

Henry Thornton School/Cowley Recreational InstituteEvening Fives Class

The second coaching course promoted by the RFA began in September 1978 at the Henry Thornton School, which is used as an evening class centre by the Cowley Recreational Institute (ILEA). Without any advertising, except word of mouth, the numbers quickly built up and over 30 players have used the courts with a nucleus of about 15 per night. Apart from established players and those donning their gloves after a relapse, it has been encouraging to note the number of new players who have enjoyed the chance to play a new sport. No one can expect astonishing results on the basis of one night a week over six months, but a number of new players have now joined existing clubs and are intending to play during the summer. Next season, which starts on Tuesday, September 11th 1979, a couple of matches have been arranged against the RFA Club, and, because of the diversity of experience, a handicap competition will be organised.

Undoubtedly, one of the attractions of the course is the proximity of the "Windmill" on Clapham Common, where old fives stories are swapped and pernicious rumours are born amidst an intoxicating atmosphere.

Details:

The course is held on Tuesday evenings 7.00 - 9.00 during normal school terms (winter and spring). Because it is an evening class, a charge of about £3.00 is made per term. Henry Thornton School is on Clapham Common Southside between Clapham Common and Clapham South Tube Stations. There are six courts available and if numbers increase to satisfy it, a second evening can be used. Balls and gloves are provided, and changing/showering facilities are available. For further details contact Jeremy Schroeter (Business: 01-283-2000 Ext. 3329/ Home: 01-937-7516) or the Cowley Recreational Institute (01-622-0135).

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