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Eddie Kicks Season off in Fine Style

Cippenham Cadet 2-Star Open

The latest in a long line of precocious talents from Cippenham Table Tennis Club was at it again on at the beginning of October. Eddie Mitchell, the England under-11 champion, got his own club's open tournament season off to a flying start by winning the Boys' Singles title at the Cippenham Cadet 2-Star Open. Ten years old Eddie, playing in an age category in which he has still four seasons left, was head and shoulders above the rest of the field and never needed a deciding game in order to beat any of his seven opponents.

The top seed came through his first round group dropping only one game. He then disposed of Michael Williamson 3-1, Cippenham colleague Alex Polding also 3-1 and in the semi-final third seed Mirjan Mihith 3-0. This set him up against surprise finalist fifth seed Femi Ogunbo from Middlesex. For a while it looked as if the local player was in trouble as Ogunbo took the first game 11-4 but that was the catalyst for Eddie to show the great improvement he has made in his temperament over the past couple of years as he won 11-7, 11-8, 11-9. Ogunbo's victim in the semi-final was seventh seed Matthew Lloyd who had beaten fourth seed Ross Wilson in the quarters. Second seed Andrew Head only just got the better of Ricki Weston 13-11 in the fifth in the second round and then lost 3-0 to Ogunbo in the quarters.

Apart from Eddie and Alex, another Cippenham youngster, Piers Kemp,



made it out of the preliminary round groups into the competition proper but was beaten in the first round thereafter by Ricki Weston, while James Mellish, after failing to make it into the main event, reached the final of the consolation.

Sally Hughes justified her top billing in the Girls' Singles although she had to come from a game down in the final to beat Kirsty Wilson 3-1. Her semi-final was even harder as Cippenham's Rachel Farquhar led her more experienced opponent 2-1 at one stage. Wilson's victim in her semi-final was Stephanie Wells.

Boys' Singles:

Edward Mitchell (Bu) bt Femi Ogunbo (Mi) -4,7,8,9

Girls' Singles:

Sally Hughes (Sx) bt Kirsty Wilson (K) -2,9,8,3

Boys' Consolation:

Philip Thomas (K) bt James Mellish (Bu) 8,7,9

Girls' Consolation:

Tamsin Holland (He) bt Alice McGahon (E) -9,3,-13,8,4

Gold and More Gold for Gavin

Capping a tremendous three months, 12 years old Gavin Evans won two more international gold medals in October—one of them a world championship. Firstly, Gavin teamed up once again with Paul Drinkhall and Darius Knight, the European cadet boys' team champions, to win the junior boys' team event at the Hungarian Youth Open Championships. That's an under-18 competition pitting the precocious talent of Gavin against players up to six years older. In the final Gavin recovered from two games down to defeat Viktor Vajda as England beat the host country 3-0.

Next it was off to the Dominican Republic for the World Cadet Challenge. Having qualified as European champions, England proved themselves to be the best in the world beating teams representing continental associations. En route to the final England had a fantastic 3-2 over Asia, then Latin America 3-1 in the semi and Europe 3-1 in the final. Gavin's heart stopping 12-10 in the fifth win over Tomas Tregler was the pivotal moment in this greatest of successes.



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County Championships
Junior Premier Division
Saturday/Sunday 5/6 November 2005
At Cippenham Table Tennis Centre



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6 week course

Commenced Thursday
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Concessionary rate of
£2.50 per week

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Welcome to our New Members

Attendances at the Tuesday and Thursday practice sessions have really picked up lately with many new players having joined the Club. Partly, this has been due to the open days held in late September and early October. Growing the adult membership is an important part of the Club's strategic development over the next few years and more open days will be held in the New Year.

For the moment, all of our more established members are asked to do everything possible to make the newcomers feel welcome. Invite them into your games and make sure they are not left alone with no-one engaging them.

Remember—a bigger club will be a better club!

