



CIPPENHAM NEWS

Official Newsletter of Cippenham Table Tennis Club : February 2023 : No. 238

First team go top of division

Cippenham's two teams in the Senior British League enjoyed another good round of matches when they played host to the one-day third weekend of the season.

The first team won both matches to leapfrog the previous leaders to go top of National Division B-4 while the second team won one and lost one of their two matches and remain in the top half of Division C-5.

The Cippenham first team started the day with a match against Bristol-based WCBTT. Cippenham's number one Robert Hansell got his team off to a good start with a solid 3-1 victory over Andy Smith but that lead was short-lived as team captain Martin Adams lost by a similar scoreline to Joe Ratajczak. The pivotal moments followed as the next three sets were all won by narrow margins. Firstly, Martin Gray came back from 2-1 down to defeat Tom Lewis and then Shae Thakker was in an even worse position, 2-0 down to Patrick Macfarlane, before reeling off the next three games to win 3-2. Robert and Martin Adams then beat Ratajczak and Smith in the doubles, also 11-8 in the fifth game, to secure Cippenham a hard-fought 4-1 lead in the match.

Robert then suffered a rare loss at the hands of Ratajczak before Martin Gray secured Cippenham's overall victory beating Smith 3-0 in comfortable fashion. The match concluded 6-3 to Cippenham after Martin Adams had lost a close encounter with Macfarlane and Shae had beaten Lewis.

In the afternoon match Cippenham easily saw off bottom team Westfield 9-0 with every set being won 3-0 except for Robert's encounter with Roumen Stefanov. Meanwhile table toppers Somerset Sabres were losing both of their matches in the day and that allowed Cippenham to leapfrog their west country rivals to finish the session top of the division with four more matches to play during the concluding weekend in April.

The one disappointing result from the weekend saw Cippenham's second team, comprised entirely of junior players, slip to defeat to local rivals Kingfisher, from Reading, 5-4 after having



led 3-1. This was a match of fine margins with four of the nine sets requiring a deciding game and no set finishing 3-0. Krasni Ivanov gave Kingfisher a 1-0 lead in the opening set against Jamie Woodford but Cippenham came back strongly to lead 3-1 by virtue of William Saint's win over Gary Morgan, Jaiden Caldeira over Dmitry Khakhamov and Rachael Iles over Jamie Barlow. However, it was a close-run thing with both William and Rachael's victories only being secured 12-10 in the deciding games.

However, the luck ran out for Cippenham after that with a loss of the doubles and then two narrow defeats for William against Ivanov and Jamie against Khakhamov. Rachael then lost to Morgan to give Kingfisher an unassailable 5-3 lead before Jaiden made the final score 5-4 by beating Barlow. Jaiden's brace earned him the player of the match award, a rare occurrence for a player on the losing side.

The afternoon match for the second team had been expected to be a very tough encounter against a team that came into the weekend with a one-hundred-percent record. However, this was not the case as Cardiff City Community travelled up from south Wales with a much weakened team and Cippenham ran out easy 9-0 winners. Cippenham were extended to a fifth game in only three sets and those were all after a match-winning 5-0 lead had been established. Jaiden was once again named player of the match and Cippenham go into the final weekend in fourth place in the table.



Senior British League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
National Division B4							
Cippenham 1	10	9	0	1	65	25	18
Foresters 1	10	8	0	2	64	26	16
Somerset Sabres	10	7	0	3	68	22	14
WCBTT	10	5	0	5	42	48	10
Portsea	10	3	0	7	37	53	6
Birmingham TTA 1	10	3	0	7	33	57	6
Fusion 4	10	3	0	7	32	58	6
Westfield	10	2	0	8	19	71	4
National Division C5							
Foresters 3	10	9	0	1	58	32	18
Cardiff CCTTC	10	8	0	2	62	28	16
Newton Abbot TTC	10	6	0	4	60	30	12
Cippenham 2	10	6	0	4	51	39	12
Kingfisher 2	10	5	0	5	46	44	10
Haywards Heath	10	3	0	7	32	58	6
Horsham Spinners 3	10	3	0	7	28	62	6
Generation 2	10	0	0	10	23	67	0
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Cippenham 1							
Martin Gray	4	8	8	100			
Shae Thakker	10	19	18	95			
Robert Hansell	10	20	15	75			
Steve Munson	6	11	5	45			
Martin Adams	10	20	9	45			
Cippenham 2							
Jaiden Caldeira	10	19	13	68			
William Saint	10	20	12	60			
Jamie Woodford	10	20	11	55			
Rachael Iles	6	11	6	55			
Anna Piercey	4	8	2	25			
Results:							
Cippenham 1				Cippenham 2			
6-3 WCBTT				4-5 Kingfisher 2			
9-0 Westfield				9-0 Cardiff CCTTC			

Fourth-place finish for both teams



Both of Cippenham's teams in the Women's British League ended the season in fourth place in their respective divisions, the first team in Division 3 and the second team in Division 4.

