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# Maidenhead League champs ... again!

ongratulations to the Cippenham Trojans team of Maciej Dlugozima, Bharath Prasanna Kumar, Graham Trimming, Hari Prasad, Albert Cheung and Michal Garski who have clinched the title of the Maidenhead League with a match to spare. With second-placed Cippenham Saxons winning their final match 8-2, this left Trojans two points clear even before their final match which will be played next week.

Saxons chased hard until the end and won the third match between the two teams 6-4. This match brought the very best out of Bharath Prasanna Kumar who won his three singles matches and the doubles and, while doing so, ended the run of his younger brother Sai who had previously never ever been beaten in the Maidenhead League over two seasons—and at just eleven years of age!

This is the fourteenth time that a Cippenham team has won the Maidenhead League and the seventh in a row. For Graham this was a ninth Maidenhead team title, while it was the fifth time Albert has been so rewarded, the fourth time for Maciej and Hari, the second for Michal and the first for Bharath.



Congratulations also to runners-up Cippenham Saxons: Sai Prasanna Kumar; Louis Alexander; Mary Heffernan; Chloe Ireland; Peter Chipperton and Sue Hayes.

For good measure, Cippenham Spartans have raced away with the Division Two title. Congratulations to Rohit

Varshney, who went through the entire season unbeaten, Umair Farooqui, Randall Rodrigues, Steve Piercey with a little help from Margaret Thornton and Jan Chapman.

Full statistics next month once the final matches have concluded.

## Cippenham players in action at the two recent opens











# **W&G** finals repeated

ally Hughes and Ivy Chan met in two finals as the third annual Cippenham Women and Girls 1-Star Open. However, neither gained the upper hand over the other as they each won one of the two finals they contested.

It was fitting that Sally Hughes, the national standard-bearer for increasing female participation in table tennis, should secure the blue riband event, the Open Singles, while Chan had to be satisfied with her earlier Over-21 Singles title.

The top three seeds all won their preliminary round groups in the Open Singles. These were Hughes, Luna Archard and Jonabel Taguibao but fourth seed Holly Holder unfortunately withdrew with an injury half-way through the group matches and that allowed Cippenham's Mary Heffernan to progress in her place. Another Cippenham player, Anna Piercey, also progressed as winner of her group as did Chan and Lily Walters. The second-placed players who also made it through to the competition proper were Alesha Ellis-Austin, Chloe Ireland, Eleanor TurnerSamuels, Thu Huynh, Susanna Swan, Donna Hammond and Donna Lama Prossor.

After defeating Huynth in the first knockout round, Taguiboa also withdrew and that provided Anna Piercey with a route through to the semi-final where she was defeated by the eventual runner-up, Chan. Chloe Ireland beat Mary Heffernan in a match between two Cippenham team-mates from the Maidenhead League but Chloe then lost to Wales' Lily Walters in the quarter-finals.

The semi-finals paired Hughes against Walters and Chan against Anna with Hughes and Chan both winning their matches three-straight to set up their second meeting of the day, this time with Sally Hughes avenging her earlier defeat.

The age group events were played throughout the morning, one for the over-21s and the other for under-21s.

Top-ranked Sally Hughes, Holly Holder and Ivy Chan duly won their preliminary round groups while Mary Heffernan,

#### Cippenham Women & Girls 1-Star Open

Event Winner
OS Sally Hughes (Sx)
O21S lvy Chan (Mi)
U21S Luna Archard (Mi)
OCon Grace Liu (E)
O21Con Dolma Lama Prossor (K)
U21Con Angelina Harea (Mi)

Runner-up Ivy Chan (Mi) Sally Hughes (Sx) Jonabel Taguibao (Mi) Emily Ngo (Mi) ) Anna Lisa Tazartes (Mi) Evie Turner-Samuels (Mi)

Donna Hammond and Chloe Ireland also progressed in the older age group category. The semi-finals pitched Hughes against Chloe and Chan against Holder with Chan eventually defeating Hughes 11-9 in the fifth game of an exciting final.

In the Under-21 Singles the group winners were Luna Archard, Jonabel Taguibao, Anna Piercey, Lily Walters and Alesha Ellis-Austin while the second-placed players who also made it through to the competition proper were Susanna Swan, Sophie Lee, Emily Ngo, Grace Liu and Eleanor Turner-Samuels.

The semi-finals saw Archard defeat Walters and Taguibao eliminate Anna with the final providing Archard with her title after winning 3-0.

The tournament was organised and refereed by Sue Hayes with assistance from Elena Tant.

# **Best ever Team Open**

The eighteenth annual running of the Cippenham Team 1-Star Open on Sunday was the best ever according to Organiser Graham Trimming. This competition, devised by Cippenham Table Tennis Club, allows for teams of two rather than individual players and, after the preliminary round groups, features a progressive knock-out format that produces a final ranking list of all twenty-four teams.

