

The Official Newsletter of Cippenham Table Tennis Club - May/June 2004 - No. 82

### Second Place in Masters for Mel

Planie Farquhar capped off a season with second place in the National Cadet Masters at Cippenham over the weekend of 15/16<sup>th</sup> May. Seeded third, Melanie improved upon her ranking position to celebrate her recent call-up for the England team in the forth-coming Cadet Six Nations Tournament. She must have further impressed watching England team manager Steen Kyst Hansen with the progress she has made after a lot of hard work at Cippenham with her coach Ken Phillips.

In the initial group stage on Saturday Mel lost only one match, the final one against Sarra Wang and dismissed all but one of her other six opponents 3-0. This form was maintained the following day with four more 3-0 wins, a loss against runaway winner Lauren Springthorpe that included two deuce games and, vitally, a 3-1 last match victory over Emma Vickers that decided second and fourth places with Wang sandwiched in between.

Gavin Evans, another Cippenham protégé, was also very impressive in gaining fourth place in the boys' event. Gavin turned eleven years old just a month ago and was playing four years out of his age group. En route to his fourth place Gavin gained a first ever victory over the talented London teenager Darius Knight. However, the 3-0 scoreline did not stop Knight finishing in his seeded second position one behind Cleveland's Paul Drinkhall, the winner also of the counterpart junior event two weeks earlier. Gavin just missed out on third place after losing his final match against Danny Reed 3-2 Elder brother Bradley disappointed finishing only seventh and now looks likely to go behind

#### It's Melanie's Month



2nd in Cadet Masters; 10th in Junior Masters; Junior Open Champ

the precocious Gavin on the national ranking list. A third member of the Evans dynasty, Myles, failed to qualify for the second day's play but it is remarkable that three members of one family should all be simultaneously ranked in the top dozen in the country.

Cippenham had another representative in the girls' event. Sylvana Bielec eventually improved one position on her ranking to finish in tenth position. She came so close to finishing two places higher as the players in positions eight to ten all finished on equal points and had to be separated by the results between them on count-back.

#### **Joanna's Masters Title**

Hosts Cippenham Table Tennis Club were represented by five members at the National Junior Masters the first weekend in May. As expected, England number one senior Joanna Parker won the girls' event without losing a match to add to the same title at the Junior Closed while Gemma Chapman signed off her days as a junior finishing fifth, Melanie Farquhar tenth and Emily Tucker eleventh. In the boys' section Rob Lemon came in as a reserve but could not qualify for the top twelve after the first day's results.

Although Joanna took the medal and Gemma finished in a very creditable position, Melanie must have been the player most pleased with her



progress, impressing the watching England national coach Steen Kyst Hansen so much that he immediately told her that she was selected for a forthcoming cadet international debut. Currently ranked 22 in the national junior girls' list, Melanie improved twelve places on her ranking and her results included wins over Cippenham colleague Gemma, ranked 8 and Cheshire's Karen Shepherd, ranked 5. Gemma beat two players ranked above herself, Shepherd and third-placed Nicola White.

Emily Tucker, currently ranked 19, had good wins over Emma Weil (10) and Claire Wilson (12). The boys' event was won by Cleveland's Paul Drinkhall.



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apologises to members and visitors for any inconvenience during the current building works .. nearly finished!



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#### **Premier Div - No!**

The proposed restructuring of the British League Premier Division happened then it didn't. In an amazing about turn the proposition was declared carried at the Annual Conference and then, in a letter to clubs, declared as not carried. Cippenham were a Premier Division club for just five days. That must be some kind of record! As a consequence the Club's three teams are now confirmed as being in Division 1 South, Division 2 South & Midlands and Division 4 South & Midlands. David Hayes picked up the award for the Division 2 South Player of the Season and the Club was also honoured with the Programme of the Year award for the second year running.

## Three Golds in the Isle of Man



Three Cippenham members marked their appearances on the Isle of Man in the Home International Championships with gold medals. Making his debut for Ireland, David Hayes won the Junior Boys' Team

event and also won a bronze medal in the Boys' Singles. Bradley Evans did likewise for England in the cadet events while younger brother Gavin did even better, winning the Cadet Boys' Singles as well as the team gold.

## NJL Title Won



The successful boys' team (I-r): Oliver Shaw; Sebastian Bielec; Ashley Shaw

The Cippenham boys' second team (the first team plays in the Junior British League) went from strength to strength through the National Junior League season and won the final round of matches with quite a lot to spare. The team started the season in second place to ALNS but then asserted their superiority in the next three sessions, never losing the top spot. Ollie Shaw headed the team's performance statistics with 29 wins out of 33 followed by his brother Ashley with 25 and Sebastian Bielec with 16. The Cippenham "C" team finished third despite losing only to their club mates in the final round.

