

**The "Gallop" or "Canon" Ball.**

To the Editor of Squash Rackets and Fives.

Sir,  
May I through the medium of your columns protest against the standard use of the 'Gallop' Fives ball by certain clubs. It is not the ball recommended by the Rugby Fives Association, and should therefore not be used unless mutually agreed.

I speak with considerable feeling, as I am at the moment, prior to important games, suffering with a badly bruised finger, which my more pessimistic friends feel may even have a crack in the bone running into a joint. Even if the injury is not so severe, I do not feel it is a suitable ball for adult players. It is a good, accurate and fast ball, and doubtless well suited for hard-handed schoolboys.

But at a time when man rather than acceleration satisfies the formula for supplying the requisite force for striking the ball, one may have to make a shot from a position where one cannot relax one's hand sufficiently to 'cushion' the blow. And even when one is in the perfectly correct position, if one's hands are at all cold, the risk of bruising is great. I speak as one who wears two pairs of gloves. Under the circumstances I feel one should not be compelled to play with a ball whose consistency is more fitted to a cannon, than a Fives ball. It would be interesting to hear the views of some of your readers.

Yours, etc.,

W. LINDESAY NEUSTATTER.

NOTE.—The Rugby Fives Association have selected the Jefferies Malings 'Perfecta' ball for all Championships during the present season. The 'Gallop' is made by the same firm.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**Merits of the Cannon Ball**

To the Editor of Squash Rackets and Fives.

Dear Sir,

May I reply to Dr. W. L. Neustatter's letter concerning the "Cannon Ball," which played such havoc with his hands. I read his letter with great interest as it gives the manufacturer some idea of the likes and dislikes of players; an opinion which is very important in the Sports Trade.

I presume by the tone of his letter, that it was a very hard ball, which makes me suggest that it was what we call a 5x grade, the hardest ball used. (We are gradually ceasing to make this grade). All the Gallop Fives balls are not of such hardness. We sort them by the usual method of testing into 3 grades, Hard, Medium, and Light, to suit the pace of the various courts. We find that the Medium grade are generally considered most suitable, and we find also that whereas the Gallop ball is used mostly in the North of England, the South prefers the Perfecta.

The beauty of the Gallop ball is that it keeps its shape during play. Light balls are inclined to lose shape after a time, in spite of every care during manufacture.

Yours sincerely,

for JEFFERIES MALINGS,  
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