All the four seeded teams made it through their preliminary round groups in first place although Lobsters did require a decider against Erith TTC but won that match thanks to a brace from Ho Yin Tam. In fact, the only one of the eight top-ranked teams that failed win their group was the father and son duo Radovan and Branislav Zivkovic who succumbed to the Titans represented by Craig Brown and Matthew Horrocks. Both those teams however, managed to navigate a route into the top eight with Zivkovic's eventually finishing one place higher than Titans in sixth place after having beaten top-eight-ranked

The Smashers in round two.

Surprise of the day was the successful run of The Pong Fathers. With neither player, Nick Howard nor Adrian Piotrowski, on the national men's ranking list they finished second in their group to The A Team and then went on a run of victories over The Underdogs (Luke Rickett & Connor Wood) and The Dynamic Duo (Ioan-Alexandru Anghel & Mario loakim) before losing to eventual runners-up HKers in the quarter-final. They then beat Titans and Zivkovic's to finish in a creditable fifth place. The Dynamic Duo went on to finish down in eleventh place despite Anghel remaining unbeaten during the day.

The semi-finals were played out between four of the top five ranked teams. The losers of the semis played for positions three and four and that resulted in victory for The A Team, Adam Jepson and Adam Gigli, over Isle of Wight, Paul Rainford and Ryan Cates, in a repeat of the result of their earlier match in round one. This marked a personal success

#### Cippenham Team 1-Star Open

Event Winner
Team Kidlington TTC
Lewis Waddup
James Rule

Runner-up HKers Lok Yee Lo Chun Yu Chan

for Jepson, the highest ranked individual player in the competition, who was one of four players that remained unbeaten through the day.

The other two unbeaten players featured in teams that met in the final. This match was a long and exciting affair won by Kidlington TTC courtesy of wins for James Rule and Lewis Waddup over Chun Yu Chan. This was after Hkers, whose name referenced the Hong Kong heritage of their players, had taken a 1-0 lead after Lok Yee Lo, once ranked within the top 350 women in the world, had defeated Waddup. Lo was the other player to win all her matches during the day.

Of the Cippenham contingent of players in the draw, Maciej Dlugozima was the most successful individually with six wins from his nine matches while the highest placed team.

The tournament was organised by Graham Trimming and refereed by Sue Hayes.

# Brilliant season for Rohan 🥭

There were two sessions of the Cadet British Clubs League in March, one at each end of the month.

#### Day 3

More mixed results again with the Cippenham C team improving on their day two performance and winning Division 6. There were good all-round results for Yuvan Varshney, Shreyas Wagle and Ayush Kulkarni with help from Piotr Wyszynski and Aadya Gard.

However, the C team will be joined in Division 5 for the final day's play by the B team because they finished at the foot of Division 4. Aaron Mendonca won two-thirds of his nine matches but Atharva Jadhav, Saavan Hunjan and Simon Powell were not quite able enough additional wins for the team to escape relegation.

The A team, playing in Division 2 after being relegated from the top tier, could finish only third despite a perfect record, once again, from Rohan Bhide.

#### Junior British Clubs League

Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
3	3	0	0	22	5	22
3	2	0	1	14	13	14
3	1	0	2	11	16	11
3	0	0	3	7	20	7
3	3	0	0	22	5	22
3	2	0	1	15	12	15
3	1	0	2	11	16	11
3	0	0	3	6	21	6
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#### Players' Averages (cumulative):

Cippenham A

3-6 Ashford A

7-2 CGS Red

1-8 Warren Spring A

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	М	Р	W	Αv		
Cippenham A						
Rohan Bhide	6	18	17	94		
Edward Meacock	12	36	27	75		
Henry Wojcik	3	9	5	56		
Akpesiri Egborge	9	27	7	26		
Nayan Bhardwaj	3	9	2	22		
Christopher Farrel	3	9	0	0		
Cippenham B						
Nayan Bhardwaj	3	9	9	100		
Aaron Mendonca	3	8	7	88		
Christopher Farral	9	26	19	73		
Yaseen Abdelbary	3	9	5	56		
Daniel Brazil	9	26	12	46		
Jude Marshall	3 3	9	3	33		
Shaurya Bapna		9	2	22		
Ahona Majumdar	3	9	0	0		
Results:						

Cippenham B

6-3 Guildford B

8-1 Warren Spring C

8-1 Warren Spring B



Rohan Bhide won 52 of his 54 matches across the two leagues this season

Nayan Bhardwaj, Yaseen Abdelbary and Jude Marshall were not quite able to keep pace with Rohan.

#### Day 4

The final finishing place for the A team was third in Division 2, having begun the season in Division 1. However, there was yet another exceptional personal performance from Rohan Bhide who won all nine of his matches on the day, capturing all three player of the match awards. Rohan's brilliant season has seen him lose just once in thirty-six matches. Unfortunately, his teammates could not keep up although Nayan Bhardwaj showed improved form to win four of his six matches during the day including a treble against bottom team Crusaders C.