The first team, comprising of the club's up and coming juniors Rachael Iles, Mia Lakhani and Anna Piercey, had to play two matches on Saturday morning and early afternoon to complete the first phase of their division. These were both easy 6-0 wins for Cippenham, firstly over Graham Spicer Club and then Halton 3. Mia was named payer of the match against Spicers as was Rachael against Halton.

The division was then split into two halves with Cippenham, having finished third of the eight teams in the initial phase, being placed in the top half. Ellenborough were the first opponents for Cippenham late on Saturday. Rachael was once again player of the match as her brace and further wins for Mia and Anna gave Cippenham their best result of the season, 4-2 against divisional champions Ellenborough. This proved to be Ellenborough's only defeat of the entire season!

Sunday did not fare so well for Cippenham as only one further league point was added and the team fell one place in the division to finish fourth. In the morning Cippenham lost out 2-4 to St Neots despite Mia's two fine wins against Stefania Popa and Lowri Hurd. In the afternoon Rachael, with wins over Nikki Kennard and Gracie Edwards in another player of the match performance, inspired Cippenham to a point with a 3-3 draw against North Essex.

Meanwhile, the Cippenham second team, comprising the club's veteran players, were playing in the same Wolverhampton venue. Remarkably, even



Denise Weller (photo: TTE)

with a slight change of personnel, they produced exactly the same final results in each match as they did in the opening weekend back in October.

Saturday did not fare so well, the team suffering three straight defeats. Jersey were the first to inflict damage on Cippenham's aspirations as the Channel Islanders ran out 5-1 winners. Only Mary Heffernan got herself on the scoresheet. Mary and Denise Weller then both beat Sandra Yee but were unable to stop Worthing winning 4-2 and in the final match of the day Greenhouse won by the same score despite Julie Dean winning both her matches.

Sunday was a whole lot better as the first point of the weekend was gained against Sutton-at-Hone in the morning. Mary won the player of the match award for her two wins against Nicola Duke and Carol Homewood while Sue Hayes also beat Homewood. The best was saved for last as Cippenham won their final match 4-2 against Drumchapel Glasgow third team. This time it was Denise who won the player of the match accolade after beating both Megan Mulhern and Amelia Smorlarek and she was backed up by Julie also beating Smorlarek and Mary also beating Mulhern.

Women's British League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 3 (Top Half)							
Ellenborough	10	6	3	1	43	17	15
St Neots TTC	10	5	4	1	39	21	14
N.E.T.T.S.	10	5	3	2	37	23	13
Cippenham 1	10	5	3	2	37	23	13
Division 3 (Phase 1)							
Ellenborough	7	6	1	0	35	7	13
St Neots TTC	7	4	3	0	30	12	11
Cippenham 1	7	4	2	1	28	14	10
N.E.T.T.S.	7	4	1	2	27	15	9
Loop Dublin	7	2	2	3	21	21	6
Graham Spicer TTC	7	2	0	5	13	29	4
Youngs TTC	7	1	1	5	10	32	3
Halton TTC 3	7	0	0	7	4	38	0
Division 4							
Greenhouse 1	10	8	2	0	40	20	18
Worthing TTC	10	6	4	0	36	24	16
Jersey	10	4	2	4	33	27	10
Cippenham 2	10	2	2	6	24	36	6
Sutton	10	1	3	6	24	36	5
Drumchapel Glasgow 3	10	2	1	7	23	37	5

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Cippenham 1				
Rachael Iles	10	20	14	70
Mia Lakhani	10	20	12	60
Anna Piercey	10	20	11	55
Cippenham 2				
Mary Heffernan	9	18	11	61
Denise Weller	5	10	4	40
Julie Dean	8	16	5	31
Lucie Bouron	5	10	3	30
Sue Hayes	3	6	1	17

Results:

Cippenham 1	Cippenham 2
6-0 Graham Spicer TTC	1-5 Jersey
6-0 Halton TTC 3	2-4 Worthing TTC
4-2 Ellenborough	2-4 Greenhouse 1
2-4 St Neots TTC	3-3 Sutton
3-3 N.E..T.T.S.	4-2 Drumchapel Glasgow 3

Kai is World Champion



Photo by Mike Rhodes

Congratulations also to former Cippenham player Kai Thornbech who, as Kai Milvek, played for Cippenham in WBL a quarter of a century ago. The Estonian won both the Women's Singles and the Mixed Doubles at the recent World Veteran's Championships in Muscat.

Rachael and Mia qualify for nationals

Congratulations to Rachael Iles and Mia Lakhani who have both qualified for the English National Championships. The qualification event was held at Nottingham in January and determined the players who will take their places alongside the top-ranked invitees later in the spring.