1	League Tables (Round 4):						
ı		Р	W	L	F	Α	Pts
ı	Boys' Division 1						
ı	1. Cippenham B	3	3	0	22	5	22
ı	Milton Keynes A	3	1	2	12	15	12
ı	3. Cippenham C	3	2	1	11	16	11
ı	4. Waterside	3	0	3	9	18	9
ı	Boys' Division 3						
ı	Kidlington Forum	3	2	1	21	6	21
ı	2. Chesham High School B	3	3	0	19	8	19
ı	3. Chesham High School A	3	1	2	13	14	13
ı	4. Cippenham D	3	0	3	1	26	1
ı	Boys' Division 4						
ı	Chalfont League	3	3	0	18	9	18
ı	2. Milton Keynes B	3	2	1	18	9	18
ı	3. Cippenham E	3	1	2	11	16	11
ı	4. Chesham High School C	3	0	3	7	20	7
ı	Boys' Division 5						
ı	1. Ashford A	3	3	0	21	6	21
ı	2. Cippenham G	3	2	1	15	12	15
ı	3. Cippenham H	3	1	2	10	17	10
ı	4. Cippenham F	3	0	3	8	19	8
ı	Boys' Division 6						
ı	1. Ashford B	3	3	0	20	7	20
ı	2. Chesham High School D	3	2	1	19	8	19
ı	3. Chesham High School E	3	1	2	12	15	12
ı	4. Cippenham I	3	0	3	3	24	3
ı	Girls' Division 2						
Į	Bournemouth	13	5	8	59	58	59
ı	2. Cippenham D	13	8	5	58	59	58
ı	3. Waterside A	13	5	8	46	70	46
	4. Waterside B	13	1	12	26	91	26

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Boys B	•••	•			
Oliver Shaw	12	33	29	88	
Ashley Shaw	12	33	25	77	
Sebastian Bielec	12	33	16	48	
Boys C					
Andrew Linz	12	35	20	57	
Prabdeep Panesar	12	35	18	51	
Matthew Tucker	12	36	18	50	
Boys D					
Andrew Dickens	12	36	16	44	
Chris Witchell	12	36	14	39	
Michael Steadman	9	27	9	33	
Boys E					
Alex Polding	7	21	13	62	
Matthew Griffiths	10	30	15	50	
William Mitchell	11	33	16	48	
Nick Mellish	8	24	4	17	
Boys F					
Ross Saxby	3	9	6	67	
Edward Mitchell	9	27	17	63	
Mark Anstey	5	15	4	27	
Jonathan Hockings	4	12	3	25	
Stephen Hawkes	2	6	1	17	
Blair King	2	6	1	17	
Matthew Simmonds	10	30	2	7	
Boys G					
Joe Cheong	11	33	25	76	
Ross Saxby	6	18	12	67	
Frazer Harper	11	33	19	58	
Nick Mellish	3	9	4	44	
Stephen Hawkes	5	15	1	7	
Boys H					
Matt Parkinson	3	9	6	67	
Shaan Bangar	9	26	16	62	
Usman Tanveer	12	35	21	60	
Salman Tanveer	12	35	13	37	
Boys I					
Blair King	3	9	5	56	
Matt Parkinson	6	18	9	50	
Stephen Hawkes	3	9	4	44	
Shivraj Singh	11	33	2	6	
Nathan Cheong	11	33	0	0	
Girls					
Rachel Farquhar	35	35	21	60	
Amy Wilkinson	3	9	6	67	
Angela Oetiker	10	26	10	38	
Stephanie Mitchell	13	35	9	26	

### Melanie Captures Junior Open Title

ome club player Melanie Farquhar secured another title by winning the Girls' Singles at the Cippenham Junior 2-Star Open Championships on 4th April. The final was a pulsating affair of attack and counter-attack between the top two seeds Melanie and Rachel Jamieson, one of the stars of the famous Peniel Academy from Brentwood, Essex. Twice Jamieson hit back to cancel out Melanie's leads but the all important fifth game went the same way as the first and third as the Cippenham player triumphed 11-7, 9-11, 12-10, 11-13, 11-6.

In the semi-finals Melanie had dismissed Lisa Standen while Jamieson beat Annabelle Morle. Cippenham had another representative in the quarter-finals in the form of Caroline Linz before she was eliminated by Standen.

The Boys' Singles final did not live up to the spectacle of the girls' although Ashley Willetts, seventh seed and a surprise



finalist from Hampshire, did take the third game off the much higher ranked Umair

Boys' Singles:

Umair Mauthoor (E) bt Ashley Willetts (Ha) 5, 7, -7, 7 Girls' Singles:

Melanie Farquhar (Bk) bt Rachel Jamieson (E) 7, -9, 10, -11, 6

Boys' Consolation:

Ben Davis (Bk) bt James Rivers (Sx) 8, -8, 9, 8 Girls' Consolation:

Felicity Love (E) bt Laura Gubbins (Ox) 13, 9, 12

Mauthoor. The top seed was really in a class of his own, being by far the top ranked player in the competition as none of the top Cippenham boys participated. In the semi-finals Mauthoor beat another Hampshire player David McBeath while Willetts eliminated Billy Deville from Essex. Cippenham's last survivor was Andrew Linz who perished in the first round after the groups.