Having spent day three two divisions apart, the Cippenham B and C teams came together on the final day to both compete in Division 5. Unfortunately, they finished in the bottom two positions in that division despite the B team having won two of their three matches. Best performance on the day came from Aaron Mendonca who won six of his nine matches.

#### Junior British Clubs League

The Club's B team excelled in finishing top of Division 6, winning all three of their matches during the final day. Christopher Farrall returned a perfect record of eight wins from eight matches while Aaron Mendonca won seven times and Daniel Brazil four times.

The A team, missing star player Rohan Bhide on this occasion, finished third in Division 3 having beaten CGS Red 7-2 but suffering defeats against Ashford A 3-6 and Warren Spring A 1-8.Edward Meacock won two-thirds of his nine matches and was supported by Akpesiri Egborge and Nayan Bhardwaj.





#### **Cadet British Clubs League**

	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Division 2 (Round 4)							
Wembley & Harrow A	3	3	0	0	22	5	22
Kingfisher TTC 4	3 3 3	2	0	1	13	14	13
Cippenham A	3	1	0	2	13	14	13
Crusaders C	3	0	0	3	6	21	6
Division 5 (Round 4)							
Warren Spring	3	3	0	0	22	5	22
Kingfisher TTC 6	3 3 3	1	0	2	15	12	15
Cippenham B	3	2	0	1	11	16	11
Cippenham C	3	0	0	3	6	21	6
Division 2 (Round 3)							
Chiltern A	3 3 3	3	0	0	22	5	22
Kingfisher TTC 4	3	2	0	1	11	16	11
Cippenham A	3	0	0	3	11	16	11
eBaTT B	3	1	0	2	10	17	10
Division 4 (Round 3)							
Chiltern B	3	2	0	1	16	11	16
Kingfisher TTC 5	3 3 3	2	0	1	15	12	15
eBaTT C	3	1	0	2	13	14	13
Cippenham B	3	1	0	2	10	17	10
Division 6 (Round 3)							
Cippenham C	3	3	0	0	19	8	19
Ashford D	3	2	0	1	16	11	16
eBaTT D	3 3 3	1	0	2	16	11	16
eBaTT G	3	0	0	3	3	24	3

#### Players' Averages (cumulative):

	IVI	Ρ.	vv	A۷
Cippenham A				
Rohan Bhide	12	36	35	97
Nayan Bhardwaj	8	24	8	33
Yaseen Abdelbary	8	24	2	8
Jude Marshall	8	24	0	0
Cippenham B				
Aaron Mendonca	11	33	21	64
Saavan Hunjan	8	24	9	38
Atharva Jadhav	9	27	5	19
Simon Powell	8	24	3	13
Cippenham C				
Ayush Kulkarni	10	30	16	53
Piotr Wyszynski	6	17	9	53
Shreyas Wagle	7	20	10	50
Yuvan Varshney	9	27	13	48
Aadya Garg	4	11	1	9

#### Results: Day 3:

6-3 Ashford D

8-1 eBaTT G

5-4 eBaTT D

Cippenham A
4-5 eBatt B
4-5 Kingfisher TTC 4
3-6 Chiltern A
Cippenham B
3-6 eBaTT C
5-4 Kingfisher TTC 5
2-7 Chiltern B
Cippenham C

#### Day 4: Cippenham A 6-3 Crusaders C 3-6 Kingfisher TTC 4

4-5 Wembley & Harrow A
Cippenham B
6-3 Cippenham C
0-9 Warren Spring
5-4 Kingfisher TTC 6
Cippenham C
3-6 Cippenham B
1-8 Kingfisher TTC 6

2-7 Warren Spring

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#### **Weekday Timetable** Mon 18:00 Beginners' Coaching Group (term time) 19:45 Advanced Coaching Group (term time) **Tues** 19:15 Maidenhead League matches (seasonal) 19:15 Practice tables Weds 19:30 Elite Coaching Group (term time) Maidenhead League matches (seasonal) 19:15 **Thurs** 19:15 Practice tables

Fees Season 2024-25						
	Full	Conc'n				
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£20.00	£10.00				
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£30.00	n/a				
National Junior League registration	n/a	£13.00				
National Cadet League registration	n/a	£13.00				
Practice Fees	£4.50	£2.50				
British League match fees	£5.00					
Maidenhead League Match Fees	£4.50	£2.50				
Coaching Fees (Monday) (per term )		£30.00				
Coaching Fees (Wednesday) (per term )		£40.00				

#### **Weekend Diary**

Sun 6 Apr: County Championships; ELCC Carter Cup Sat/Sun 12/13 Apr: Senior British Clubs League (w/e 4)

# Club Championships 2025

Wednesday 2 April:

### **Junior Singles**

Thursday 24 April:

### Veterans' Singles Tweenies' Singles

Thursday 1 May: **Open Doubles** 

Thursday 8 May: **Open Singles** 

For Thursday events no prebooking is required, please just turn up by 7:30 and register



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