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### ***Half-Blue for Rugby Fives.***

At long last a Half-Blue has been awarded for Rugby Fives at Cambridge. No honour was more deserved for Cambridge has been a stronghold of this game for many years. This recognition will help the game a great deal and if it succeeds in giving the game a fillip at Oxford, all will be well. Oxford lacks only courts, and it really is beyond comprehension why someone does not take the risk of building a University Club for Squash Rackets and Fives. Considering the opportunities that Oxford has for practice, the standard of their Rugby Fives team this year was extremely gratifying and it is a long time since they managed to run Cambridge so closely. The surprise of the University match was the defeat of J. G. W. Davies in the first string match by G. F. Jarrett, an Oxford freshman from Bristol Grammar School. Jarrett is an indefatigable and really good player, and it is to be hoped that he will be seen in Open competitions in the near future. Coming from a school, which does not maintain a high standard of play and whose courts have no back wall, his prowess was really remarkable. To all who watched the match it was very soon apparent that he possessed a good deal more than the ability to keep running and play the good length shot. This quality he does possess to a high degree but he can place very accurately and with good judgment and his half-volley shot taken with either hand in the centre of the court relieves him from numerous difficult situations. If this is a stroke which one learns to play in a court without a back wall, it would do none of us any harm to practise at Bristol.