

Rugby Fives returns to Dulwich College

After a break of more than 60 years, Dulwich College played its first competitive Rugby Fives match on January 19th this year. True, it saw a win for the opponents, but Dulwich put up a creditable performance away against a strong St Dunstan's Under 13 side.

Playing for Dulwich were Tolu Johnson, Sam Buckler, Jerry Fryars, and Ameer Abou-Chahine. Not only was this the first time on the St Dunstan's courts for both the players and their coach, Ed Hatton, but the club has only been running for four terms and the boys had barely played since last year, .

Sam Buckler was particularly impressive in singles, despite having played Fives for only about 12 weeks. The doubles, too, was played in a committed fashion, with some spectacular shots off the back wall, and all the games were played in an excellent atmosphere.

Dulwich College's original Fives courts were destroyed in the Second World War and never replaced. However, the sport returned with Hatton, and the boys practice twice a week, once on the courts at Alleyn's School and once on their own school's squash courts, using the squash court Fives balls.