Second Award for Jan



Jan Chapman was the recipient of the Outstanding Contribution Award for 2005. The award, which carries with it the Karen Mitchell Memorial Shield, was presented to Jan by Charles Mitchell. This is the second time that Jan has been presented with this coveted award in recognition of her immense service to the sport and to the club in the field of coaching. Jan is one of the hardest working coaches at Cippenham, a club that has been responsible for producing nearly twenty international players over the past decade.

Jan works weekly with all the squads at the club as well as at two schools, Farnham Common Middle School and Arbour Vale School. Then at weekends it is off on the road across the country as Jan coaches her pupils during tournaments and team competitions. In addition, Jan also finds time to assist in the administration of events at Cippenham and has been Chair of the Maidenhead Table Tennis Association for several years.

Player of the Year Awards: Rob, Eddie and Catherine

Presentations were also made to the Club's players of the year at a party hosted by the Club's Social Officer Jacquie Lovell to celebrate nine years at the purpose-built Cippenham Table Tennis Centre.

In her citation for the senior player of the year, Rob Lemon, Jacquie remarked how pleasing it was that the award was being made to a former junior player of the year. Rob has made the sometimes difficult transition from the junior to the senior ranks seamlessly and, by virtue of his top 100 ranking amongst the country's elite men, has gained a place in the Club's top team in the British League, following in the footsteps of Robert Hansell who made a similar jump a year ago.

The junior player of the year award was shared between two players, both national champions. Eddie Mitchell is the latest in a long line of precocious talents produced by the tireless efforts of Ken Phillips and the coaching staff at Cippenham. Eddie has learned to control his hitherto over-competitive nature and has blossomed into a talent better than any other of his age in the country. In June Eddie was rewarded for his hard work in the train-



(l-r): Eddie Mitchell; Rob Lemon; Catherine Hayes

ing hall by capturing the England Under-11 Boys' Singles title and also the U13 doubles title with the super talented Gavin Evans. Last month Eddie won the Cippenham Cadet Open title against a field as much as four years older.

Sharing the junior player of the year award with Eddie was Catherine Hayes. Catherine hit a purple patch at the end of last season and in a few short weeks became England Cadet Girls' Doubles champion and Cippenham Junior Open Singles champion. She also represents Cippenham in the Junior British League and played in the club's women's team in the national Gainsford Cup last season.

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Girls Set Up Title Challenge

In a very tight Premier Division of the Junior British League, in which one point separates the top four teams, the top Cippenham girls' team is well poised to mount a challenge for the title when the competition finalizes in the new year.

After the first round of matches in Wolverhampton, Cippenham lie in second place with seven points, the same number as leaders Draycott & Long Eaton A from Derbyshire. Draycott lead by virtue of a single set, 19-11 compared to Cippenham's 18-12. Both teams are one point ahead of Redland Bats and Wirral Premier.

In fact, Cippenham inflicted the only defeat of the weekend over Draycott & Long Eaton in the very first match on Saturday morning. Two wins from Welsh international Sarah Hall and one each from Melanie Farquhar and Caroline Linz secured a 4-2 win. The elation was short lived however as the afternoon match against Redland Bats handed Cippenham their only defeat of the weekend. Sarah again won twice whereas Caroline (twice) and Melanie were unlucky to lose matches 3-2. A very competitive day ended with another dropped point in a 3-3 draw with bottom team Irish Girls. This time it was Mel who led with two wins while Sarah won once.

Sunday brought two very welcome wins that elevated Cippenham's position and brought them right back into the thick of the title race. Firstly, Wirral were beaten 4-2. Sarah won both her matches while England Junior Masters champion Melanie and Caroline won once each. The final match against Bridgwater produced an even better 5-1 result in our favour. This time it was Sarah who dropped a set while Mel

and Caroline both won twice, the latter beating Sarah's conqueror Claire Howe 3-0.