Rachael performed extremely well, finishing second in her preliminary round group on the Saturday and progressing through the rounds to finish third overall on the Sunday. Along the way she had fine wins against Mabel Shute, Anaya Patel and Rebecca Savage but lost out in the semi-final against Mya Sultan. Mia finished third in her group and then thirteenth overall. Anna Piercey was not so fortunate, being eliminated in the preliminary round group.

National Junior and Cadet league updates

Cippenham A retained their position in Division 1 of the National Cadet League, after winning promotion to the top table in December. by finishing third on the same number of points as Bourne End JSC A but being placed above them on account on winning the match between the two teams. Samuel Wolfenden was the star for Cippenham, winning five of his nine matches throughout the day including all three in the all-important match against Bourne End. Louis Alexander also won two in this match and another in the 2-7 defeat to Ashford A.

In Division 4, Cippenham B had a difficult time and finished bottom despite

beating Bourne End JSC C 5-4 who, nevertheless, finished five points ahead. The crucial match resulted in a 6-3 defeat against Kingfisher C while Kidlington Forum B ran out 7-2 winners. Aarav Seth won four of his nine matches, including all three against Bourne End, while Aryan Sharma and new recruit Arman Hafeez won three each.

Cippenham C finished a respectable second in Division 5, winning two of their three matches. Sai Prasanna Kumar won six of his nine matches while Airah Hussain had the same average with four wins from six. Ahyan Hussain won four out of nine.

Cippenham's three teams in the National Junior League were in action again in the third day of this four-day season-long competition. All four teams retained their places in their respective divisions by finishing either second or third in the four-team format.

Cippenham A, in Division 2, were one of the teams that finished second. The scored wins against Bourne End JSC A 7-2, with George Driscoll named player of the match, and Kidlington Forum 5-4. However, they lost out to Chiltern A 3-6. Nick Carter and George Driscoll both won two-thirds of their matches while Louis Alexander won half of his and Edward Meacock two out of his six.

Cippenham B came third in Division 4, beating Chiltern C 7-2 but recording defeats against Ashford D 4-5 and Graham Spicer B 3-6. Charlie Cook won all three of his individual matches against Ashford and was consequently named player of the match despite being on the losing side. Charlie won six of his eight matches overall on the day. Samuel Wolfenden won half of his matches and that included a player of the match performance against Chiltern. Ankush Srinivas won one of his eight encounters.

The C team won one match, against Ashford E 6-3 but lost the other two against Guildford B 4-5 and Bourne End JSC B 1-8. The team was made up of the three Prasanna Kumar brothers and it was Bharath who played the leading role, gaining the player of the match award in a losing cause against Guildford. Overall, Bharath won six out of nine while Sai won three and Arjun two.

Cippenham D elevated themselves to second place in Division 6, gaining victories along the way against Ashford F 8-1 and Chiltern E 7-2. The one loss was a big one, 1-8 against divisional leaders Chiltern D. Aryan Sharma and Aarav Seth both picked up player of the match awards and, with Reeyan Sharma, all finished with averages in the sixties. Victor Harrit also won one of his five matches.

National Cadet League (Day 3)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 1							
Chiltern A	3	3	0	0	21	6	21
Ashford A	3	2	0	1	17	10	17
Cippenham A	3	1	0	2	8	19	8
Bourne End JSC A	3	0	0	3	8	19	8
Division 4							
Kidlington Forum B	3	2	0	1	17	10	17
Bourne End JSC C	3	2	0	1	15	12	15
Kingfisher C	3	1	0	2	12	15	12
Cippenham B	3	1	0	2	10	17	10
Division 5							
Ashford C	3	3	0	0	17	10	17
Cippenham C	3	2	0	1	14	13	14
Graham Spicer D	3	0	0	3	12	15	12
Kidlington Forum C	3	1	0	2	11	16	11
Players' Averages:							
	M	P	W	Av			
Cippenham A							
Samuel Wolfenden	9	27	20	74			
Louis Alexander	6	18	10	56			
Bharath Prasanna Kumar	9	27	13	48			
Oskar Belniak	3	9	2	22			
Cippenham B							
Aarav Seth	8	24	13	54			
Oskar Belniak	3	9	4	44			
Aryan Sharma	8	24	10	42			
Arman Hafeez	3	9	3	33			
Cameron Fyfe	3	9	0	0			
Nikolas Hilton	2	6	0	0			
Cippenham C							
Sai Prasanna Kumar	9	27	22	81			
Aairah Hussain	6	18	14	78			
Ahyan Hussain	7	21	6	29			
Antoremsy Luckshanth	5	15	3	20			

Results:

