

# Youngest ever winner lifts President's Cup

The 50th running of the RFA Club President's Cup saw the game's statisticians scurrying to their record books. After a day's typically tough competition, it was Hamish Buchanan who again lifted the President's Cup, partnered this year by Jay Gravatt, a 16-year old schoolboy from KCS Wimbledon, who is the youngest ever winner of the tournament.

The day was remarkable for many reasons, not least because, of the eight trophy-winners, no less than seven were winning silverware at the event for the first time. The Love Mug went to the combination of Jack Furniss and Richard Christie (the latter winning the first piece of silverware in his Fives career), while the Mate's Plate went to Daniel Ackland and Freddie Sjostrom, and the T-Pot was won by Peter White and Chris Burrows.

The exception to the rule was Hamish, whose win in the event was the fifth time he has lifted the President's Cup, and the tenth time he has won a trophy at the event. That takes him into second place in the list of all-time winners of the President's Cup – his five wins second only to Jeremy Schoeter's eight.

It also takes Hamish into second place in the list of all-time winners, level with Phil Atkinson on 10 victories in the main and plate competitions.

Again, it's Jeremy Schroeter who leads the way, with 11 wins, but Hamish does have one claim to fame that Jeremy doesn't. Hamish – along with David Barnes, Phil Atkinson and Paul Reeder – is still one of only four players ever to have managed the President's Cup 'Grand Slam', winning the main tournament and all three of the Plate competitions.

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**Youth and experience:** winners Hamish and Jay with Chris Horrocks