Division 2. Seb Nimier, a late arrival in the Vikings team



Ricky Hardcastle

is going well and has also performed well when playing a first reserve for Saxons.

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Going tough after unexpected promotion



(l-r): Wendy Porter; Julie Dean; Sue Hayes; Denise Weller

After finishing only third in Division 3 last season, the Cippenham team found themselves unexpectedly promoted to Division 2 of the Women's British League. This proved to be a massive step and a step too far. The team returned from Tipton and the opening weekend without a point on the board.

All five opponents, Draycott East Midlands 2, Pink Pong South West, Formby, Halton 2 and Leeds swept Cippenham aside without suffering a single defeat on the table. Four 6-0 defeats were finally followed by 5-1 in the final match against Leeds when the Leeds number three had to concede her final match through injury.

There were a few brighter moments.

League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 2							
Draycott East Midlands 2	5	3	2	0	21	9	8
Pink Pong South West	5	3	2	0	21	9	8
Formby	5	2	2	1	17	13	6
Halton 2	5	2	1	2	17	13	5
Leeds	5	1	1	3	13	17	3
Cippenham	5	0	0	5	1	29	0

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Wendy Porter	4	8	0	0
Julie Dean	4	8	0	0
Sue Hayes	4	7	0	0
Denise Weller	3	6	0	0

Results:

0-6 Formby	0-6 Draycott East Mid 2
0-6 Halton 2	1-5 Leeds
0-6 Pink Pong South West	

Wendy Porter took recent national veterans' champion and former Cippenham and Maidenhead star Sue Collier to a fifth game, as did Julie Dean against Denise McEvoy in the match against Halton. Then, in the final match Julie also took Rebecca George to a deciding fifth game but Sue Hayes was unable to win a game all weekend and Denise Weller managed no more than one against any opponent.

Megan leads the way in Qualifiers

By winning her group and remaining unbeaten Megan Ashfield (pictured on page 2) led the way for the other Cippenham youngsters to follow in the Regional Cadet and Junior Qualification Tournament, played at Cippenham on 5 October. The prize was a place in the National Championships later in the season.

Megan was one of four Cippenham stars to qualify on the day with Shristi Ghosh and Jemma Walker being pre-qualified in the cadets (under-15) due to their high national ranking. Megan and Scarlett Jones made it four Cippenham girls now qualified as they finished first and second respectively in their category. For good measure Carys Evans finished fourth and will be first reserve for the nationals.

Shristi also qualified for the junior (under-18) event by finishing second in her first stage group and then third overall. Megan also finished second in her group but then lost to Shristi to finish fourth overall and will be first reserve for the nationals while Scarlett and Carys finished sixth and tenth respectively overall.

Cippenham also had two boys attempting to qualify. For them, it was the top four that made it through to the nationals and Ben Naylor-Smith managed exactly that in the cadet event. Eleven years-old Shae Thakker, surely a star for the future, was one place lower at fifth and will be reserve for the nationals.

In the junior boys event Ben finished eighth and Shae tenth.

Shae lays down his marker at SportsAble Grand Prix

Cippenham's Shae Thakker proved what a star he is going to be by carrying all before him at the Sport-Able Southern Disability Grand Prix. At the tender age of just eleven years old, Shae reigned supreme, cheered on by friends and supporters at his home club and was named player of the tournament.

On Saturday, Shae won the double of Class 8, 9 and 10 Singles and the Junior Standing Singles. In the final of the Class Singles he beat Welsh paraplegic international star Joshua Morgan 15-13 in the fifth and deciding game after a pulsating finish in which both players had and lost championship points.

Then on Sunday he did it again, going through the draw and winning the Standing Band C Singles. Also in the medals was another Cippenham member Richard Barton, with a silver medal in the Wheelchair Doubles and bronze in the Wheelchair Band B and C Singles, an event in which Lochlann O'Higgins was second.



Top: Shae Thakker
Below: Richard Barton



National Junior League

League Table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 2							
Graham Spicer	3	3	0	0	21	6	21
Kidlington B	3	3	0	0	21	6	21
Chiltern A	3	1	0	2	15	12	15
Kingfisher	3	1	0	2	11	16	11
Cippenham	3	1	0	2	10	17	10
Ashford B	3	0	0	3	3	24	3

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Shae Thakker	3	9	7	78
Nabeel Hussain	3	9	2	22
Reeshabh Hamal	3	9	1	11

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Weekday Timetable

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

Fees Season 2014-15

	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		
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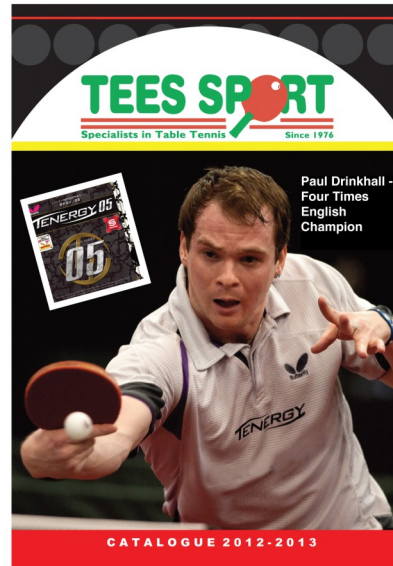
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Weekend Diary

Nov	8	County Championships Veterans Div 2B
	9	National Cadet League
	15	County Championships Junior Div 2D
	22	Cippenham Super 6 Veterans' 2* Open
	29	County Championships Cadet Div 1B
	30	National Cadet League
Dec	6	National Junior League
	13/14	Senior British League Div1S & Div3S
Jan	11	Cippenham Team 2* Open
	17	County Championships Veterans Div 2B
	18	Senior British League Div1S & Div3S
	24	National Junior League
	31	County Championships Veterans

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