Cippenham A	Cippenham B
2-7 Ashford A	3-6 Kingfisher C
5-4 Bourne End JSC A	5-4 Bourne End JSC C
1-8 Chiltern A	2-7 Kidlington Forum B
Cippenham C	
5-4 Graham Spicer D	
3-6 Ashford C	
6-3 Kidlington Forum C	

National Junior League (Day 3)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Division 2							
Chiltern A	3	3	0	0	20	7	20
Cippenham A	3	2	0	1	15	12	15
Kidlington Forum	3	1	0	2	10	17	10
Bourne End JSC A	3	0	0	3	9	18	9
Division 4							
Graham Spicer B	3	3	0	0	20	7	20
Ashford D	3	2	0	1	15	12	15
Cippenham B	3	1	0	2	14	13	14
Chiltern C	3	0	0	3	5	22	0
Division 5							
Bourne End JSC B	3	3	0	0	23	4	23
Guildford B	3	1	0	2	12	15	12
Cippenham C	3	1	0	2	11	16	11
Ashford E	3	1	0	2	8	19	8
Division 6							
Chiltern D	3	3	0	0	24	3	24
Cippenham D	3	2	0	1	16	11	16
Chiltern E	3	1	0	2	9	18	9
Ashford F	3	0	0	3	5	22	5
Players' Averages:							
	M		P		W		Av
Cippenham A							
Edward Meacock	7		21		12		57
Nick Carter	6		18		10		56
George Driscoll	7		21		10		48
Louis Alexander	7		21		6		24
Cippenham B							
Charlie Cook	8		23		17		74
Samuel Wolfenden	5		14		7		50
Ankush Srinivas	9		26		7		27
Rishi Nanda	5		15		4		27
Cippenham C							
Bharath Prasanna Kumar	9		27		20		74
Sai Prasanna Kumar	9		27		13		48
Arjun Prasanna Kumar	7		21		8		38
Cameron Fyfe	2		6		0		0
Cippenham D							
Arjun Prasanna Kumar	1		3		3		100
Aryan Sharma	7		21		12		57
Aarav Seth	8		23		12		52
Mateusz Skowera	2		6		3		50
Reeyan Sharma	5		14		6		43
Victor Harrit	4		11		1		0

Results:

Cippenham A	Cippenham B
3-6 Chiltern A	4-5 Ashford D
5-4 Kidlington Forum	3-6 Graham Spicer B
7-2 Bourne End JSC A	7-2 Chiltern C
Cippenham C	
4-5 Guildford B	
6-3 Ashford E	
1-8 Bourne End JSC B	
Cippenham D	
	8-1 Ashford F
	7-2 Chiltern E
	1-8 Chiltern D

CIPPENHAM NEWS

Key Club Contacts

Chairman, Head Coach & Coaching Officer
Ken Phillips : 07951 781151

General Secretary & Treasurer
Graham Trimming : 07903 335367

Deputy Chairman, Bookings Officer & Maidenhead League Captain

Elena Tant: 07946 227098

Welfare Officer
Sue Hayes: 07716 821171

Weekend Diary

Feb 19	Cippenham Team 1-Star Open
Feb 25	National Junior League (4)
Feb 26	Cippenham Women & Girls 1-Star Open
Mar 5	Reading Closed Championships
Mar 11	Maidenhead Closed Championships
Mar 12	National Cadet League (4)
Mar 18	Southern Region Cadet Qualifiers
Mar 19	Cippenham 5x2 Senior/Veterans' 1-Star
Mat 25/26	County Championships Senior Division 2
Apr 1/2	Senior British League (5)
Jun 17/18	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.

Weekday Timetable

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

Cippenham Team 1-Star Open

Sunday 19 February 2023

Teams of two— preliminary group followed by progressive knock-out

FULLY SUBSCRIBED

Fees Season 2022-23

	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
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
British League match fees	£5.00	
Maidenhead League Match Fees	£4.00	£2.00
Coaching Fees (Thursday) (per session)	£6.00	£3.00
Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term)		£25.00
Coaching Fees (Wednesday) (per term)		£35.00

Cippenham Women & Girls' 1-Star Open

Sunday 26 February 2023

Under-21 and Over-21 Singles Open Singles

**All events: groups plus knock-out
Entries close 12 February**



<https://www.facebook.com/cippenhamttc>



<http://twitter.com/cippenhamttc>



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/cippenhamttc>

Cippenham Table Tennis Club

**Cippenham Table Tennis Centre,
The Westgate School,
Cippenham Lane, Cippenham,
Slough, Berks, SL1 5AH
www.cippenhamttc.co.uk**

Published by Cippenham Table Tennis Club, 1 February 2023
Edited by Graham Trimming, Rosemount, Juniper Lane, Wooburn Green, Bucks, HP10 0DE
All photographs © Cippenham TTC, except if/where noted

Cippenham Table Tennis Club - Building A Future For Players Of All Ages And All Abilities