The tournament was organised by Terry Boxall and refereed by Mick Strode and attracted an entry of 73.

## Dilger Defeat Avenged

Mark Banks made it three in a row as Slough League Masters champion by beating Slough Closed champion David Hayes 3-1 in the final. The semi-

finalists were James Milton and John Barclay. On an adjacent table Cippenham Vagabonds (Walter Aldridge, Laurence Orton, Catherine Hayes) beat Burnham Zebras 4-2 in the Divisions 2/3 Handicap final to extract revenge for their defeat by the same opponents in the previous week's Dilger Cup final.

Vagabonds narrowly lost the Dilger Cup final against Burnham Zebras at Burnham on 27th April. They were just unable to overcome the 115 point handicap and finished up losing by 5 points 403 to 398. Laurence Orton picked up 34 points in his three singles matches, Catherine Hayes picked up 33 points and Walter Aldridge 23.



Vagabonds (I-r): Catherine Hayes; Walter Aldridge; Laurence Orton

## Slough League Divisions 2/3 Handicap Competition PWLFAPts

Group A Burnham Zebras 4 0 18 **Burnham Leopards** 10 18 **Burnham Panthers** 2 2 14 14 Cippenham Villains 3 11 17 1 11 Cippenham Scoundrels 4 0 4 8 20 Group B Cippenham Vagabonds 0 21 4 George Green 2 2 14 14 Cippenham Buccaneers 2 2 14 14 14 Burnham Pumas 2 2 14 14 14 WAMDSAD 4 0 4 7 21

#### Gold for Katie, Eddie Makes His Debut

Cippenham's Katie Rule and Edward Mitchell starred for England Schools in the British Primary Schools' International in Guernsey recently. For Eddie this was his international debut and is just reward for the immense progress he has made over the past year. Eddie featured in the England boys' team that finished second to Wales in the competition.

For Katie it was gold all the way as she led her England team to top place in the team event and then capped it off by winning the individual Girls' Singles.

## Three More National Champions

Three Cippenham Table Tennis Club members became national champions at the English Schools Championships at Stoke-on-Trent recently. National senior number one Joanna Parker, as expected, won the U19 Girls' Singles while Nottingham-based Gavin Evans won the U11 Boys' Singles and Gerrards Cross habitant Katie Rule won the counterpart Girls' Singles to make it a double success at U11 level for the Club. Gavin's brother, Myles Evans, was third in the U13 Boys' Singles.

#### Weekend Diary May/June/July

May		
Sun 30th	10:30am	Southern Region squad training
June		
Sun 13th	10:30am	Southern Region Assessment Day
Sat 19th	9:00am	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
Sun 20th	9:00am	Cippenham Young Players' Summer Fest.
July		
Sun 4th	9:00am	Cippenham Veterans' Summer 2* Open
Sun 11th	10:30am	Southern Region Coaches' Get-Together

#### Weekday Diary

7:30 Practice Tables

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Mon	5:30	Advanced Coaching		
	7:30	Excellence Coaching		
Tues	7:15	Slough League matches	Bar Opening Times	
		Practice Tables		
Wed	7:30	Squad Training	Tuesday & Thursday	
Thurs	5:15	Beginners' Coaching	9pm - 11pm	
	7:15	Slough League matches		

#### **Building Works Nearing Completion**

Hopefully, by the time the next Newsletter is published, the current building works will be behind us. This season has been a bit fraught with the lack of proper facilities, an unappealing temporary entrance straight into the lounge and, for the past two months, the lack of any kitchen facilities and encroachments into the lounge. Thanks are due to all the members and visitors who have borne with us during this difficult period and, now that the fitting out stage has started, I am sure you will soon appreciate the benefits.

Cippenham Table Tennis Club Fees	s Season	2003-04
	Full	Conc'n
Annual Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£12.00	£6.00
Family Membership (1/9 to 31/8)	£21.00	n/a
Annual Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£1.20	£0.60
Family Membership (after 30/11 per month)	£2.10	n/a
Slough League Registration	£10.00	£5.00
Practice Fees	*£2.50	*£1.25
Slough League Match Fees	£2.50	£1.25
Coaching Fees (per session)	**£3.00	**£1.50
Coaching Fees (per term - 1st group)		£25.00
Coaching Fees (per term - 2 <sup>nd</sup> group)		£15.00
* plus £1.50 (75p) for non-members		
** plus 50p (25p) for non-members		

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.. last look at the building as it once was!!

#### **Annual General Meeting**

of

#### **Cippenham Table Tennis Club**

will take place on

#### Sunday 30th May 2004

commencing at 5:30pm

All Club members are urged to attend

## **Cippenham Rogues Slough League Champions 2003-4**



David Hayes; James Milton; Paul Baker; Mark Banks

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