Cippenham's other three teams did not fare so well. The top boys' team, operating in Division 2B, lie in fifth place with a win, a draw and three defeats. Amazingly, the one win was secured in the second match against eventual division leaders Ormesby B. Ashley Shaw and Ben Wiseman both secured braces in this match. The draw came against Milton Keynes and the defeats were 4-2 against Reading rivals Kingfisher A and Team Peniel A and 5-1 to Redland Bats. Ashley, Ben and Andrew Linz all finished with four wins from their ten matches.

The boys' second team is bottom of Division 3A but with three points to their credit so a good display in the second half could see a substantially improved position. They only lost twice, against Colebridge (4-2) and Langdon (6-0) but drew with the top two teams St. Andrews and Halton and with Graham Spicer B. Matthew Tucker won six of his ten matches, England under-11 champion Edward Mitchell four and Joe Cheong one.

The girls' second team are also bottom of Division 2 having gained two points from drawn matches against St. Andrews B and Ellenborough. The three losses were 4-2 against Chelmsford and 5-1 to both Team Peniel B and Club Mid-Cheshire. Rachel Farquhar, Melanie's younger sister, played well to win six of her ten matches, Lindsey Armstrong won three but Catherine Hayes, the England Cadet Doubles champion who had been unwell during the week, could only contribute once.

Indifferent start to National Junior League

Cippenham's teams made indifferent starts to the new NJL campaign the first Saturday in October. The top boys' and girls' teams played at Cippenham with the boys winning one and drawing one out of four matches and the girls winning one out of two. In addition both teams gained one walkover.

William Mitchell, playing at number one in the boys' team, was the most

successful player winning five times out of eight with Alex Polding and Frazer Harper won three times each. For the girls, Stephanie Mitchell won four out of six, Mary Tetlow two and Anna Summerbell one. Both the latter two players were making their competitive debuts for Cippenham.

Four other boys' teams competed in the lower divisions at Chesham High School. Good performances by Matt

League Tables:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boys' Division 2B							
Ormesby B	5	4	0	1	21	9	8
Redland Bats	5	3	0	2	16	14	6
Team Peniel A	5	3	0	2	15	15	6
Kingfisher A	5	2	1	2	14	16	5
Cippenham A	5	1	1	3	12	18	3
Milton Keynes	5	0	2	3	12	18	2
Boys' Division 3A							
St. Andrews	5	3	2	0	18	12	8
Halton	5	2	3	0	18	12	7
Langdon Community	5	2	1	2	18	12	5
Colebridge	5	2	0	3	14	16	4
Graham Spicer B	5	1	1	3	11	19	3
Cippenham B	5	0	3	2	11	19	3
Girls' Premier Division							
Draycott & Long Eaton A	5	3	1	1	19	11	7
Cippenham A	5	3	1	1	18	12	7
Redland Bats	5	3	0	2	16	14	6
Wirral Premier	5	2	2	1	16	14	6
Bridgwater	5	1	1	3	11	19	3
Irish Girls	5	0	1	4	10	20	1
Girls' Division 2							
Club Mid-Cheshire	5	5	0	0	25	5	10
Chelmsford	5	2	2	1	15	15	6
Ellenborough	5	2	1	2	14	16	5
Team Peniel B	5	1	2	2	15	15	4
St. Andrews B	5	0	3	2	11	19	3
Cippenham B	5	0	2	3	10	20	2

Players' Averages:

	M	P	W	Av
Boys' A				
Ashley Shaw	5	10	4	40
Ben Wiseman	5	10	4	40
Andrew Linz	5	10	4	40
Boys' B				
Matthew Tucker	5	10	6	60
Edward Mitchell	5	10	4	40
Joe Cheong	5	10	1	10
Girls' A				
Sarah Hall	5	10	8	80
Melanie Farquhar	5	10	6	60
Caroline Linz	5	10	4	40
Girls' B				
Rachel Farquhar	5	10	6	60
Lindsey Armstrong	5	10	3	30
Catherine Hayes	5	10	1	10

Results:

Boys' A		Girls' A	
1-5 Redland Bats	4-2 Draycott & L Eaton	4-2 Redland Bats	2-4 Redland Bats
4-2 Ormesby B	3-3 Irish Girls	3-3 Irish Girls	4-2 Wirral Premier
3-3 Milton Keynes	5-1 Bridgwater	5-1 Bridgwater	
2-4 Team Peniel A			
2-4 Kingfisher A			
Boys' B		Girls' C	
3-3 Halton	1-5 Team Peniel B	3-3 St. Andrews	2-4 Chelmsford
3-3 St. Andrews	0-6 Langdon Comm.	1-5 Club Mid-Cheshire	2-4 Colebridge
0-6 Langdon Comm.	3-3 Ellenborough	3-3 St. Andrews B	
2-4 Colebridge			
3-3 Graham Spicer B			

Ashfield and Alex Parkinson earned the F team third place in Division 5/6 but the day was marred by the non-appearance or withdrawal of four players, causing all four teams to field only two players. Steps are being taken to ensure that there is no repetition of this at the next session, 12th Nov.

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Weekend Diary November/December

November

Sat 5th County Junior Premier Division (1)
 Sun 6th County Junior Premier Division (1)
 Sat 12th National Junior League South (2)
 Sun 20th Cippenham 2-Star Open
 Sat 26th Southern Region Junior Training
 Sun 27th Berkshire Inter-Town

December

Sat 3rd Southern Region Junior/Cadet Trials
 Sun 4th Southern Region Junior/Cadet Trials
 Sat 10th British League Div 2S&M, Div 4S&W (2)
 Sun 11th British League Div 2S&M, Div 4S&W (2)
 Sun 18th Southern Region Junior Training



The Season's Calendar

Future Events at Cippenham

Jan 8 British League Div 1S, Div 2S&M (3)
 Jan 14/15 Cippenham YP New Year Festival
 Jan 21 National Junior League (3)
 Jan 22 Southern Region Junior Training
 Jan 28/29 Maidenhead Closed (not confirmed)
 Feb 5 Cippenham Veterans' 2-Star Open
 Feb 18/19 Reading Closed Championships
 Mar 5 Southern Region Junior Training
 Mar 11/12 British League Div 1S, Div 2S&M (4)
 Mar 19 National Junior League (4)
 Apr 2 Slough Closed Championships
 Apr 8 Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open
 Apr 9 Southern Region Junior Training
 Apr 23 Cippenham Banded 2-Star Open
 Apr 29/30 ETTA National Cadet Masters
 May 6/7 ETTA National Junior Masters
 May 14 Southern Region Junior Training
 Jun 10/11 Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
 Jun 18 Southern Region Assessment Day
 Jul 2 Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2* Open
 Jul 9 Southern Region Coaches' Get-Together

Weekday Diary

Mon 5:30 Advanced Coaching
 7:30 Excellence Coaching

Tues 7:15 Slough/Maidenhead League matches
 7:30 Practice Tables

Wed 7:30 Squad Training

Thurs 5:15 Beginners' Coaching
 7:15 Slough League matches
 7:30 Practice Tables
 8:00 Adult Coaching

Events away from Cippenham

Nov 12/13 Veterans' British League (1) (Stoke)
 Nov 20 Leach Cup Stage 1 (London Progress)
 Jan 21/22 Women's British League (2) (Widnes)
 Feb 11 Ormesby Cup Stage 1 (Ilford)
 Feb 11/12 Veterans' British League (2) (Doncaster)
 May 13/14 Junior British League (2) (Aldersley)
 May 21 Gainsford Cup Finals (Loughborough)

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees Season 2005-06

	Full	Conc'n
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£15.00	£7.50
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£25.00	n/a
Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.50	£0.75
Family Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£2.50	n/a
Slough League Registration	£15.00	£7.50
National Junior League registration	n/a	£12.00
Practice Fees	*£3.50	*£1.75
Slough League Match Fees	£3.50	£1.75
Coaching Fees (per session)	**£4.00	**£2.00
Coaching Fees (per term - 1st group)		£30.00
Coaching Fees (per term - 2nd group)		£20.00

* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members

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